Bishops ask lay program data

WASHINGTON—(NC)—The National Conference of Catholic Bishops' (NCCB) newly established Secretariat for the Laity has contacted the country's bishops to seek information about local lay programs.

Dolores R. Leckey, executive director of the secretariat, said the project is "informal research into lay activity at the local level." The research is being conducted at the request of the Bishops' Committee on the Laity.

In a letter to the country's bishops, Mrs. Leckey wrote, "We would just like to get an idea of what's going on out 'in the field'—what networks are available, what resources are available, what networks have been set up and so on."

Each bishop was asked whether his diocese has an office for lay affairs and whether there is anyone assigned to maintain contact with lay groups. The letter also asked if the diocese has any training program in lay ministry, and if so, whether it is connected with seminary or not.

Bishops were asked whether their dioceses have diocesan pastoral councils, and to supply names of contacts for the various lay-oriented activities in their dioceses.

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1978 ABCD campaign will be discussed by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy during the Church and the World program at 9 a.m., Jan. 8, on CH. 7. Also participating are Msgr. Jude O'Doherty, left; and Father Jose P. Nickse, right, Archbishop's Coordinators; Don Livingstone and Dr. Moses E. Hernandez, general co-chairmen.

Special ministry training to start

Days of training for members of South Florida churches who will serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in their respective parishes and nearby institutions and schools are scheduled during the month of January throughout the Archdiocese.

"I consider this another service of the Archdiocese assisting especially our sick people in their homes to benefit from the graces and comforts of the Eucharist," Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy emphasized.

"I hope that in this expansion of ministering the Eucharist, the very essence of love, the general life of Christian love of the Archdiocese will be stimulated," the Archbishop said.

The first meeting is scheduled Saturday, Jan. 7, at St. James parish hall, NW Sixth Ave., and 131 St. Father Paul Vuturo, Father Arthur Dennison and Jenny Castro, of the Office for Lay Ministry, will coordinate the sessions which begin at 10 a.m. and continue through 5 p.m.

Additional sessions are slated for Jan. 21 at San Pablo parish Marathon. On the same day sessions at St. Clement Church, Fort Lauderdale, will be under the direction of Father Sosa.

Spanish-speaking sessions are slated for Jan. 28 at St. John Vianney College Seminary under the direction of Father Luis Perez.

Subjects which will be discussed at all sessions include, theology, Eucharist and Life of the Church, Ministries in the Church, Ordained and Lay, and Pastoral Care of the Sick.

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Federal Abortion funding debate shifting to non-medicaid

By JIM CASTELLI
WASHINGTON— (NC)—The debate over federal funding of abortions seems likely to shift in the coming months from government health programs for the poor to government health subsidies for workers.

Supporters of federal funding of abortions through programs like Medicaid, the joint federal-state program of health care for the poor, have consistently charged that restrictions on Medicaid abortions discriminate against the poor.

Abortion funding opponents, such as William Cox, executive director of the National Committee for a Human Life Amendment, argue that Medicaid abortion restrictions are just the first step—they want to cut out all federal funding of abortions.

The General Accounting Office, a congressional watchdog agency, has ruled that the new law restricting Medicaid abortions passed in early December does not affect health programs for federal employees.

Federal funds support abortions in these instances:
- Some 2.8 million active federal employees, including members of Congress, can receive indirect abortion aid through federal health programs.
- Some 10 million active and retired Civil Service employees and their families are covered under federal health insurance plans.

The debate over federal abortion funding is expected to heat up in the coming months as Congress considers legislation to restrict Medicaid abortions.

Some 7.5 million military personnel and their families can receive abortion coverage through government programs. The Defense Department says 12,687 abortions were performed at military hospitals between Sept. 1, 1975, and Aug. 31, 1976, and another 13,090 were funded for military personnel or their families through a private health care system.

Federal subsidies to hospital also underwrite abortions and taxpayers who have abortions can deduct their costs as medical expenses.

One congressional source said a key issue in debating restrictions on abortion funding for federal employees and other citizens involves the questions raised by employee contributions to their health insurance programs.

Health coordinators meet opens Jan. 9

FORT LAUDERDALE—The Archdiocese of Miami will host to the 33rd annual Conference of Diocesan Coordinators of Health Affairs opens Monday, Jan. 9 at the Sunrise Inn.

Father Richard P. Scherer, director of Pastoral Care at Miami's Mercy Hospital is local coordinator for the conference which is expected to attract more than 200 representatives from archdioceses and dioceses throughout the U.S. Goals of the conference are to provide health care leadership, direction and advocacy to the health care system.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will formally open the conference on Tuesday, Jan. 10 when sessions will include an address by Father Kevin D. O'Rourke, O.P., vice president, medical-moral affairs, Catholic Hospital Association; and a report from Sister Helen Kelly, D.C., CHA president.

Congressman Paul G. Rogers of West Palm Beach, a leader on behalf of proposed federal health care legislation will be featured during the 10 a.m. session, Wednesday, Jan. 11, at which Magr. James P. Cassidy of New York will preside. Current trends in health care will be discussed during the 11 a.m. session. J. Alexander McMahon, president, American Hospital Association will lead the discussion. Magr. Robert E. Deegan, Los Angeles, will preside.

Blessing scheduled for St. Clare center

NORTH PALM BEACH—The new St. Clare parish center, recently completed here, will be blessed by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy followed Mass at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 7.

A reception will follow from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the new center which provides an area where school children who bring their lunches may dine and a portable stage for entertainment presentations.

According to Father Neil Flemming, pastor, the kitchen will also be installed in the near future.

Prior to the completion of the new center a small structure at the entrance to the church grounds on Prosperity Farms Road has been serving as an office and parish hall. The small hall will be remodeled to serve as rectory and office.
ARC-USA hopes ‘Venice paper’ prompts unity

WASHINGTON — (NC) — The Anglican-Roman Catholic Consultation in the United States (ARC-USA) said it hopes the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) “will facilitate greater agreement between our two churches on the question of infallibility.”

The call was contained in a response by ARC-USA to a January, 1977 statement by ARCIC on authority in the church. ARCIC is the official international dialogue group sponsored by the Catholic and Anglican churches.

Commonly known as the “Venice Statement,” the ARCIC document foresaw a united church with a “universal primary” centered in the Bishop of Rome. The ARC-USA response reflects the views of its 19 Catholic and Episcopalian members. Co-chairmen are Episcopal Bishop of Arthur A. Vogel of West Missouri and Bishop Raymond W. Lessard of Savannah.

The response said Catholics and Episcopalians “share a long period of common history in which a universal primacy functioned in the West; to this extent we should be able to recognize our common heritage.”

Furthermore, both sides should consider “the evolution that has occurred in both our churches since our division,” the response continued.

“Anglicans have moved towards a gradual acceptance of the fact that the quest for church unity cannot ignore a church whose membership includes half of the Christians in the world. The entry of Rome into the ecumenical movement has encouraged Anglicans and other Christians in the West to consider the positive values of a universal primacy in a reunited Church.”

“Roman Catholics have, since Vatican II, come to value the collegial exercise of authority by the bishops of the church which has been characteristic of the Anglican tradition,” the document asserts. “The developing role of the Synod of Bishops is one indication of such movement.”

According to consultation participants, “a particularly troubling question to Anglicans is that raised by the issue of papal jurisdiction, specifically should it appear to bypass the local bishops.”

Abuses of papal authority are possible, the ARC-USA response says. “Yet the model for the Petrine office which prevails throughout the Venice Statement looks towards a papacy that strengthens and upholds other bishops in their ministry, not one that overrides them or bypasses them in their own diocesan.”

