Religious leader in Red nation

(An NC News Analysis)
By JERRY FILTEAU

Cracow, Poland - (NC) - For millions of Poles the visit of Pope John Paul II was "the greatest show on earth."

The pope, always a crowd-pleaser, was back home in his native Poland for nine days (June 2-10), and despite the omnipresent militia with their caravans of jeeps and trucks, a holiday atmosphere prevailed wherever he went.

Tens of thousands of students skipped school to see him, although orders were out that no class-cutting could be tolerated.

"MY TEACHER told me he would look the other way," a youth in Warsaw said.
"If I had a different teacher or some other set of circumstances occurred, it could hurt my future to be here," added the youth.

The pope billed his visit as a "religious pilgrimage," and indeed it was.

The pilgrimage included visits to venerable Polish shrines, an act of consecration of the whole church to Mary, three-hour outdoor Masses before throngs of pilgrims, appeals for sanctity and strong family life.

But in Poland, where the practice of religion itself is often a political statement, political overtones were clear almost everywhere.

The pope, schooled for years in the hotbed of Poland's church-state conflicts, long ago learned the art of challenging government policies and programs by symbol, allusion and indirect reference rather than open confrontation.

One result was that every time the pope spoke he had journalists frantically taking notes or skimming through texts looking for the subtle political allusion.

For most of the more than 1,000 journalists covering the trip, the note-taking involved using an interpreter or watching closed-circuit television broadcasts with earphones for simultaneous translation. Almost none of the foreign journalists had a working knowledge of Polish.

If the allusions were subtle and often symbolic, that did not mean that they were unclear. In fact, by repeated use of the same symbols during his Poland trip, the pope made sure they would be understood by anyone who was unaware of them before.

Among these were:
- The state exists for the well-being of the nation. Poland's "baptism as a nation" was 1,000 years ago and Poland's culture, history, tradition and nationhood is fundamentally Christian. This means any of the Polish government's broad efforts to secularize society, restrict the church or hinder religious practice or teaching is not only an attack on the church but on Polish history and culture and on the nation itself.
- St. Stanislaus is the "patron of the moral order" and was referred to often by the pope. The 11th-century patron saint of Poland, killed by King Boleslaus the Bold because he...
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Church sends food to Zaire

Catholic Relief Services is opening an emergency, short term food distribution project to help offset crop losses due to severe drought in the westernmost part of the African nation of Zaire.

Bishop Edwin B. Broderick, Executive Director of Catholic Relief Services, announced today the emergency feeding project will begin in June "to provide some immediate protein enriched rations for hundreds of thousands of people in the area who are faced with near starvation because of drought."

The project is expected to last for eight to ten months, the amount of time it is estimated necessary for local food crops to return to near normal production. CRS personnel in Zaire on temporary duty will oversee the monthly distribution of approximately 1,000 tons of cereal grains, milk and vegetable oil made available by the U.S. Food for Peace program to approximately 100,000 households in the Tshela and Lukula zones of Zaire's Bas Fleuve region.

Volunteers honored

Five St. Francis Hospital volunteers, with over 100 years of combined service were among the honorees receiving Certificates of Appreciation during a luncheon at the Omni Hotel by the Catholic Service Bureau of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Recognized for over 20 years each of volunteer work for Catholic Charities were: Helen Forgash, Jane Romansky, Catherine White, Helene Harris and Tina Schrader.

Host families wanted

Host families are sought for some 30 German students who will be studying in the Miami area, this summer between June 23 and July 21.

According to Debbie Slater, director of counseling at Immaculata-LaSalle High School and Miami coordinator for the Pacific American Institute the purpose of the program is to enable the 17-21 year-old students to experience life in the U.S. and share some of their customs with local families.

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Landmark abortion law approved

The new law requires the consent of the parents of a minor girl or a court order, which may be entered ex parte, before the abortion is performed. Married women are required to give notice to their husbands of any proposed abortion, so that the husband may consult with his wife. Pursuant to Supreme Court decisions, the husband cannot veto the wife’s decision for abortion.

THE LAW FURTHER provides that where the parties are separated or estranged, the notice is not required. Physically disabled women are required to protect the life and health of a viable fetus. Fetal experimentation is prohibited; abortions may only be performed by physicians, and during the second trimester they may only be done when two doctors have certified that it is necessary to preserve the woman’s life or health.

The right of refusal of hospitals and medical personnel from the part in abortions is continued in the law and abortions are required to be reported to the Bureau of Vital Statistics.

The law requires that the physician obtain an informed consent from every woman seeking an abortion, and continues to require abortion referential counseling agencies to give a full and complete presentation of alternatives to abortion and the facts of abortion before any abortion is performed; and further prohibits kickbacks or bribes to any person in connection with abortions.

This abortion law replaces provisions in the Florida Statutes which had previously been declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. The new law is part of a complete rewrite of the Medical Practice Act, which had been automatically repealed under the Florida Sunset Law. Some 26 regulatory acts were sunseted in 1979 and nearly all have been reenacted.

THE BATTLE TO keep the abortion language in the law was intense. The leadership in the House of Representatives sought to eliminate all abortion language from the statute, and kept the bill in committee until the last eight days of the session. Major conflicts involved in the entire Medical Practice Act and the nature of the practice of medicine in Florida. The bill was not brought up on the floor until Tuesday, May 29, at which time debate was extensively amended.

The bill then went to the Senate, was referred to the Governmental Operations Committee and hear on Thursday, May 31, at which time the new language was stricken and the old language, already held unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, was reenacted in an amendment by Senator Myers. By the time the bill came to the floor on Friday, June 1, the votes to reject Senator Myers’ amendment had been obtained, and when the bill was brought up on the floor, a substitute amendment, substantially similar to the House language, was adopted on a voice vote. The amendments were approved in both Houses and the bill now goes to the Governor.

The bill was vigorously supported by citizen contact throughout the state of Florida. The Florida State Right to Life Committee, the Florida Council of Catholic Women, various organizations of other denominations, and a number of independent citizens worked hard for many months in supporting this legislation. The American Civil Liberties Union, the National Organization of Women, Planned Parenthood and abortion clinic operators were extremely active in opposing it.

Nursing home groundbreaking slated in Broward

FORT LAUDERDALE—Ground will be broken for Broward County’s first nursing facility for Catholic parishes. The new facility, on 35th Ave. and W. Oakland Park Blvd., will provide 180 beds when completed in about 15 months.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will turn the first shovel of earth for the area’s newest nursing home which will provide 180 beds when completed in about 15 months. Mass celebrated at 11:15 p.m. by the Archbishop in nearby St. Helen Church will precede the groundbreaking ceremonies.

THE FIRST phase of a complex which will be known as the Archbishop Carroll Life Center, named for the first Archbishop of Miami, will include Medicare patients who are covered by the Social Security Medicare program which provides up to 100 days of care in a nursing home for those required skilled nursing care after discharge from a hospital; and 60 beds for paying residents. St. Joseph Residence, a 40-bed convalescent living facility that is already located on the seven-acre tract and a 108-unit low-cost apartment building for senior citizens is planned for a later date.