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Husband-wife ordained: Michael and Ann Coburn bless the congregation at St. James Episcopal Church in Danbury, Conn., moments after their ordination by Michael’s father, center. Episcopal Bishop John B. Coburn of Massachusetts. The event marked the first time a husband and wife were ordained together in the Episcopal Church.

Chicago priests overrule objection
The Presbyteral (Priests”) Senate of the Chicago archdiocese has joined the National Federation of Priests’ Councils, despite the opposition of Cardinal John Cody. The cardinal said the benefits of membership are not worth the cost. The yearly dues of $5,000 were raised from among Chicago priests.

Medics appeal district ruling
The Minnesota State Medical Association has decided to appeal to the state Supreme Court a District Court ruling which said that the names of clinics, hospitals and physicians who received public Medicaid funds for the performance of abortions are public information. The information is sought by The Catholic Bulletin, St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocesan newspaper. The appeal will delay release of the information until the Supreme Court decides the case.

Group occupies minor seminary
A group of Mexican-Americans occupied the former minor seminary of St. Pius X in Christmas Eve and have vowed to stay until it is converted into a Spanish-speaking religious and cultural center. Msgr. Cornelius Higgins, chancellor of the Sacramento diocese, said there will be no response to the group’s demands until it leaves the church property.

Statement critical of Bible solution
Thirty-three clergymen, professors and Church officials calling themselves American Christians for Peace in the Middle East have signed a statement critical of attempts to use the Bible to impose solutions on the Middle East. The statement, which appeared as a full page advertisement in the Dec. 29 Washington Post, called it “presumptuous for some Western Christians to seek solutions for the Middle East with a claim to divine insight, while disregarding the solutions that millions of Christians in the Middle East are themselves seeking.”

So. Africa sem lacks students
The only Catholic theological college for blacks in South Africa is closing because it does not have enough students, the seminary’s rector announced Dec. 29. St. Peter’s Seminary had expected at least 200 candidates for the priesthood, but only 18 have applied for next year, the rector, Father John Sebidi, said.

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Theology-science will cooperate
The Catholic theology faculty of Utrecht and the state university of Utrecht have signed new agreements for cooperation concerning the university’s theology department and science teaching at the Catholic institution. Under the agreement, each institution is to keep its autonomy, its own administration and its own programs and exams, while cooperating as much as possible in the areas of theology and science teaching.

Catholic editor attacked in Poland
Msgr. Andrzei Bardecki, an editor of the Catholic weekly Tygodnik Powszechny of Cracow, was assaulted on Christmas Eve and had to be hospitalized, the Polish bishops’ press office in Rome reported. Msgr. Bardecki was attacked by a group of unidentified young men as he left the residence of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Cracow.

Chilean bishops pray for migrants
In a Christmas message to their countrymen abroad, the Chilean bishops said they pray for their wellbeing and eventual return. While most of the estimated million Chileans abroad are migrant workers, a good number are political exiles who left after the 1973 military coup against Marxist President Salvador Allende.

Patriarch to Pope: support neutron ban
Russian Orthodox Patriarch Pimen of Moscow has appealed to Pope Paul VI to support a campaign to ban the neutron bomb, the Soviet news agency Tass reported (Dec. 27). Several Vatican sources contacted by NC News claimed no knowledge of the appeal. According to Tass, the patriarch told the Pope that the very existence of the new weapon, which kills people with minimal property damage, could increase the risk of nuclear war.

Divorce becomes legal in Brazil
Despite strong Church opposition, President Ernesto Geisel of Brazil signed a bill legalizing divorce for persons separated from three to five years. Bishop Ivo Lorscheiter of Santa Maria said Catholics will receive Church directives on the subject when the Brazilian Bishops’ Conference meets in April. The bishop, who is general secretary of the conference, called the move “regrettable.”
WASHINGTON (NC) — Approval of the Communion in the hand option for the United States was ranked the top religious news story of the year by 49 diocesan and national newspaper editors who voted in a poll conducted by NC News Service. The editors chose Pope Paul VI, who turned 80 in 1977 amid persistent retirement rumors, as top personality of the year.

The Vatican’s reaffirmation of traditional Church teaching against the ordination of women was ranked second by the editors, but ended up as the fourth-ranked religious news story of the year. The editors voted for 10 top news stories, and five top personalities of 1977. The votes for top news story were weighed with 10 points for first place, nine for second, etc. For top personality, a first-place vote got five points, second-place four points, etc.

‘Helping People,’ ABCCD theme

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Immaculata-LaSalle High School before attending the University of Miami and the Major Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul.

Orained May 12, 1973, he has served as an assistant in the parishes of St. Mary Cathedral, St. Kieran, and St. Mary Magdalen; is a member of the faculty at the major seminary and does a weekly total of two hours of radio programming at Spanish-speaking stations.

Dr. Hernandez came to Miami through the Archdiocese of Miami’s Unaccompanied Cuban Children’s program and began college studies on a scholarship at Indiana University. He was graduated from the University’s Medical School in 1968 and interned at Mt. Sinai Hospital. For the past two years he has been chairman of the Dept. of Medicine at Mercy Hospital, relay. Attorney L. Livingstons was graduated from the University of Florida and is a native of Miami. A member of the Epiphany parish since 1964, he has served as president of the parish council, and is presently president of Epiphany Home and School Association. He also is a lector in that parish, a member of the Cursillo movement, and serves as a volunteer legal advisor for the Catholic Social Service Bureau.

These were the votes for the top 10 stories, with first-place votes in parentheses:
1. Communion in the hand option approved for U.S. 284 (5)
2. Vatican reaffirms Church tradition against ordination of women. 227.5 (4)
3. Medicaid abortions banned in many places, but Hyde amendment remains controversial. 203 (7)
4. St. John Neumann canonization honors another American. 196 (8)
5. Publication of and reaction to Human Sexuality book. 192 (4)
6. Automatic excommunication for divorced, remarried Catholics lifted. 182.5 (4.5)
7. National Catechetical Directory approved by bishops. 176 (8)
8. Women’s Year Conference stirrers debate over family issues, ERA, abortion. 163 (2.5)
9. Human rights becomes focus of national, international attention. 159 (5)
10. Synod of Bishops explores catechesis in modern world. 145 (1)

Several editors combined categories or said there were ties between top stories. Among the stories receiving write-in votes were the growing strength of the pro-life movement, ranked first by one editor; appointment of the first black ordinary in the modern American Church; the issue of Quebec separatism in Canada; introduction of the Packwood-Moylan tax credit bill; the interchurch challenge on corporate responsibility through the Canadian churches’ task force; the Canadian Church’s involvement in pipeline disputes; and the debate over Canada’s new Immigration Bill.

According to the editors, these were the top personalities of 1977:
1. Pope Paul VI, still active at 80 despite retirement rumors, presides at Synod of Bishops. (10) 117
2. Bishop John Neumann canonized. (10) 106.5
3. The American Catholic Woman, embroiled in women’s conference issues. (10) 100
4. Irish Peace People Mairead Corrigan and Betty William, Nobel Peace Prize winners. (9) 99
5. President Jimmy Carter spotlights human rights issue, born-again Christianity. 85.5 (8)

Top news story, personality chosen for ‘77

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Fr. Rivers: a 'liturgical nut' hard to categorize

By JUDY BALL
CINCINNATI—(NC)—"I don't fit easily into a category," Father Clarence J. Rivers is talking as he relaxes in the Cincinnati home he shares with his mother and other family members. He folds his arms across his yellow sweatshirt and props his tennis shoes on a coffee table.