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Women's Aglow luncheon at Holiday Inn, downtown Hollywood, June 21 at 11 a.m. will feature Sandy Fatow, former drug addict and gangster's girl. Bring a teen. Reservations, call Ann at 966-6126.

Ex-Pace athlete wins award

Margie Wessel, a 1977 graduate of Pace High School, Silver Knight Athletics Winner, member of the first state H.S. Volleyball champions for the state of Florida was honored at the Florida State University Women's Athletic Banquet. She received the Most Valuable Player Award for the 1979 volleyball team. The team ranked 21st in the nation, among 600 teams in the country, and received and invitation to the national tourney at the University of Alabama. Wessel is only a sophomore.

Right-to-Life meet June 21

The Dade County Right To Life organization will meet Thursday, June 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Jefferson Bank of Kendall, 9600 North Kendall Drive. New members are needed for various committee assignments. The public is invited to attend.

Bishops named for Puerto Rico

VATICAN CITY—(NC)—Pope John Paul II has appointed two auxiliary bishops for Cardinal Luis Aponte Martinez of San Juan, Puerto Rico.

They are Father Hector Manuel Rivera of the Diocese of Caguas, Puerto Rico, and Father Enrique Hernandez Rivera of the Diocese of Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

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Emotional moment at a death camp

By MSGR. JOHN P. FOLEY

BRZEZINKA, Poland — (NC) — The man bowed his head and shook with emotion.

The man whose life was saved by the heroic action of Blessed Maximilian Kolbe still lives today in the land of Poland.

Maximilian voluntarily offered himself for death in a hunger bunker for a brother — this brother still lives today in the land of Poland.”

The man Franciszek Gajowniczek, who begged for his life in the Nazi death camp of Auschwitz (Oswiecim) 38 years ago and whose plea for mercy was heard by the heroic action of Blessed Maximilian Kolbe, bowed his head at the pope’s homily at the Nazi concentration camp of Birkenau.

By the pope’s words and actions, and the tensions between church and state that were evident before and during the trip.

Despite that, at its roots the visit was a religious one. Time after time, especially in his days at the Shrine to Our Lady of Czestochowa, a spiritual center for Polish Catholics, the pope urged the people to a strong religious faith, deeply grounded in their national religious traditions but also facing contemporary challenges and the eternal challenges of human weakness and selfishness.

It was also a joyful homecoming of a famous native son, intensified by both patriotic pride and religious fervor of an intensely patriotic and religious people.

The combined dimensions of patriotism, religion, and just plain love and popularity could be seen most clearly in the two songs most frequently sung by the hundreds of thousands who greeted him everywhere. They were “Sto-Lat,” a traditional song wishing a loved one a long life 100 years, and “Boze, Cos Polske,” meaning “God Bless Poland.”
Parish membership essential

(Continued from last week)

Apart from the necessity of endeavoring to live even fuller Christian lives, there are things we could do here and now on the spiritual, human and organizational plane which would most notably contribute to the re-establishment of the parish as a living community, a fellowship in Christ to which we are proud to give our allegiance and support and in which we feel we "belong" in a sense second only to that in which we belong to our families.

Take parish membership—it is surely anomalous that membership of the parish should be of so accidental and tenuous a nature as it is. The parish is the ordinary human and divine instrument by which a person enters the Church, receives her sacraments, her teaching, her special instructions and where, by church law in some cases, he should fulfill his most obvious outward spiritual obligations. Yet, in point of fact, the average Catholic enters this community, becomes a member of the parish, willy-nilly, conscious or unconscious, by mere location or domicile.

But membership of the parish, which should be, after the family, the association of fact, the average Catholic enters this parish has a secular and human and divine instrument by which a parishioner might prove useful in the organization of the various activities of parish life or the sharing of its responsibilities. Moreover, in the ancient parish more closely knit geographically and socially, smaller in extent in which the parish priest knew intimately each fellow parsonioner, this knowledge was common knowledge.

It is all too clear that some members of the modern parish are for all practical purposes—perhaps even for the parish priest for all practical purposes—none but members at all.

Yet, we should be very much aware that as self-supporting adults we are bound in conscience to contribute to the life of the parish, its priests and its works. This obligation is not confined to the checkbook. It includes the spiritual, social and technical. From the Seven Sacraments down through all the ministrations of the Church, all her ceremonies, an outward sign accompanies the great outpouring of grace, or the prayer for it, or the inward determination, repentence, promise or vow, and membership of the parish should be accompanied by some such outward act and prayer.

If we are really to be persuaded of the importance of bringing the Faith we hold firmly enough in our breasts out into the market place, the factory or business office, then we must openly and firmly belong and declare our adherence to that parish community through which, in the first instance, we can most effectively act.

We have spoken of the need for a fuller membership in the parish by which the feeling of "belonging" to it is encouraged and fostered. And also that with this membership falls monetary dues as well as spiritual, physical and material dues.

But the most important part of this membership in the parish is its impact on the individual, the family, the house or apartment, the street, the neighborhood, the town or city, and in the long run, the nation.

If this membership means simply the attendance at Sunday Mass and the narrow and selfish outlook of Confession and Communion once a year, then it has little, if any, impact on anyone. It is an acceptance of the bare minimum from the treasure house of God, and a denial of the apostolic ministry of the Church. This ministry is not confined to the clergy, nor is it confined to the pious few who frequently attend the services in the parish church; it is meant to be carried on by all the laity, under the guidance of the Bishops and priests and religious.

(To be Continued).

Letters to the Editor

Sex education

To the Editor:

In a recent Editorial The Miami Herald supported the program of Sex Education in Public Schools and commented the "Public Schools are therefore not only the right, but the responsibility to give each student accurate information about his body and its normal functions. Only with full information can a youth be expected to make responsible decisions on how to behave."

The question is will the proposed program give accurate information? Will it give accurate information on the nature and dignity of human love and relationships? Will it give accurate information on the nature and dignity of marriage and family? Will it give accurate information on the conception and development of human being?

Or will it rather give false information by declaring that the developing human being in the womb is merely a blob of tissue which can be removed and thrown away? Will the program give accurate information on the true nature of abortion? Will it show pictures of aborted fetuses or will it simply avoid the real facts, on the plea of "emotionalism?" Will it present a true picture of the tragic emotional consequences when sex is just to be enjoyed "provided one does not get caught? Will it present homosexuality as simply an acceptable "alternative expression of sexual love?" Will it dismiss Christian values as "puritanical and unrealistic?"

Sex education is not like the teaching of math or science. As Archbishop McCarthy pointed out, it involves values...

James F. Draper
Fort Lauderdale

Eucharistic "cookies"

To the Editor:

I found the article on children Eucharistic Ministers in the May 18 issue very distressing. The Sacred Body and Blood of Christ being handled like so many cookies. Why is everything being made so easy? It’s no wonder there’s a decline in vocations. Everyone and his uncle is invading the priestly realm. A priest is called by God, and he goes through extensive study, and preparation, but it seems to me, the good priest is fast becoming nothing more than a glorified errand boy for the various committee persons. Why can’t we remain children of God, instead of all wanting to be prophets.

There has never been a limit on the age when good works start or finish. If the young are standing idly by, there’s something wrong with the training they are receiving. We were taught from the age of reason to live according to the Commandments, and the Golden Rule. We were taught to obey, and respect our elders. Now it seems it’s the other way around. We must do what pleases the young.

It’s time for more spirituality, and less sociality. Our church is the house of God, so take away the superficial dressing, and put back the reverence. When I want counseling, I want it from my priest, not from Susie or Joe. When I want Communion, I want it from my priest, not from Josie, or the newsboy. There’s an old saying, “Too many cooks spoil the broth.” Well it’s time we told God He comes first in our lives.

Mrs. Sara A. Quinn
Palm Beach Gardens
Some reflections from the perspective of a silver jubilee in the priesthood:

1) THE CHURCH has been a surprise, much more of a surprise than I could have imagined a quarter of a century ago. I suppose the biggest surprise was the, Second Vatican Council and the astonishing changes it wrought (and the second biggest was the election of a Polish pope). But the more fundamental surprise is the one that makes these two and others of lesser moment possible. The secret of Catholicism is that it is catholic, it contains within itself a pluralism—one might almost say a hodgepodge—of traditions and dynamisms which given half a chance are going to surprise you time and time again.

During the Counter-reformation era, for reasons which are still debatable, this variety was suppressed, though not eliminated. By the end of World War II, the mechanisms inhibiting the eruption of surprise were no longer very effective (they had almost been wiped out at the end of the last century). The Second Vatican Council was more the result of the unleashing of the pluralistic energies of the Catholic tradition than the cause.

James Joyce once said that Catholicism means here comes everybody. To be catholic (and I use the small "c" deliberately) means not only to be open to everyone but to find room for everyone's tradition and special contributions. The dynamic variety of the church is an affront to those who wish to re-impose order and discipline and thus budget the Holy Spirit's time for Him / Her.

But in its normal state Catholicism is a messy, turbulent, diverse institution: the garrison church of the Counter-Reformation, with its veneer of order, was a historical exception.

That's over now, no matter how much the current vital, passionate mess may daunt the faint of heart.

2) THE PRIESTHOOD is more important than it ever was...and that's one of the biggest surprises. I am baffled by those who leave the priesthood or withdraw from active involvement because they see no important contribution that a priest makes to human life or because, as they say, slipping into the jargon, the priesthood is irrelevant. We did not need Jim Jones and the Peoples Temple to remind us that most humans still desperately want religious truth by which to live and a religious leader who proclaims and practices such truth. The "identity crisis" of the priesthood—real enough for many, God knows—is based either on a failure to read the signs of the times or a failure of nervor faith). Maybe one needs the perspective one gets from spending most of one's time away from the ecclesiastical institution to see it, but religious leadership is critically important in our era, even if so many of our religious leaders are afraid to lead (and hide behind a phony theory of lay initiative to justify their fear).

3) MY THIRD comment is more somber. Most of the suffering I've had in my quarter-century in the priesthood has come not from bigots in the academy or the press, not from hierarchical leadership, not from pushy laity, but from other priests. Even though I have in this column and on many other platforms given bishops a hard time, many of them have become close and loyal personal friends— in part, I suspect, precisely because I gave them a hard time. Yet most priests, I think, dislike me, not because of what I write or who I am. (They don't read what I write and they don't know who I am.)

I make this observation without self-pity. On balance I can afford to laugh at priestly animosity. If the boys need an inlet to cope with their personality problems, then be my guest. I am somewhat troubled when those who are from my own diocese or my classmates or my friends join in the clerical culture nastiness—especially when some of those friends were the ones who got me into what I am doing and people who knew my mother and my grandmother that is the way of life, and personally I have no complaints.

Yet it ought not to be so. If a priest has modest amount of talent and/or luck and gets some public attentions, he ought not to be cast out into the exterior darkness by his priestly colleagues. I make that assertion not as an ethical or spiritual dictum, but as an organizational one. The church cannot afford to have such sanctions imposed on its trained professionals.

I know of many priests with much greater gifts than those given to me who do not use them because of the punishment clerical culture would impose upon them if they dared do anything different. Indeed, in violation of the gospel injunction, they bury their talents convinced in good faith that it is morally and spiritually the proper thing to do.

The old argument was that such a burial was a sacrifice for the good of the church. In truth, however, the good of the church requires more talent rarer than less. One of the major tasks in the years ahead is to train a clergy supportive of those who have special talents and who modest ones as well so that the surprises will continue and so that there may be adequate response to the demands of the laity for religious leadership.

While we often read tributes to mothers, heartfelt tributes to dads in our culture are much rarer. Perhaps it is because we find it harder to sentimentalize dads in a society which presents the image of the successful male as strong rather than tender, leading rather than accompanying, and upward striving rather than accepting. (Yet most of us don't have dads in the image of society.)

It is my privilege to share with you a tribute to her father by a writer-friend of mine, Martha Popson. She wrote it last year for her diocesan paper, The Catholic Mirror in Des Moines, Iowa. I asked her if I could use it for this Father's Day column and she graciously agreed.

I am determined that I will speak no eulogy for my father. What I have to say will be said now. He's in the hospital, not in a bad state, I am enough to make all of his children stop and think. So here goes, Dad.

In spite of all the intellectualizing going on, my gut reaction to seeing you in that hospital bed was, "but my daddy isn't supposed to get sick!" You are the man who always was, and assumed, would be forever and ever, my world without end. Tremors of mortality.

I have been doing reading on aging and have worked with the elderly, but somehow that had nothing to do with you. For one thing, you are just approaching your sixth birthday and with each day, that sounds younger and younger to me.

For another, you act like you're still thirty, and work more than many people (myself included) Slow down, Dad, it's okay.

Besides—like accidents, serious illness is supposed to happen only to someone else's family.

No eulogy for my father...

By DOLORES CURRAN.
Necessary and Unnecessary Problems

By STEVE LANDREGAN

Problems are part of the human condition. To be alive is to have problems. The only way to avoid problems is to cease to exist. Even then, while the problems of life may be over for the deceased, his demise creates problems for others.

Problems come in many sizes and shapes. There are big ones, little ones, job problems, family problems, neighbor problems, world problems, necessary problems, and unnecessary problems, and unecessary problems, and unnecessary problems, and unnecessary problems.