It's not just the absence of a Roman collar and a rectory setting that prompts Father Rivers' remark. Nor is it the fact that he is the first black to have been ordained a priest of the Cincinnati archdiocese, the only priest of the diocese to have formed his own corporation. It's all these things—and more—that make him hard to categorize.

But as a priest and a liturgical workman, Clarence Joseph Rivers thrives on being himself. And who he is, in his own words, is a liturgical artist, composer and dramatist. "Basically a priest-artist."

Asked by the late Archbishop Karl J. Alter in the early 1960s to use his talents to promote active congregational participation in worship in the Cincinnati archdiocese, Father Rivers has been doing just that ever since.

A "liturgical nut" since his seminary days at St. Gregory's and Mount St. Mary's, he started his own corporation, Stimuli, Inc., in 1965. His goal is to share his "gift of blackness" with fellow Catholics and members of other denominations as well, often using his own musical compositions as a vehicle.

Considered a pioneer in the introduction of Afro-American culture in Catholic worship, Father Rivers' ministry is "still controversial," he feels, since a large number of people feel there is no such thing as different cultures in the Church.

To such people, he says, the Church is "one big happy family and any 'giving in' to ethnic concerns is wrong. To them there is one faith, one Baptism one Church and one culture—namely, European."

But Father Rivers, along with other black liturgists, has shown this is not so, that the Catholic Church has much to gain from the "refreshing, renewing and inspirational experience" that black worship can be.

And as an artist, that is his goal, he says, describing himself as a "cheerleader" who tries to enliven congregations rather than instruct them in the technicalities of music and worship. Instruction and explanation are uniquely Western approaches, he feels.

Convinced that "people are hungry for something and not being fed," he sees the charismatic renewal within the Catholic Church as "the healthiest thing happening in the world today," with its "middle-class structure." It's also a phenomenon that encourages him to continue his work with Stimuli.

At the same time, he is expanding his horizons beyond the music and liturgical work he has been concentrating on over the past decade, partly out of economic necessity and partly out of a desire to use his talents in new ways.

His first play, "Turn Me Loose!" is based on the life of Frederick Douglass. In addition, he is working on a TV series for the Public Broadcasting System on "The Continuity of African Culture in the Western Hemisphere."

But his heart is in liturgy and worship, not only because he is at home with it as an artist but because he sees it as "the only specifically priestly work there is. And it's work he hopes to be able to continue—helping people to not just talk about celebrating liturgy but actually experiencing it as celebration."

For him, there is no doubt that his work with Catholic and non-Catholic congregations can indeed enlighten them and their experience of worship. For Father Clarence Joseph Rivers, helping to make that happen is the most priestly, important and important service he can offer the Church.
Maurwood benefit
WEST PALM BEACH—An annual luncheon and fashion to benefit Maurwood Residence for Unwed Mothers begins at noon, Jan. 21 at the Hotel Breakers, Palm Beach.

Reservations are necessary and may be made by calling Mrs. Rome Hartman at 655-4050 or Mrs. Sharon Walsh at 622-3697.

Principals to meet
Meetings of Archdiocesan elementary and secondary school principals are scheduled during January in Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties.

Elementary principals of Broward County meet at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 17 at St. Helen parish. At 1 p.m. on the same day, both elementary and secondary principals of Palm Beach County will meet at Cardinal Newman High School.

Dade County secondary principals meet at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 18 at the Archdiocesan Education Office. At 9 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, Dade’s elementary principal will convene at Immaculate Conception parish, Hialeah.

Broward County’s secondary principals meet at 9 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Chaminade High School, Hollywood.

Pre-Cana conferences
MIRAMAR—Pre-Cana Conferences for couples planning to marry within the next six months are slated to be held at St. Bartholomew parish beginning Sunday, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m.

Subsequent sessions, which include lectures on economics, sexuality in marriage, etc. will be held Jan. 22 and 29. Those planning to marry must attend Pre-Cana conferences or a day-long Engagement Encounter before marriage.

For future priests
Weekends of recollection for young men, especially collegians, interested in the priesthood, have been scheduled by the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations several times during 1978. The first weekend, during which those interested have an opportunity to view seminary life first-hand and talk with the faculty of St. John Vianney College Seminary, will be Jan. 14-15.

Those planning to attend should contact Msgr. John J. Nevin’s, seminary rector, at 223-4561 in Miami.

Retreat for seniors
KENDALL—A Day of Reflection for senior citizens is slated at the Dominican Retreat House, 7275 SW 124 St. on Tuesday, Jan. 10

“The Healing Power of God” will be theme of the one-day sessions which will be conducted by Father Michael Kish, assistant pastor, St. Louis Church. Registration at 9 a.m. opens the conferences which is 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Further information may be obtained by calling Sister Carol Ann at 238-2711.

On Jan. 11 Father Juan Sosa, assistant director of Vocations for the Archdiocese, will conduct Another Day of Reflection for women of St. Louis parish and

Monroe County
ST. JUSTIN MARTYR Women’s Club meeting, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 13, parish hall.

Collier County
SAN MARCO parish spaghetti dinner, Jan. 11, Servings are 5 p.m., 6:30 p.m. For tickets call 594-2311.

Palm Beach County
ST. LUCY Women’s Guild theater benefit, 8:30 p.m., Jan. 16 Caldwell Playhouse, College of Boca Raton, Military Trail. For reservations call 565-8938.

ST. JULIANA parish will welcome members of the Blue Army at 10 a.m. Mass, Jan. 7. Brunch follows at Howard Johnson’s Restaurant, Dixie and Belvedere.

HOLY SPIRIT Women’s Guild First Friday card party today (Friday), 12:30 p.m. for Gracious Dining registration begins at 9 a.m. and the sessions conclude at 2 p.m. For information call Sister Elizabeth Ann at 238-2711.

ST. James for jobs
An outgrowth of the recently established Stewardship Program in St. James parish is the organization of the St. James Placement Service Bureau, an employment agency.

There is no fee for placement and those interested in seeking employment or hiring should contact Frank Neary at 896-2703.

For future nuns
Young women in South Florida who are exploring the possibility of entering the religious life have been invited by the Sisters of St. Joseph of St. Augustine to share a prayerful and informative weekend at Villa Flora in St. Augustine on Jan. 13.

High School students or collegians are invited to the Villa on Friday, Jan. 13. The retreat opens at 7 p.m. and concludes at 1 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 16.

For additional information and registration contact Sister Kathleen Power, S.S.J., 234 St. George St., St. Augustine, Fla. 32084 or call area code 904-824-5894. Registrations close Jan. 9.

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By FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT

Never underestimate the power of a woman. The wisdom of this admonition is illustrated in an extraordinary way in the life of St. Catherine of Siena, although her power was of a kind probably not intended by whoever framed the saying. She was born on March 25, 1347, the youngest of 24 or 25 children. Her father died shortly after birth. Her father, Giacopo Benincasa, a comfortably fixed dyer, had a roomy house and a big heart, the latter enabling him eventually to understand his unusual child. Her mother, Lapa, was not as perceptive and made things difficult for her. Catherine was a cheerful little girl, prayerful in a child-like way, but not overly pensive and certainly not morbid.

Then, at the age of six, had a religious experience which determined the future course of her life. It was a vision of the glorious Christ, who smiled at her and raised her hand in blessing. She put behind her usual childhood pursuits and gave herself to the Lord in prayer and solitude in spite of her mother's constant nagging. But when she was 12, both parents became concerned about her lack of attention to her physical appearance. Yielding to pressure, she had her beautiful hair done and began to dress fashionably. However, she questioned where this was leading and resolved never to marry. When the pressure increased, she cut off her rich golden tresses, a gesture which brought down upon her the indignation and fury of the family. They harassed her constantly, giving her all the worst household chores and denying her the privacy even of her bedroom. She endured this with remarkable patience, finding her beloved solitude in the quiet of her heart.

Finally her father called a halt to the petty persecution. Catherine was allowed to have her little room and here she led a life of prayer and mortification. Eventually she was enrolled as a Dominican Tertiary and took the severe rule of that lay organization as her way of life. Not all her hardships were self-imposed. Almost overpowering temptations assailed her vivid imagination and she lived through despairing periods of seeming abandonment by God. Still she persevered, and the Lord rewarded her. He appeared to her in company with His Mother, who took the girl's hand and presented it to her Son, who placed a ring on her finger, espousing her to Himself forever.

This marked the end of her difficult period of probation and now she was bidden to go out and visit them. There she had another profound religious experience. Praying after Communion, she saw five rays come from the crucifix; they pierced her hands, feet, and side, causing wounds which only she could see until they became generally visible after her death. This was a sort of prelude to even greater responsibilities in the world. She was able to restrain Pisa and Siena from joining Florence and other cities in a league against the Holy See. When the Pope put Florence under interdict, the Florentines asked Catherine to mediate their dispute with the Pope. She went to Avignon to see Gregory, but the Florentines doublecrossed her and her trip was a failure from this point of view.

From another angle, however, it was eminently successful. The popes had been living at Avignon in southern France, for 74 years, and the result of their absence from Rome was chaos and violence in Italy. Catherine had written Gregory several uncompromising letters practically ordering him to return. And now that she was in his presence, she reminded him of a secret vow he had made to leave Avignon. This convinced him, and he set out for the Holy City.

After his death and the election of Urban VI, a rival pope was chosen in Avignon, and the Church was split. Catherine worked tirelessly to heal the schism, moving to Rome to work more directly and effectively. The effort proved too much. In 1380 she had a stroke from which she never recovered, and on April 29, at the age of 33, she went to meet her Spouse.
Social breakdown: the black death

By FATHER ALFRED Mc BRIDE, O. PRAEM.

"Day of wrath? O day of mourning. See fulfilled the prophet's warning Heaven and earth in ashes burning." Dies Irae.

Most often it is the kings, saints, generals, popes and bishops who are credited with making history. But for 60 years, roughly from 1350 to 1410, it was a germ that made history. It was nature's neutron bomb. It left the building intact, but killed well over to million people, at least one-third of Europe's population.

Originating in China, the plague germ traveled to the Middle East. During a battle in the Crimea, the Asiatic troops catapulted plague infected corpses into the camps of the Genoese colonists. They unwittingly brought the explosive plague to mainland Europe. Within a year, 100,000 people died in Venice, 80,000 in Paris and 57,000 in Marseilles.

The bacillus was no respecter of social rank. It struck down two archbishops of Canterbury. Princess Joan, daughter of Edward III, died on the way to her own wedding. The plague ravaged businessmen, farmers, monks, peasants, bishops, administrators of all kinds, whether in palaces or hovels. Dozens of villages, hundreds of monasteries, uncounted numbers of farms, inns, town halls, hospices became instant ghost towns. No war, persecution or massacre ever had depleted the population of Europe so extensively, and none had ever been so instantly devastated to the social order.

The sudden loss of food supplies, farm workers, managers, teachers, bankers, clergy, politicians and soldiers generated predictable and untold havoc across the continent. Doctors tried everything, but to no avail. The Church urged fasting, penance and prayer. Nothing worked. The economy suffered the equivalent of a world-wide depression. Spirituality, seeing nothing of the dawn and triumph of Easter, grew morose with thoughts of the end of the world and the Last Judgment.

Religious devotion responded with penance processions that included self flagellators, monks preaching fire and brimstone sermons and musicians pounding out the terrifying strains of the Dies Irae (Day of Wrath), a hymn that became the common staple of funeral liturgies until the recent reform.

Film maker, Igmar Bergman, has dramatized their ominous mood and feelings in his "Seventh Seal." "When the Lamb broke open the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour" (Rev 8,1). It must have seemed that way to a Europe, threatened and demoralized. God seemed silent. Man is left in fearful isolation. Death is the only reality to speak. Where is the hint of hope in the face of heaven's silence?

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By ANTOINETTE BOSCO
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preservation of family; work styles which elevate,
not dehumanize; honesty in government;
humanity in our social services agencies, with
help given to people with discretion, love and
an aura of dignity: not conflict.

We've become a society where all is well so
long as you have a good supply of money and
health. Thus, the quest to maintain these two
keys to the good life becomes the prime value,
with predictable results—anger, resentment,
stress, competition, the desire for power, fear
of failure, and above all, fear of poverty.
Physicians are even more concerned with
how the way we live and interrelate—without
connection—is threatening health. They see an
escalation in stress-related illness, such as heart
attacks, strokes, ulcers and certain cancers. As
one physician-pathologist told me, "Modern
disease is characterized by a hyphen. I see more
illness brought on by dis-ease than any other
cause. Viruses are not the biggest threat today.
It's life styles. People today are pressured,
unhappy and full of discord. It's so widespread,
we have to question the extent to which our social
structures themselves are to blame," he said.

We need social structures which start from
a whole new value base—where people, not money
and power, are primary: where the elderly,
the weak and the disabled are recognized and given
assistance without stigma; where all relationships
radiate an aura of mutual dignity; wherein
family life becomes the nation's priority once again;
where an individual is esteemed for what he is, not
for what he owns; where ethics are considered sacred; where
"In God We Trust" is not just a curious saying
stamped on our currency, but is an act of faith
rooted securely in the hearts of people. If social
structures were such, then they would be the
guardian of—and not a threat to—our well being.

I suppose I'm asking again for the city that
never yet was—Utopia. But maybe there's hope
so long as some of us, at least, continue to ask
that our world become such a place.
Ah, the tranquil family meal

By Fr. Ron Luka, C.M.F.

I find nothing more restful after a hard day's work, than to spend a quiet evening with a family. I would work with a dozen young children. The evening usually begins with a loving family meal as the children volunteer to set the table, see that their parents are comfortably seated, and see the needs of their brothers and sisters, and tell one another how much they appreciate each other. If a harsh word is spoken it's usually only in terms of who can have the honor of serving the family by doing dishes that night. It's evenings like this that really make me miss the joy and happiness of being a parent. Unfortunately, I don't think you or I will ever have such an event until we sit down as a family around the heavenly banquet table in the home of our Father. But, it's nice dreaming, isn't it?

When eating with a family, I usually can get the meal off to a good start with a reverential grace like, "Good food, good meat, good God, Let's eat," or, "O God, bless this house, and the lunch on the table," or, "Rub-a-dub-dub, thanks for the grub, yeah, God." Then I would be very inclined to hide this article from your children if you don't want them to come up with one of those gems when exactly the wrong guests are over for dinner. It's amazing how hectic family meals can become with children spilling milk or dumping plates in their laps, or arguing about who has to do the dishes, parents yelling at children to stop kicking each other under the table or to eat all their vegetables, people coming in late or having to rush out, family members being nourished physically but wounded psychologically through harsh and unkind words.