Necessary problems? That’s right. Some problems are necessary ones. That is to say, they are unavoidable in normal lives. A necessary problem could be caused by standing up for the truth, having the courage of one’s convictions. Such a problem can cause pain and suffering for us and for those around us, but necessary problems seldom diminish us as a person. On the contrary they strengthen and build us up. To dodge such a problem can be diminishing experience, one that erodes our self-esteem and gives the example of moral weakness to those around us.

Other necessary problems result from the vulnerability that is always associated with friendship and love.

To be truly open to another means to be vulnerable willingly. The nature of love and friendship leaves us open to be hurt. And it is in this vulnerability that our hurts, large and small, from some to whom we have extended our friendship and love. These hurts must always be forgivable, to bestow upon them forgiveness.

Most of us willingly accept the necessary problems of friendship, marriage and children as little enough to pay for the joys such relationships bring into our lives. Most often there are the unnecessary problems. They are unnecessary because we bring them upon ourselves through selfishness. These are the problems that spring from the seedbed sewn with greed, deceit, cowardice, self-pity and fear, like the problems caused by thoughtlessly or deliberately stepping on others on our way up the ladder of life.

We are as Christians to deal with problems? Basic to a Christian approach to life’s problems is honesty. We must be honest with ourselves and others about our problems.

Necessary problems must be dealt with openly and with acceptance. The support of a family and friends can reassure us at times when we are suffering for standing up for the truth. Only love can heal the wounds incurred occasionally in our relationships with family and friends.

“We MUST be honest with ourselves and with others about our problems,” Steve Landregan writes. “Problems must be dealt with openly and with love. The support of a family and friends can reassure us at times when we are suffering for standing up for the truth. Only love can heal the wounds incurred occasionally in our relationships with family and friends.”

In a chapter — “Who are the Divorced?” — she summarizes some of the cultural pressures on marriage today, factors causing tensions and often splitting spouses.

The headings listed below are mostly hers, with the explanations of them either mine, or a synthesis of Sister Ripple’s comments.

— The Mobility of our society.

The average American family now moves every four years, one out of four changes residence each year and half live more than 1,000 miles from their original home. While this may be conveniently solve in-law difficulties, it deprives a couple of support from a network of family and friends.

— The feminist movement.

Stereotypes about men and women have been either challenged or shattered — “The man is head of the house.” “A woman’s place is in the home.” A marriage begun with such deep-seated attitudes may not survive the shift in life styles that develop when these notions are questioned.

— Working women.

Financially more independent and treading the thrill of a career, the wife is less inclined to continue with an unhappy marriage situation or she may be unwilling to remain confined as full-time homemaker and child rearer.

— Long life spans.

More and more couples reach the 40s and 50s, discover themselves alone, the children gone, only each other to support their relationship, and 20-30 years still ahead of them. In our culture we dispose of and throw away almost everything. Young people, raised in that environment, may thus find the notion of a permanent, life-long commitment, difficult to understand or accept.

— No postponed pleasures.

“Buy now, pay later” not only stands as the motto for our credit-oriented commercial practices, but carries over into other life activities. There seems today less tolerance of pain, less willingness to sacrifice for a higher deferred goal and less ability to put up with temporary difficulties. Couples encountering disillusionment or distress thus may be inclined too swiftly to give up rather than reach down and give more or forgive.

— Loose living and sexual arrangements.

Living together before or without marriage, spouse swapping and sharing situations now more commonly known and accepted, weakens the notion of fidelity and commitment.

— More open communication.

Pop psychology books, various communication experiences and general cultural encouragement to be “up front,” honest, forthright with our feelings produces better relationships, but likewise eliminates the long-suffering spouse who held on regardless of inner resentment.

— Easier and more frequent divorces.

Spouses in destructive marriages more easily today get out of such harmful circumstances. Conversely, however, the ease of a legal break leads some to separate who with greater effort might have worked things out, grown in the process and found a different, but deeper happiness in their marriage.

— Pressure on young to marry.

When mom and dad, friends and relatives bring their hands and worry that the youthful man or woman is not married nor even contemplating the steps, pressure builds. To relieve the burden, some may prematurely leap into a relationship, with permanent harm the result.

Today’s expectations among the engaged or newly married are astronomically high. An awareness of these cultural pressures may help those lovers survive them.
Little Children — a story for children

By JANAAN MANTERNACH

One day Jesus and his disciples were sitting by the roadside resting. They were tired after teaching and helping people all day. It was good to sit down and rest a bit before going into the next town.

People from the nearby town noticed Jesus and his friends sitting near the city gate. A small crowd came out from the village to see Jesus. They brought their children. Some of the children were small babies. All of them were little.

It must have been a custom in those days for parents to bring their children to the rabbis to be blessed by them. They saw this as a sign of God’s blessing on their children. Since Jesus was admired as a rabbi, a religious teacher and leader, it was natural for these parents to want him to bless their children.

As the crowd drew near, Jesus’ disciples were annoyed. They felt Jesus — and themselves — deserved some peace and quiet. They especially did not want Jesus bothered by a lot of small children.

So Jesus’ friends tried to stop the parents. They told them to let Jesus alone. “Can’t you see he is tired?” they scolded. "He shouldn’t be bothered at a time like this. This is no time to bring your children to him. Maybe some other time."

The parents were disappointed and hurt. Some of them turned around and started walking back home. Jesus noticed what was going on. He heard the disciples’ harsh words and became very upset with his friends.

"Let the children come to me," he said angrily. "Don’t try to keep them away from me."

His friends felt bad. They were sorry they had angered Jesus. They were just trying to see that he got some needed rest. They didn’t seem to know how much Jesus loved children. They stepped back and let the parents take their children to him.

The children who were old enough to walk ran to Jesus. They felt very safe near him. They liked Jesus very much and could feel he liked them, too. The mothers and fathers held out the smaller babies to Jesus.

Jesus took the children into his arms, one after the other. He hugged them and talked with them. He blessed each one. He placed his hands on the head of each child and asked God to give him or her health, happiness and a long life.

Still holding one of the babies in his arms, Jesus turned again to his disciples. In a gentle voice, but loud enough for the parents to hear as well, he said to his friends, “God’s kingdom belongs to people who are like these children. Whoever does not accept God’s love like a little child, shall not share in it.”

Then Jesus gave the child back to its mother and father. The crowd quickly broke up. The children and their parents went back to their homes happy. Jesus was happy, too. His disciples told Jesus they were sorry they had upset him.

They remembered that day for a very long time. Jesus’ disciples thought often about what Jesus said about being like a child. They slowly realized what Jesus meant. He was telling them to trust God the way a child trusts its father and mother. They needed to depend on God in everything the way a small child depends on its parents for everything. They needed God as much as an infant needs parents. They could not earn God’s love. They could just accept it with thanksgiving, the way a child accepts love from its father or mother.