A family meal physically, psychologically, and spiritually nourishing doesn't just happen. Food doesn't just appear on the table: it has to be worked for, shopped for, cooked and set on the table. I have eaten with families where the meal even though just a few hot dogs and beans was a beautiful experience. On other occasions, though the meal may have been fine, a couple of Alka-Seltzers were needed for an after dinner chunch, just to quiet the nerves.

I've come across some beautiful customs at family meals: that's one of the advantages of being a priest and being able to grab freely. I always like when the Father of the family as head of the house and priest of the family, does the family grace. I usually pass the offer to lead myself back to the Father. I lead prayer in the big church; he leads it in the home. Unfortunately many times, he unconfortably lateralizes to one or the other. Many families have never really scrutinized their spending of this time together. I'm a firm believer in a drink before dinner, even if the drink is nothing more than a glass of lemonade, iced tea, or cider, though I personally have stronger tastes. It allows a little time to sit, to unwind, to be. Some parents will occasionally serve the kids their dinner first, giving the kids all their attention, then when they have gone off to do homework, watch TV, or go to bed, the parents will sit down to a quiet meal together which the kids know they are not to disturb outside of an emergency.

Whether eating alone or with the children, parents need to exercise a positive control over the atmosphere that's permeating the family meal, themselves affirming one another and the children and quickly changing the direction of the holy hour. When one member of the family verbally starts eating another member. The meal is ruined. Sometimes for no particular reason, other than a family has never really scrutinized the needs they have for their dinner.

**Family Night**

Choose one or more of the following:

1. **The Potato Tree—materials:** tooth picks, one medium potato, glass, water. Place one tooth pick about 1-3 down the side of the potato and place it in the glass. Fill the glass with water. Share some thoughts on how the potato will grow and change over the coming weeks. How can we grow with Christ planted in our hearts? Place the potato in a sunny location for the family to observe its growth.

2. **Scripture—materials:** Bible. Read aloud 2 Tim. 1:9-10 and also Galatians 5:13-26. Share some thoughts on why you can expect in this new year to grow in the fruit of the Spirit.

3. **Take down the Christmas tree and other decorations. Have each family member share his or her feelings about the season coming to a close (you may wish to place the Christmas tree outside with bits of popcorn, bread crusts, strings of cranberries or salt for the birds to enjoy).**

4. **Hold a family 12th Night party with everyone dressing up in costumes and exchanging small gifts.**

**Snack**

Anything goes—try a wild ice cream sundae experiment, what's created has got to be eaten.

**Entertainment**

Play a favorite family game.

**Sharing**

1. Each share a moment he felt close to the new born Christ Child.

2. Share a time someone felt shy and then what happened.

3. Share a happy moment from last week.

**Closing Prayer**

Oh Sweet Child Jesus,

Thank you for this beautiful evening. Help us to be open to your love in others this new year and help us, also, to be instruments of your peace in a tension-filled world. Bless our family and your families everywhere, little Lord Jesus. Amen.

**12TH NIGHT'S GLITTER AND GLOW**

**Activity Ideas**

This week of January welcomes the feast of Epiphany or "Three Kings' Day." It is also known as Twelfth Night and in many European countries, gifts are shared at this time rather than at Christmas. As the season of Christmas draws to a close, the new year ahead promises new horizons and adventures for each of us. Although it's time we put away all the Christmas decorations, the tinsel and lights, the candy canes, the tree, Christ is not put away. His presence is planted in our renewed hearts once again. The new year starts to bloom and blossom and bear good fruit this new year.

**Prayer of the Faithful**

Celebrant: In the feast of the Epiphany Christ is revealed as a Savior for all peoples. Thus we offer our prayers to God not only for our own needs but also for the needs of the whole world.

LECTOR: The response is: Lord, hear our prayer.

LECTOR: For the Church of God throughout the world, that Christians may reflect the presence of Christ on all the nations of our earth, let us pray to the Lord: (R.)

LECTOR: For peace among men, especially for peace in the Middle East, the land where Jesus was born and raised, let us pray to the Lord: (R.)

LECTOR: For all those struggling to obtain human rights, that God may strengthen them in their sacrifices for freedom and justice, let us pray to the Lord: (R.)

LECTOR: For our own country, that our President and Congress may cooperate together as servants for all our citizens and residents of different cultural backgrounds, let us pray to the Lord: (R.)

LECTOR: For the success of our Holy Year programs, that we may draw closer together as a community of faith in South Florida, dedicated to love of God and service to each other, let us pray to the Lord: (R.)

LECTOR: That the Lord receive our thanks for raising Elizabeth Ann Seton to sainthood, and through her intercession for the renewal of family life, strengthening of Catholic education, increase in Religious vocations and unity in the Church. (R.)

LECTOR: God our Father, we thank You for the gift of your Son to all the nations of the world, our bond of unity and peace with You and with each other. Hear our prayers, and bring us all together in the kingdom You have promised through Christ our Lord.

**Oración de los fieles**

DOMINIO DE EPIFANIA

Celebrante: En la fiesta de la Epifanía, Cristo es revelado ante el mundo como salvador de todos. Ofrezcamos hoy nuestras peticiones al Padre, conscientes de que el oye a todo el que a Él acude.

LECTOR: La respuesta de hoy será: Señor, salvador, escuchanes.

LECTOR: Por la iglesia de Dios espiritual, por todos el día, que los cristianos reflejen la presencia de Cristo ante todos, oremos: Señor... 

LECTOR: Por la paz entre los hombres especialmente en la tierra del Señor, oremos: Señor...

LECTOR: Por los que luchan en la defensa de los derechos humanos, para que Dios les dé fortaleza en la defensa de la justicia y la libertad, oremos: Señor...

LECTOR: Por nuestro país, para que el Presidente y el Congreso cooperen en el servicio de todos los ciudadanos, oremos: Señor...

LECTOR: Para que los programas del Año Santo Diocesano unifiquen a la comunidad católica en el servicio y la caridad de todos, oremos: Señor...

Celebrante: Padre nuestro: te damos gracias por el don de tu hijo. En El somos hermanos todos. El es nuestro Dios y Señor, mujer y padre y con Él seamos fiel y amorosa. Escucha nuestra oración y condúcenos al Reino que nos has prometido. Te lo pedimos por el mismo Jesús tu Hijo, amén.

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Life 'kinda different' for 12-year-old actor

Life has become 'kinda different' for 12-year-old Gabriel Melgar since his television acting debut in the role of Raul, Ed Brown’s adopted son, on NBC-TV’s “Chico and the Man” comedy series.

About the change, Gabriel said: “I don’t go to the movies every Monday anymore. And I don’t play with my friends the way I used to. In fact, I see very little of my friends now that I am no longer in public school.

“I spend seven to eight hours a day on the set and I have a private tutor who gives me my lessons.”

The young actor used to “just doing nothing,” he learned to play the marimba and joined his brothers’ musical group as a singer and musician. Early this year, he organized his own group, Los Bambinos, and was performing with them on Olvera Street—a Mexican-flavored tourist site in Los Angeles—when he was discovered by casting director Joyce Selznick and approached about auditioning for his role.

Has anything remained the same? “Well, here is one thing that hasn’t changed, he admits with a boyish grin. I still make my mother angry.”

VENICE, Italy—(NC)—
The bishop who invited the Italian Communist Party to explain its views on Church-state relations has blamed “an individualistic society based on a certain capitalism” for hopelessness among the young today.

“Today the young no longer have hope, as in the confrontation of 68-69” but desperation, “said Bishop Bettazzi of Ivrea at a meeting in Venice of the Italian section of Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace movement.