Never again did they try to keep children away from Jesus. They had learned how special children were to Jesus.
Hialeah Knight is elected State Deputy at convention

Delegates of the Florida State Council, Knights of Columbus, elected Donald E. Raymond of Hialeah to State Deputy at their 75th Annual meeting held in Daytona Beach.

Raymond has served as Past Grand Knight of Council 4772; Faithful Navigator of the Fr. Andrew Brown Assembly, District Deputy, State Advocate, State Treasurer and General Program Director.

ALSO ELECTED as state officers from the Archdiocese of Miami were Joseph W. Masserella, Boca Raton, State Secretary and Richard E. Inserna, North Lauderdale, Advocate. Other officers included Clyde W. King, Jacksonville, re-elected Treasurer and Leon P. Kocol, Cocoa, State Warden.

Rummage Sale at Boyston

A rummage sale which will include boats, pool tables and a trampoline will be held at Boyston of Florida, 11400 S.W. 137 Ave., Sat., June 23, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The annual sale is for the benefit of Boyston, an Archdiocesan non-profit residence for dependent teenage boys. Additional items for the rummage will be welcome. For additional information call 219-1722, Boyston of Florida.

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They came to Florida with only their faith

By CHARLES C. STARR

"We left Omaha on Sunday night and when we arrived in Florida on Thursday night, the only thing we had was our Catholic faith. That’s all we had to go on," explained Cecelia McCarthy.

The arrival of Cecelia and her husband Dave in Okeechobee on that Thursday night in December 1917 begins a chapter in Florida Church history. She and her husband had come down to Florida to run her brother Dan’s grocery store while he fought on the battlefields of France. They had returned to Omaha. Dan came home from the war, started work as a plumber, and later turned the grocery store over to his sister and brother-in-law.

"FOR THE FIRST six years we didn’t have a resident priest, but Father Gabriel was the local priest and he would come over from Ft. Pierce once a month to say Mass in the back of the store," The 94-year-old Florida pioneer remembers.

"We used my dresser for an altar. It was always the big joke to call our place ‘McCarthy’s Church’.

"About 12 parishioners used to attend ‘McCarthy’s Church’ back in 1917, half of them were from the Clemons’ family. And it was among these ‘first’ families of Okeechobee that Father Gabriel made his pastoral rounds, first on a horse and later in a Stanley Steamer.

The Swiss born priest made rounds in Melbourne, Vero Beach, Stuart, Belle Glade and Pahokee.

Besides being the ones ‘everybody depended on’ to announce when Father Gabriel was coming to say Mass and to maintain the Church, the McCarthy’s delivered groceries in a wheelbarrow and starting having "more business than we knew what to do with."

They soon moved into a new home and one of the first rooms to be furnished was a chapel. "Everybody donated most of the furnishings and we would keep rounding everybody up when Father Gabriel could make it. When he couldn’t, we used to make the two hour, 37-mile drive to Ft. Pierce to hear Mass.

"The non-Catholics in the area helped us a lot and Father Gabriel was good friends with the local leaders of the Masonic Lodge. We even had Mass there for a while. They were great friends and we got along real well.

"WHEN WE STARTED thinking about building our Church, my sister-in-law and I started a rummage shop in an empty room in her house. We would make anywhere from $2 to $30 a week. The church, Sacred Heart, is real nice now, but it took a long time to get there." Cecelia sold her home and for the past two years has been living in the Darcy Nursing Home in Palm Beach. The day I visited it took a while to find her. She wasn’t in her room and couldn’t be seen wheeling through the halls. We finally did catch up with her, and, naturally, she was in the chapel at Mass.

"English is the only language I understand," she told me right after Mass, "so, of course I love the change from the Latin."

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BROWARD COUNTY

Catholic Widows & Widowers Club meeting June 18 at 8 p.m. at KC Hall, 3571 N. Andrews Ave., for Information call 733-4274.

St. Matthew Women’s Club recently installed new officers during Sunday Mass, with Mrs. Irene Belariger present.

St. Charles Borromeo Women’s Club will hold a Father’s Day bake sale after all Masses on Sunday, June 17.

CDA Court Maria Regina invites public to luncheon-card party noon June 20 at KC Hall 383 SW 25 St., Ft. Lauderdale. Prizes. Donation $1.50.

Serra Club meeting June 20 at Imperial House in Pompano Beach at noon. For rest of summer meetings will be on 3rd Wednesday, July 18, Aug. 15 and Sept. 19.

CDA Court Holy Spirit, Pompano Beach dessert pokemo-card party June 23 at noon, St. Elizabeth Gardens. Public invited, $1.25.

DADE COUNTY

Secular Franciscan Order meeting June 17 at 1:15 p.m., St. Francis de Sales Church, 621 Alton Rd., Miami Beach.

Holy Rosary CYO summer dance at St. Richard’s social center, 7500 SW 102 St., June 22 at 7:30. Music by Unit III. Tickets, 83, deadline June 20.

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Anti-Catholicism hits on talk show

By JUDY GLOCKER
Florida Right to Life

In Miami, a few nights ago, Jean Doyle, Executive Director of Florida Right to Life, Tom Enders, former President of Dade County Right to Life, and I participated in a radio talk show on the abortion issue.

The call began to come in. "What's your religion?"; "Are you Catholic?"; "Why won't you answer?"; "Are you Catholic?"

Jean Doyle, responding by saying that since abortion is not a religious issue she did not believe religion was pertinent. As the caller persisted she said, "I will answer your question, but why do you ask?"

Finally, the modulator stepped in and said that she herself was a Protestant who did not believe in the destruction of unborn children and she did not understand the line of questioning.

Because of our long pro-life involvement the three of us on the panel understood the line of questioning very well. It is part of an increasingly vitriolic attack on the Catholic Church for its pro-life stand.

As a further example of such attacks, the National Organization of Women distributed a circular to the members of the Florida legislature which stated: "In 1974, Cardinal Krol said, 'We wish to make it clear that we are seeking to impose the Catholic moral teaching regarding abortion on the country'."

This was a gross distortion of the Cardinal's statement which, in fact, said, "We wish to make it clear that we are seeking to impose our moralities on others."

The RHT is designed to intimidate Catholics and to splinter the pro-life movement. Such attempts will fail. Not only do they anger Catholics, they also anger other Christians, Orthodox Jews, and agnostic humanitarians, who work in defense of human life.

Women's Guild helps students

The St. Joan of Arc Women's Guild announces the following scholarships for the 1979/80 school year. The recipients will attend Cardinal Gibbons High School.

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- Edward and Nancy Hatton
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- $500 Merit Scholarship for one year renewable for second year:
- Joe Waters, son of Ruth and Edward Waters
- Marsha Bauman, daughter of Joan and Joseph Bauman
- The scholarships are awarded on an academic and general excellence basis.

M.E. weekends scheduled

The following Marriage Encounter Weekends have been planned during June, July and August:
- June 29 - Passionist Monastery, North Palm Beach
- July 6 - Passionist Monastery, North Palm Beach

Youth group visiting elderly

The Youth Group of Mary immaculate Church, W. Palm Beach, has been visiting the Palm Beach County Home and Darcy Hall Nursing Home to entertain the elderly.