This desperation “is the consequence,” he said, “of a society that has eliminated any prospect of development and renewal, of an individualistic society based on a certain capitalism and thereby manifesting its limits.”

“Man is God’s man,” the bishop said, “if he stands together with others against egoism, discrimination, violence. It is not possible to love God who is not seen, if one does not love the neighbor who is seen. How then is one to be a neighbor to others!”

The bishop harshly criticized the present economic system, which he said was linked to “an individualistic ideology.” He urged that the Church not be tied to any state ideology, saying that “it is not necessary to choose one ideology against another” to fight hunger, poverty and disease.

Bishop Bettazzi continued: “Ideology must be overcome in a new, more complete vision, the vision of the Christian society...a commitment to make society ever more Christian.”
Senators move to protect religions of Indians

Sen. James Abourezk (D-S.D.) and eight cosponsors have introduced a resolution which would make it a matter of U.S. policy to "protect and preserve" the religions of American Indians, native Hawaiians, Eskimos and Aleuts.

The resolution seeks to guarantee these people access to religious sites and objects and freedom to practice their religious ceremonies. Some of these activities are now prohibited by law. Others are simply misunderstood even though they are protected by law, Abourezk said.

He said violations of the religious rights of American Indians stem from a "lack of policy," not a deliberate policy. "Lack of knowledge, unawareness, insensitivity and neglect are the keynotes of the federal government's interaction with traditional Indians' religions and cultures," he said. "This state of affairs is enhanced by the perception of many non-Indian officials that because Indian religious practices are different than their own, they somehow do not have the same status as a 'real' religion.

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"The Goodbye Girl" is a movie you not only want to see "happily," but something like, "Have we met somewhere before?"

"Goodbye" actually is a brighter-than-ordinary reading of your typical Neil Simon comedy, i.e., a situation involving slightly older people trying to survive and even find romance amid the changing mores of the wicked city-New York that Simon love-hates with ever increasing emphasis on the last syllable.

Simon's real-life spouse Marsha Mason is cast in a Shirley MacLaine role as an aging (33) Broadway chorus dancer who has given her heart to two actors without much success—once in marriage and once in a live-in relationship. The second turkey has not only split but subtlet the apartment to still another thespian (Richard Dreyfuss) incoming from Chicago, leaving Marsha and her precocious 10-year-old daughter (Quinn Cummings) not only loveless but homeless.

Given that basic plot, any decent student of the late late show could describe the rest, which works with the predictable section of an expensive alarm clock. After a lot of comic in-fighting, Mason and Dreyfuss agree to share the apartment, sacrificing latent hostility to economic convenience and necessity.

When affection inevitably blossoms, mother and child resist, afraid they will be hurt again. But they succumb anyway. When the final test arrives (Dreyfuss is offered a role in "Coppelia," the magical puppet ballet), the suspense is milked shamelessly, but in the era of "Rocky," reason seems that the outcome is upbeat.

With Simon, it's never the pattern but the embarrassing work that counts, and "Goodbye" has a lot of three-character interplay in the tight quarters of the Manhattan flat that will remind even the mentally numb of good movie bits done in the Golden Age by Grant, Hepburn and a long line of moppets from Shirley Temple to Tatum O'Neal. They alternately wise-crack, yell, scream, sentimentalize, have fallings-out, misunderstandings and reconciliations. Unfortunately, most of the action is verbal, and not always up to Simon's best in that regard. When there is an effort to reach for something more, there is a feeling we've done it or seen it before.

In a desperate attempt to add fresh interest, Simon has Dreyfuss rehearsing in an off-Broadway "production of "Richard III," in which the somewhat precious director (Paul Benedict) interprets Shakespeare's anti-hero as a natural kooky flamboyance, larger-than-life role, and his natural kooky flamboyance give an unwanted nasty flavor to "Close Encounters."

A final note on morality. It's true that the principals do get together without benefit of wedlock, and perhaps that can be defended on grounds of being true to the contemporary Show Biz characters being represented. But one shouldn't always take these matters on the obvious level. If "Goodbye" makes any moral point at all, it's that sex and love may be a cause of only ridiculous and cruel but ultimately sterile, a cause of genuine (not just humorous/hurtbreak. (R, PG)

The life of Father Damien de Veuster, the famous leper priest of Molokai, Hawaii, will be presented in dramatic form on PBS, Channel 2, Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 9 p.m. Terence Knapp stars as Damien in the study set (above) from the 90-minute one-man monologue.

**Public Television begins 2nd season**

WPBT-Channel 2's second season starts in January and is highlighted by three new series and several specials, as well as sports events and new programs in successful PBS series.

First on the list of series is the 12-part "Shades of Green," starting Thursday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m. Greene has never before permitted his short stories to be adapted for any medium; and in this series 16 stories are dramatized, for the first time, for television. "The Glittering Prizes," Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 p.m., is Oscar-winning Frederic Raphael's six-part semi-autobiographical study of the lives of a group of Cambridge University students, from the early '50s to the mid-'70s.

Last of the three major series beginning this month is "Europe: The Mighty Continent," a 13-part in-depth exploration of the 20th century, starting Sunday, Jan. 29, 10 p.m.

Four major specials air in January, the most important of which, according to WPBT, is "Eric Hoffer: The Crowded Life," produced by WPBT's Jeanne Wolf (who also is the writer) and Shep Morgan. The program will premiere nationally (as it will on Channel 2) Jan. 17, at 8 p.m.

Specials (in chronological order) include:

- Tuesday, Jan. 10, 8 p.m., the second "National Geographic Special" this year is "The Legacy of L.S.B.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 9 p.m.: The life and work of Joseph de Veuster (Father Damien) are the subject of "Damien."

Tuesday, Jan. 31, 8 p.m., the final special of the month is "Live from Lincoln Center: Coppelia," the magical fantasy ballet that has been delighting audiences for a century. Choreographer George Balanchine directs Patricia McBride (in the title role) and members of the New York City Ballet.
Why is man frequently at a loss to know why he was born?

By Msgr. James J. Walsh

God has a secret which he does not want to keep. When he created us he alone knew the reason. It was he who determined that certain material elements were to be set apart and molded into a human body and that the body would be infused with the principle of life called the soul, and the combination of matter and spirit would result in an individual, unique being.

This is all God’s doing. Once man becomes conscious of existence on earth and realizes that he has the use of a body and soul, he is at a loss to know why he was born. The uneasy truth comes home to him gradually that he cannot find out for himself. The secret is not contained in a hidden part of his nature. It escapes the furthest reaches of his powers of reasoning and thinking. He looks to others, to the philosophers, the respected thinkers, and hopes to learn the meaning of his life, but it is a vain quest, because here one human being is as helpless as another.

Searching the findings of scientists promises hope, as if the secret of human existence is buried in the complex matter of earth. It leads to frustration. Science in this regard is also helpless.

The truth is that a sincere, intelligent person may spend a lifetime using every available hour to track down this one piece of knowledge that has to be gained, if life is to have meaning to him. He has to confess that he has not found the answer.

We gave the reason. God created man. God alone knows why. Unless we find out from him, we will never know.

In the beginning God made it known to our first parents. How it must have astonished them! To think that earth, surpassingly beautiful and attractive in their eyes, was not a lasting home, but only a stop on a pilgrimage. To realize that the natural happiness and undisturbed peace which they enjoyed before their rebellion was as nothing compared to the joy of their personal union with God at the end of their trial.

This is the knowledge which man cannot learn by himself. He is created to be a son of God, not a creature of earth. His dignity is far greater than he could imagine. How can a human being discover alone his supernatural destiny, to be a member of the family of God? His permanent home, in the mansions of God, cannot now be seen. How can he guess it is ready for him, unless the Lord of all tells him.

We are made to the image and likeness of God. Studying the body and its parts cannot reveal this. The likeness of the creature to the creator is in the soul, not the body, in the intellect, the will, in the powers to seek truth and goodness, in the ability to attain knowledge and in the capacity to love and to be loved.

What a marvel to realize that in this very likeness of man to God we find the necessity for a trial on earth. You might say God hides himself from man to a certain extent in order that we may be left free to seek God the experience of faith and love, that is, by the free exercise of the very powers in which lie his likeness to his creator.

Our first parents knew this when they rejected God’s will and disregarded the greatness of their destiny. After that, their children appreciated it less, because they lived with a damaged future. As the centuries went by, the secret all but disappeared from the earth, save among a few, until God sent great shafts of light through the prophets of the Old Law.

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Babies belong ahead of $s

Some agencies of the federal government continue to reflect the assembly line concept of human beings as though we were just products going through various stages of manufacture to be analyzed and retained or discarded based on convenience or cost to the company.

If an automobile part proves defective along the assembly line or if too many parts turn up you just toss them out. Some people in the federal agencies with the best statistical tables and budgets would do the same thing with new people they consider unnecessary or defective.

A report issuing from abortion hearings by the Health, Education and Welfare Department decried the “increased birth rate” if abortion money is cut off, requiring “the expenditure of funds for the actual birth itself and...additional monthly assistance payments for those families.”

Along with the Florida Catholic Conference, we urge the Department of HEW, whose name stands for human service, to discard this cost-benefit approach to human problems and take a larger view of the social problems involved in unwanted pregnancies, the need for counseling, and education programs that would include values leading to fewer pregnancies out of wedlock to begin with—and less babies-versus-dollars thinking.

The Washington Post, which favors abortion funding, called this approach “monstrous.” “This is a terrible argument,” said the Post in an editorial.

Syndicated columnist Nicholas Von Hoffman termed the HEW report a “Stamp 'em out while they're young” argument for abortion.

Thomas Horkan, executive secretary of the Florida Catholic Conference, said, “If this is in fact the policy of either the Department of Administration or the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, then we will have taken long steps toward that society we condemned at Nuremberg.”

Horkan added that if you were going to consider the cost of birth and support, you should also consider the income and benefits to eventually come from these citizens.

People, he pointed out, are not to be seen as a burden on the state but as the purpose of the state.

On page 19 of this issue of The Voice Sen. Richard Stone makes reference to Charles Steinmetz, the great electrical genius who unlocked many secrets of science during his years with General Electric and who had a great human compassion though he was deformed and barely four feet tall. Such a man could have been aborted “therapeutically,” and today would have less chance of surviving than 100 years ago.

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U.S. Sen. Richard Stone, Democrat of Florida, campaigned and was elected in 1974 on a strong pro-life platform, in spite of strong opposition from pro-abortion groups in his native Miami. He supports the passage of the Human Life Amendment to the Constitution, and strongly opposed recent attempts to reinstate federal subsidy of abortion. Sen. Stone, who is Jewish, has been active in Middle East peace attempts and is a strong advocate of human rights legislation. He has the best voting record for a freshman senator—88 percent. Prior to his election to the Senate, he was a Miami City Attorney, two term state senator, and Florida Secretary of State.

Sen. Stone, home for the holidays, was anxious to clear up an incorrect story in The Miami Herald that confused his vote on abortion funding with that of the other Florida senator, Lawton Chiles.

VOICE: You opposed recent attempts in the Senate to water down the restrictions for abortion funding and, according to The Miami Herald, voted for the final compromise wording. Was this your preferred version?

STONE: I did not vote for the compromise version. The Herald got it wrong. I voted against all of the proposed compromises because I felt that they were ambiguous, and did not tightly define permissible, financed abortions by confining them to “life of the mother, rape and incest.” On the contrary, I thought that they opened the door to ambiguity and considerable doubt. I voted against them all the way to the end and including the last compromise. It was a voice vote but I reported that I would have voted no. I was presiding at the time. The Herald got it wrong, just as they reported that I was not voting and not present during voting on the Social Security conference report and that Sen. Chiles voted yes. But I voted yes and Chiles was absent.

VOICE: What personal convictions have led you to take a pro-life voting position?

STONE: When I was in the State Senate I heard all of the debates, in 1967 and 1968, and I entered a statement in the state legislative record about Charles Steinmetz. He was a great electrical genius who was deformed and physically handicapped and still added tremendously to the standard of living and progress of humanity. He is the kind of a person who under some circumstances would have been killed by abortion. I think that we must constantly guard against this idea of a master race by selected, genetic “weeding out.” Everybody, every life, is unique. Look at the difference in people’s faces. No two are alike. Nobody’s soul is like another. Stone has a contribution to make—love to give and love to receive. An orthodox view of the Old Testament is quite close to that of Catholics and other religions—an individual life and soul is truly sacred and we have to preserve it at all costs.

VOICE: Why do you think such an “anti-life” philosophy has evolved in this country?

STONE: Permissiveness. The desire to do whatever seems convenient and comfortable to do. An erosion of some of the older ethics and values that we used to live by.

By Dick Conklin

Sen. Stone corrects error, rips U.S. report

“People in the pro-life movement should increase their stress on assistance to pregnant women who are voluntarily in that condition or who are victims... in other words social support of the problem pregnancy victims.”

Presentation
Ball in Miami

One of nine young women honored at this year's Presentation Ball was Eileen Liaguno, accompanied by her father, Julio, as she presented a red rose to Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy.
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Movimiento anti-marxista marca nueva etapa en Latinoamérica

Por AGOSTINO BONO

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (NC)—Durante la primera mitad de los años 70 más de 70 organizaciones católicas de base fueron adoptando ideologías marxistas en respuesta a la extensión de la ideología marxista en las universidades. Estudiantes católicos universitarios de 15 países declararon "su profunda e irrevocable posición anti-marxista" durante una reunión en Buenos Aires, el pasado mes de octubre. El grupo, conocido como Federación de Estudiantes Universitarios Católicos, representa a 40 universidades. Dicha federación afirmó que los estudiantes católicos, a pesar de que tienen como objetivo implantar el materialismo ateo, deben proteger los principios cristianos y no permitir que los gobiernos militares de derechas y en el que seמה apoyan al comunismo, despojen a los cristianos de los países latinoamericanos. Los "tercermundistas" se declaran en contra de la ideología marxista de que el sufrimiento de los países es debido a la injusticia, el hambre y la miseria provocados por el capitalismo y la corrupción que mina los valores morales, y a la violencia. Indicaron que, a pesar de que están luchando por la paz y la justicia, deben evitar la ideología marxista que pretende austeridad y corrupción. La preocupación del Papa por la paz y la justicia en los conflictos en el mundo ha sido un tema recurrente en sus encíclicas y declaraciones. En el caso de Amoris Laetitia, habló sobre el derecho a la familia y el matrimonio. En la encíclica Laudato Si, habló sobre la necesidad de reducir la pobreza y el cambio climático. En la encíclica Fratelli Tutti, habló sobre la dignidad del trabajo y la justicia social. Se ha visto una tendencia a la derecha en el mundo católico, con la creciente influencia de la ideología de la libertad económica y la desregulación en el mundo de los negocios. La preocupación del Papa por la pobreza y la injusticia ha sido un tema recurrente en sus encíclicas. 