"Our visits have made us aware," said Mary Pat Hoffman, president, "of the elderly's needs and willingness to communicate with today's youth. We welcome those who wish to attend with us."

For further information, call the church rectory 686-8126 or visit 237 Porter PI, W. Palm Beach.

Barry elects new Trustees

Four new members of the Barry College Board of Trustees were elected and will be seated during the first meeting of the new school term next fall. The new trustees are Jorge J. Bosch, Sister Thomas James Burns, O.P., Ellen Whiteside McDonnell and Dan Paul.
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Juan Pablo II se despidi de Polonia

"No pierdan la fe, la libertad espiritual"

CRACOVIA (NC) — El Papa Juan Pablo II concluyó su visita a Polonia exhortando a sus compatriotas a ser "fuerter con la fuerza de la fe" y a no perder su "libertad espiritual".

Durante una Misa celebrando el noveno centenario de la muerte de San Estanislao, patron de Polonia, el Papa llamó a cerca de dos millones de fieles concentrados en la vasta explanada de la catedral de Cracovia, a vivir vidas profundamente cristianas y profundamente católicas.

Aunque las palabras del Papa estaban dirigidas directamente a los fieles polacos, también tenían sentido para los dirigentes del gobierno comunista de Polonia, quienes el Papa ha constantemente criticado durante su visita por impedir la práctica de la religión.

Por parte del gobierno comunista de Polonia, se ha desarrollado la pasada semana en la vasta explanada de la catedral de Cracovia, en el corazón de la nación, una relación con el Papa que ha sido calificada de "amor y odio" hacia Juan Pablo II.

Resultaba obvio el orgullo de los polacos ante el "hijo de la tierra", hoy Obispo de la Iglesia universal. Policias, camareros, dependientes en los comercios y hasta oficiales armados, no dejaban de mostrarse de su entusiasmo por recibir fotos o medallas del Papa.

Sin embargo, el gobierno no quiso permitir que tal visita coincidiera con el 900 aniversario del martirio de San Estanislao, el 13 de mayo. Juan Pablo II aceptó las fechas del gobierno, pero después anunció que el

Un día con papi

correteando por el campo y disfrutando de su carino. Un buen modo de celebrar el Dia del Padre, este domingo, para experimentar de nuevo la alegria de la paternidad y el saberse proteccion, modelo y guia de los hijos, que orgullosos repiten "yo voy a ser como papi."

Obispos deploran taticas terroristas

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (NC) — Mientras las batallas entre guerrilleros sandinistas y tropas del gobierno continuan en Nicaragua, en los pulcritudes de las iglesias se leia una declaracion de los obispos nicaraguenses criticando al gobierno del General Anastasio Somoza. La declaración tuvo que ser leída y pasada de mano en mano ya que la censura gubernamental prohíbe la prensa.

Corpus Christi el domingo

Con Misa, procesión y un pequeño festejo la Iglesia de Corpus Christi celebrará este domingo la fiesta del mismo nombre. La Misa, en inglés y español, comenzará a las 10:30 a.m., y será celebrada por el Obispo John Nevins. Seguirá la procesión con el Santísimo, y picnic con comida y atracciones para que las familias disfruten. Según la hermana Carmen Alonso, Directora de Educación Religiosa de Corpus Christi, la parroquia no pudo ser mejor nombrada, ya que está compuesta de personas de "todas las razas, colores y nacionalidades".

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Por ARACELI CANTERO

"Hoy iniciamos una aventura, vivimos un momento histórico para toda la nación," dijo el padre Mario Vizcaino,Sch.P. al inaugurar el Instituto Pastoral de la Región Sureste el pasado lunes.

"Nos embarcamos en una aventura que busca proporcionar a nuestro pueblo los medios para la evangelización," dijo el sacerdote cubano ante unas 70 personas de varios estados del suroeste —los primeros estudiantes del Instituto Pastoral que se inauguraba. Durante su primera charla, el padre Virgilio Elizondo, pastoralista de fama mundial, Presidente del MACC (Centro Cultural México-Americano), de San Antonio, Texas, y miembro de la junta de directores de la revista Concilio, subrayó la importancia de cursos como el que se inició en Miami.

"Nuestro pueblo hispano en Estados Unidos está verdaderamente buscando no sólo cómo recibir sino también cómo aportar su fe," dijo el padre Elizondo. "Tenemos mucho que ofrecer, si no lo perdemos y creo que lo mantendremos vivo mientras existan grupos como éste que toman el tiempo para reflexionar sobre el significado de nuestra fe," añadió.

El padre Elizondo ha reflexionado seriamente y escrito sobre religiosidad y cultura, y en su charla el lunes señaló que la fe no es algo abstracto "sino que nos ha venido a través de una cultura—para nosotros la cultura latinoamericana—. Es una fe..."
**Nueva directiva a Senado Sacerdotal**

El Senado Sacerdotal de la Archidiócesis eligió nueva directiva para el próximo año. En la foto desde la izquierda el padre Timothy Hannon, presidente, el padre Angel Vizcarrara O.P. Vicepresidente; los padres Paul Vuturo, y John Veree, secretarios y el padre Vincent Kelly, tesorero.

**Obispos deplanar terrorismo en Managua**

(Viene de la Pza. 1A) su publico comentarios o noticias acerca del conflicto. Los obispos, en su crítica más fuerte hasta el momento, deploraron los excesos de la insurrección armada; pero dijeron que existe una justificación moral para ella debido a la larga historia de abusos tiranicos contra los derechos humanos en Nicaragua.

No podemos endosar sistemas y estructuras sociales que esconden y fomentan el terror para hacer que el pueblo se someta a los fines rebeldes. Por parte de sus Estados Unidos el Presidente de la Conferencia de Obispos Catolicos, el Arzobispo John Quinn de San Francisco afirmó que el presidente Carter debería comunicarse al Presidente Anastasio Somoza, la “oposición del pueblo americano por las acciones de su gobierno... y el horror y disgusto de nuestra nación por el terror que reina en el pueblo de Nicaragua”.

Haciéndose eco de múltiples declaraciones de los obispos de Nicaragua, el arzobispo Quinn dijo que “el pueblo norteamericano no ha captado la profundidad de la tragedia”, y señaló que la “voz de nuestros hermanos obispos en Nicaragua nos recuerda la creciente interdependencia del hemisferio, y las múltiples relaciones que nos unen”.

“Por otra parte, hemos sido parte del problema, por nuestra política intervencionista, la cual nos involucró en la determinación del destino de Nicaragua durante este siglo,” dijo el Arzobispo, añadiendo que este es el momento de mostrar nuestro desacuerdo sobre las condiciones que describen los obispos de Nicaragua, y que incluyen “interminables matanzas y ruina económica”.