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO—(NC)—En su saludo anual al Papa, el estudiante católico de la Universidad de Buenos Aires, el Papa, se dirigió a los estudiantes católicos y afirmó que "el camino de la política que se ofrece a los estudiantes católicos hoy (mar. 25) es el camino de la libertad y la justicia, el camino de la paz y la fraternidad. "

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El Papa también habló sobre el importante papel de la mujer en la construcción de la paz. "Es una oportunidad para que las mujeres, que a menudo son vistas como objeto de violencia y discriminación, puedan participar activamente en la construcción de la paz."

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**Comunidad**

- **Antiguos Alumnos de Belén** se reunirán el sábado 14 de enero a las 7:30 p.m. en el Hotel Marriott (costal) y cena para honrar al Padre Cepero Ruiz S.S. y al Hermano José Feliz que cumplen 50 y 60 años respectivamente en la Compañía de Jesús. Ambos fueron de Belén. Durante el día se entregarán premios a antiguos alumnos de Belén destacados por sus estudios, universitarios entre ellos José Lópes y Juan O’Neill. Para reservas llamar al P. Dornis Dugue: 649-0453, o al Colegio de Belén: 83034.

- **Bienvenida a los 3 Reyes Magos**, en la Parroquia de Sra. Ana en Naranja, después de la Misa de 11 a.m. Habrá reparto de regalos para los niños y fiesta con el mago Montejo.

- **Encontro Familiar No. 1**, será el día 7 y 8 de enero, en la Cafetería del Seminario College, St. John Vianney. La FIESTA FAMILIAR, que fundó el movimiento tendrá lugar el 28 de enero, también en la cafetería del Seminario College.

- **Noche Eucarística y de alegría**, en St. Timothy, 5600 S.W. 132 Ave, Miami, el viernes 6 de enero a las 7:30 p.m. Presidirá el padre Mons. Agustín, Román, Vicario Episcopal Hispano.

- **El Movimiento Familiar Cristiano** celebra el próximo sábado 8 de Enero, la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, en la Iglesia St. John de la Huella, en el 451 East 4 Ave.

**Congreso de Laicos en febrero**

En busca de liderazgo creativo

Los Angeles (NC) - Unas 800 personalidades del mundo de la política, de los negocios, las ciencias, las letras, los deportes, el espectáculo y la religión asistirán a un Congreso del Laicado del 17 al 20 de febrero, en búsqueda de "liderazgo para el país que sea creativo, competente y moral".

Serán presidentes honorarios del congreso el antiguo presidente de los Estados Unidos, Gerald Ford y su esposa. Participarán entre otras personalidades el escritor social inglés, Malcolm Muggeridge, el columnista de The New York Times James Reston, la novelista Abigail Mc Carthy y el obispo anglicano exiliado de Uganda, Festo Kivengere.

Será "chairman" general del congreso, el ejecutivo de una cadena de supermercados de Tejas, Howard E. Butt, de religión bautista y cuya fundación busca "la vida en el trabajo, en la famosa gallería, en los campos y en la comunidad".

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**Aumentan seminarios en misiones**

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO (NC) - El número de estudiantes en seminarios mayores en países en misión para 1977-78 fue de 7,784, un aumento de 212 desde el año anterior, informó una agencia del Vaticano.

La citada agencia es la Sociedad de San Pedro Apóstol, que apoya económicamente a seminarios en países de misión. También afirmó que el número de seminaristas en esos países ha venido creciendo en los últimos 12 años.

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Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía comienzan formación el Sábado

Los Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía serán preentado una realidad en la Arquidiócesis de Miami, al iniciarse el próximo sábado, día 7, una serie de talleres de formación para los candidatos y candidatas cuyos nombres han ido llegando a la Oficina de Ministerios laicales.

Nombrados por sus respectivos párrenos en respuesta a una carta del Arzobispo McCarthy en que manifestaba su deseo de establecer en la diócesis tal ministerio, unos 800 fieles pasarán un día entero de 10 a.m. a 5 p.m., recibiendo preparación para el ejercicio de tal ministerio.

Las sesiones de formación incluirán aspectos sobre la Historia de la Eucaristía en la Vida de la Iglesia, Ministerios ordenados y laicos, atención pastoral de los enfermos y cuestiones prácticas sobre cómo desarrollar los servicios en los hogares, visitas a los enfermos etc.

Los talleres han sido preparados por la Oficina de Ministerios Laicales y el Comité de Liturgia del Senado Sacerdotal.

"Hemos recibido nombres de la gran mayoría de parroquias e instituciones diocesanas y cons-tamos con un fichero de más de 800 personas," dijo M. Carmen Fernández, de la Oficina de Ministerios laicales. "Para servir a la comunidad hispana se ha organizado un taller todo en español, para el sábado 28 de enero," añadió.

"Hemos tratado de avisar a todos los párrocos para que se pongan en contacto con los candidatos de sus parroquias," explicó Jenny Cato, de la misma oficina. "Sería conveniente que cada parroquia acuda al taller organizado en su área geográfica.

"Los que quieran la formación en español tendrán que ir al Seminario Menor," añadió. Las fechas y lugares de los diversos talleres son:

- 7 de enero St. James, 540 N.W. 132 St. Miami
- 14 de enero St. Ann, 407-439 Ninth Ave, South, Naples
- St. Juliana, 4000 S. Dixie Highway, West, Palm Beach
- St. Thomas, 1301 S.W. 61 St. Miami
- 21 de enero St. Clement, 2973 N. Andrews Ave, Ft. Lauderdale
- St. Pablo 500, 122 St. Ocean, Marathon.
- 28 de enero (Espanol) St. John Vianney, Seminario College 3000 S.W. 87 Ave, Miami.

Todos los talleres siguen el mismo formato de 10 a.m. a 5 p.m. Los candidatos que asistan deben contar con la recomendación por escrito de su párroco, o sus nombres deben estar con anterioridad en la Oficina de Ministerios Laicales, oficina que ha estado coordinando el programa.

Según explicó el Padre Paul Vuturo, del Comité de Liturgia del Senado Sacerdotal, después de recibir la formación requerida los candidatos y candidatas serán 'comisionados' por sus párrocos para ejercer sus funciones de Ministerios Extraordinarios de la Eucaristía, función que solo pueden ejercer en sus parroquias o en la comunidad para la que fueron comisionados.

En caso de cambio de residencia, todo Ministro Extraordinario debe presentarse ante el párroco respectivo y obtener su aprobación para ejercer el ministerio en la nueva comunidad.

Para cualquier información comunicarse con M. Carmen Fernández, 667-8073, o con el Padre Paul Vuturo, 681-7728.

Sus madonas decoran los hogares

El pintor cubano Oliva Robain, mientras conversa con la madre de un niño, en una de sus obras,.

Domingo de la Voz el 15

El próximo día 15, domingo, ha sido designado por el Arzobispo McCarthy como día del periódico diocesano, Voice-Voz. El arzobispo ha enviado a todas las parroquias un mensaje de viva voz, grabado, encarcelando a todas las familias que muestran su compromiso evangelizador, apoyando al periódico diocesano con sus suscripciones e iniciativas sobre el periódico.

"Yo también sueño con poder tener un día una publicación más amplia en español. Pero necesito contar con vuestro compromiso. Necesito saber que estás dispuestos a llevar adelante un periódico en español," dice el arzobispo en su mensaje.