**Religiosa celebra Bodas de Oro**

La religiosa de la Caridad Ester Hernández, celebrará el próximo viernes 22 de junio sus bodas de oro en la vida religiosa. La religiosa cubana, que trabaja en Puerto Rico, es tía de John Wayne, el actor de cine. John Wayne fue recibido en la Iglesia Católica.

El sacerdote paulista Robert Curtis, capellán del Centro Médico de UCLA, y sólido asistente de St. Paul, en Westwood en Los Angeles, hizo pública la información diciendo simplemente: “John Wayne fue recibido en la Iglesia Católica antes de morir. Estaba consciente de sus actos. Nos hacemos públicas más información sobre el hecho, por tratarse de algo privado entre el sacerdote y el enfermo.”

Una de las hijas de John Wayne, la Sra. Toni La Clava trabajaba en el Buró de la Universidad Católica de Ponce.

**Nuevos obispos en Puerto Rico**

CIUDAD VATICANO (NC) — El Papa Juan Pablo II nombró a los padres Héctor Manuel Rivera, de la Diócesis de Cagua, y Enrique Hernández Rivera, de la Diócesis de Arecibo, obispos auxiliares para el cardenal Luis Aponte Martínez, de San Juan, Puerto Rico.


**John Wayne católico antes de morir**

LOS ANGELES — El día antes de morir el actor de cine John Wayne fue recibido en la Iglesia Católica. El sacerdote paulista Robert Curtis, capellán del Centro Médico de UCLA, y sólido asistente de San Juan, Puerto Rico, hizo pública la información diciendo simplemente: “John Wayne fue recibido en la Iglesia Católica antes de morir. Estaba consciente de sus actos. Nos hacemos públicas más información sobre el hecho, por tratarse de algo privado entre el sacerdote y el enfermo.”

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**Naciones**

- Aumentan creyentes de denominaciones evangélicas.

**Nueva York (NC) — El Anuario de Iglesias en Estados Unidos y Canadá para 1979 muestra que las denominaciones evangélicas van a la cabeza en crecimiento de creyentes y que la católica y los bautistas sureños crecen más rápido que la protestancia en general. Según datos de 1977, un 41 por ciento de la población adulta asiste a servicios religiosos cada semana. Señala además que a pesar de un aumento en sus contribuciones, los presupuestos eclesiásticos se han agobiado por la inflación.**

El promedio por fiel subió de $156 en 1976 a $160 en 1977. Las cifras sugieren entre 222 grupos religiosos muestra un total de 132,812,470 miembros, con 13 millones de la Convenzione Bautista del Sur como la mayor entre los protestantes, 49,836,176 de católicos.

- **Protestan pescadores**

WASHINGTON (NC) — Mons. Antullio Parrilla, un obispo de Puerto Rico, se une a una multitud de protestantes que invadieron un patio de la Marina de Guerra en Estados Unidos en la Isla de Vieques para protestar contra las prácticas de tiro y desembarque armado en sus playas. Poco después fueron puestos en libertad bajo fianza. Los 10,000 habitantes, pescadores y agricultores, se quejan de una amenaza generalizada que la Marina bloquea su desarrollo y pone en peligro su modo de subsistencia. El gobernador Carlos Romero ha planteado recurso para detener los bombardeos, bajo la ley de conservación del ambiente.

- **Protestarán ante Carter**

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Unas 1,500 familias descendientes de mexicanos que dicen haber perdido tierras heredadas de España, por culpa de incumplimiento del tratado de Guadalupe Hidalgo (que en 1848 cedió a Estados Unidos 31,953 de los millones de acres a Estados Unidos entre el Río Grande y el Río Nueces), anuncian que esta semana harán una manifestación de protesta cuando se reúnan en junio los presidentes José López Fortúnti de México y Jimmy Carter de Estados Unidos. “El tratado protegía nuestros derechos”, dice el abogado Robert Salazar, de Denver, “pero no fue así. Colono nuestros asesinaron las tierras”, y los gobiernos no han hecho nada por compensarnos.

- **Ahoren energía**

BOSTON (NC) — La Oficina de Combustible de Massachusetts reparte entre organizaciones religiosas un folleto con estos consejos para reducir el gasto en sus edificios; reducir las luces y ventanas, y cubren rendijas, mejore las calderas; ponga lámparas fluorescentes; decída, temperaturas centígrados más frías siempre, y en la cocina siga las instrucciones de los termómetros de temperatura; espalde, ventiladores y otros aparatos cuando no se necesiten.
Inaugurado Instituto Pastoral en Miami

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que nos vien por el Cristo, el Dios hecho hombre que escogió comunicarse a través de la humanidad del hombre, a partir de su obra.

Dijo que la cultura es un don de Dios y comentó sobre la finalidad de sus clases en Miami, "profundizar sobre nuestra rica herencia latina y nuestra misión como hispanos en Estados Unidos, portadores del Evangelio." Para ello situó la problemática hispana dentro de la trayectoria histórica de la Iglesia, analizando especialmente en ella la encarnación del Evangelio en las diversas culturas —judía, griega, romana—, pero que no se quede en meras ideas sino que se traduzca en servicio.

El catedrático compartió también sus objetivos sobre las posibilidades de lo que se inició aquella noche y dijo que sonaba con un Instituto Pastoral que pudiera mantener no solo los veranos sino todo el año con cursos diversos y hasta una casa donde compartir la oración, la reflexión y la vida.

La creación del Instituto es fruto del II Encuentro Nacional de Pastoral Hispánica hace dos años, cuando el pueblo pidió la creación de centros de formación. El Instituto del Sureste cuenta con la aprobación y apoyo de las 15 diócesis de la región.

Durante el curso de pastoral en español, enseñaron también el padre Mario Vizcaino y Casiano Floristán, profesor del Instituto Superior de Pastoral de Madrid. El 30 de julio, el Instituto ofrecerá otro curso intensivo de cultura y lengua hispana para estudiantes anglos.

El padre Virgilio Elizondo habló sobre las tensiones entre el Evangelio y las culturas.

Libertad y promoción humana se exigen

Cardenal Lorscheider a Caritas

ROMA — (NC) — Existe estrecha conexión entre la promoción humana y la libertad, afirmó el Cardenal Alóisio Lorscheider, de la Arquidiócesis de Miami, "profundizar sobre las tenencias hispanas en la problemática hispana...".

"Promover al hombre y a la mujer es darle la oportunidad de llevar a cabo su vocación, fundamental, por la creación de las condiciones indispensables para su desarrollo," dijo. "De ahí la estrecha conexión que existe entre la promoción humana y la libertad. Han de abolirse los obstáculos que impidan a la comunidad cristiana ser crítica y proactiva.

Dijo que la comunidad cristiana tiene la tarea de proclamar lo que es bueno y denunciar lo que es malo. "De hecho, el proleta es ante todo un ser humano —persona— y tiene la presencia de Dios entre los hombres y las mujeres.

"Cada iglesia y la Iglesia de cada país ha de organizar su actividad socio-pastoral por medio de estructuras permanentes que mantengan y estimulen a la comunidad y aseguren la necesaria coordinación de iniciativas, en continuo diálogo con todos los miembros de la comunidad eclesial," añadió.

"Por lo tanto, la tarea de Caritas, no es meramente la de organizar los servicios, sino también la de animar a la comunidad para el ejercicio de la caridad.

Espiritismo y Consecuencias en América

Por OSCAR GONZALEZ QUEVEDO, S.J.

El misterio es algo siempre presente: Adriana, hechicera, curas no médicas, trances, estigmas, cános "encantados" con sus movimientos de objetos, ruidos, fantasmas y toda clase de fenómenos. De esta variadísima fenomenología se ha hablado en todas las épocas y en todas las civilizaciones. Constituye la llamada "fenomenología parapsicológica".

Fenomenología real o legendaria, pero que no puede ser afirmada o negada sin prevenir el estudio. Sobre ella el científico debe responder innuevables preguntas y aclarar a la opinión pública.

En América Latina el ambiente "ocultista" es muy intenso. La fenomenología parapsicológica se manifiesta extraordinariamente en el continente. Se atribuyen al "más allá", a los espíritus de los muertos, toda clase de hechos de aparición misteriosa. Otras interpretaciones alcanzan enormes proporciones. Pero el Espiritismo es la interpretación más boga.


Brasil se destaca como la nación de todo el mundo con más espíritus. El Espiritismo crece arrolladoramente y de Brasil, radia su influjo por América Latina. Más de 30 millones de brasilenses se declaran espíritistas y se calcula que 95% de los que no se declaran espíritistas, no lo hacen por pertenecer a otras religiones, o por ser personas sin religión, aunque están influenciados en menor o mayor grado por las prácticas, teorías o doctrinas espirituistas.

Hacer una estadística exacta del espíritismo brasileño es sumamente difícil. Muchos considerados "cristianos", no tienen valor o suficiente claridad para declarar ser espíritistas.

Sólo en la ciudad de Sao Paulo existen 15 hospitales "medicinales". Se calcula que sólo en 1960 las publicaciones de la Federación Espíritista Brasileña (que se niega a dar datos oficiales) habían llegado al millón de ejemplares. Sola-
En visita a Polonia y diálogo con trabajadores, el Papa:

**Denuncia el Papa degradación por el trabajo**

MOGILA, POLONIA (NC) — El Papa Juan Pablo II atacó sistemas de trabajo que degradan a los trabajadores, durante su visita a una ermita cerca de la ciudad industrializada de Nowa Huta, escena de uno de sus mayores triunfos cuando era arzobispo de Cracovia.

Al visitar a la ermita de la Cruz, en Mogila, el Papa unió la reliquia de la cruz de Cristo allí presente con "la nueva cruz de madera... levantada no lejos de aquí" en Nowa Huta.

El gobierno comunista de Polonia había diseñado la ciudad sin una iglesia, aunque el 80 por ciento de sus habitantes eran católicos practicantes. Después de una batalla contra el gobierno que duró 15 años, se construyó la iglesia, que fue dedicada por el entonces Cardenal Karol Wojtyla, y reconoció mundialmente como el símbolo del poder de la Iglesia Católica en Polonia.

Refiriéndose a la industria de acero que le da nombre a la ciudad, el Papa dijo, "la ley de la cruz está grabada en el trabajo del hombre. La cruz no se puede separar del trabajo del hombre. Cristo no se puede separar del trabajo del hombre. Cristo no se puede separar del trabajo..."

El Papa terminó pidiendo a los polacos que no olvidaran a sus patriotas que continuaban su trabajo en el mundo.

"No pierdan la Fe"

(Viene de la Pag. 1A) aniversario de San Estanislao se celebraría el 10 de junio, coincidiendo con su visita.

El Papa fue recibido en Polonia no como líder espiritual sino como Jefe del Estado Vaticano, y por ello aunque llegase como peregrino de paz, se vio en la incongruencia de poder pasar revista a las tropas en un aeropuerto militar.

Durante la homilía que marcaba el 900 aniversario del Patrono de Polonia, el Papa volvió a recordar la historia polaca y la tradición cristiana del país, la cual "no es un factor que limita sino un tesoro, una riqueza espiritual," dijo.

Anteriormente en uno de sus más directos ataques contra los sistemas y actitudes materialistas, el Papa preguntó retóricamente, "¿Podrían ser que a lo mejor todo lo que el ser humano consiste solamente en lo que se construye, se construye que se consuma y se disfruta en este mundo... ¿una más le espera a la persona humana?"

La fe cristiana y el humanismo son señales de la llamada cruz de madera... levantada no lejos de aquí. "No pierdan la Fe" dijo.

"Dejenme dormir un poco"

CRACOVIA, Polonia—(NC)–Las gentes de Cracovia, especialmente los jóvenes, no querían perder de vista a Juan Pablo II ni por un minuto.

El 7 de junio, después de su visita al campo de concentración de Auschwitz, muchedumbres de estudiantes se agruparon bajo su ventana en la residencia del arzobispo y cantaron una parodia de un himno polaco.

El himno que más o menos quiere decir "Dios mío, deja ver un milagro" se convirtió en "Santo Padre, deja ver un milagro". Después de media hora de canto, el Papa inesperadamente salió a la ventana en mangas de camisa.

La muchedumbre, loca de contento, comenzó a cantar el saludo tradicional polaco, "Sto lat," "Que vivas 100 años."

El Papa levantó sus manos pidiendo silencio, y preguntó: "¿De verdad quieren que el Papa viva 100 años?"

Ellos gritaron, "Sí, sí, sí, sí, sí, sí!"

"Entonces," dijo el Papa, "quiero que mantengan su salud y descansen mucho. Así que ¡por que noviendale casas y no dejen dormir a un poco!"

La muchedumbre se rió, aplaudió y calladamente se fue, para que su Papa pudiera descansar.

**El mañana es de los jóvenes**

CRACOVIA, Polonia (NC) — Durante una reunión de más de dos horas con casi 65,000 estudiantes universitarios, el Papa Juan Pablo II les pidió a los jóvenes que tratan de "conocer a Cristo" y dejar que Cristo los conociere. "Dejad que El os encuentre," dijo.

El Papa dijo que los seres humanos pueden perderse fácilmente en ellos mismos o en el mundo alrededor, y necesitan un guía, un buen amigo.

"Debemos preservar nuestra unidad con el Dise Amigo que se llama Jesucristo. Debemos cooperar con El," dijo el Papa.

"El mañana depende de ustedes," continuó, "pero dijo que pueden crear un futuro mejor" trabando juntos y ser "libres de espíritu y firmes en sus convicciones."