Cheers...Throng...Pope

By NC NEWS SERVICE

Kinshasa, Zaire — (NC) — Pope John Paul II toured African countries this week amid wildly cheering crowds, dancers on 10-foot stilts and the colorful pageantry of black Africa.

The pope landed in Zaire, the first stop of his six-nation tour, on May 2 and promptly turned the welcoming ceremony into a symbolic gesture toward all Africa. He kissed the ground and said: “God bless Zaire, God bless Africa.”

After several days of activity, however, the cheers were interspersed with tragedy and controversy. The tragedy occurred when nine people were trampled by the early crowds trying to enter a park where the pope was scheduled to celebrate Mass. The controversy involved the speed with which African customs should be incorporated into church life in Africa.

THE OTHER countries on the African tour (May 2-12) are the Congo, Kenya, Ghana, the Ivory Coast and Upper Volta.

At Kinshasa’s airport, the pope was greeted by President Mobutu Sese Seko and Cardinal Joseph Malula of Kinshasa.

Pope John Paul said he came as a religious leader to “purify, elevate and affirm" the religious nature of the African soul. He also said he was a messenger of peace and rejoiced with the independent African nations who have gained independence thus taking their destiny in their own hands.

Yet each African nation has a struggle to forge its own personality and culture, he said. For this the countries need peace, independence and non-partisan aid, he added.

At the airport hundreds of thousands of chanting and singing people greeted the pope.

THE PRESENCE OF Mobutu was seen as further evidence of the president’s growing reconciliation with Zaire’s Catholic Church. On the eve of the pope’s arrival, Mobutu, a baptized Catholic, married his companion of several years, Bobila Dawa, at a Mass celebrated by Cardinal Malula.

In the mid-1970s, the 49-year-old Mobutu tried to curb the power of the church as part of a campaign to eliminate colonial influence from Zaire. A key state action was the nationalization of the Catholic school (Continued on Page 8)
News At A Glance

St. Paul unites Christians, Jews

DALLAS — (NC) — St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans contains the key to harmonizing the universal Christian message and acceptance of Judaism, said Father Edward Flannery, former executive director of the U.S. bishops’ Secretariat for Catholic-Jewish Relations. Father Flannery spoke in Dallas at the Fifth National Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations.

Women’s role to be discussed

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — (NC) — Employment, health and education are key topics to be discussed at a U.N. sponsored conference on women to be held July 14-30 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The conference hopes to develop specific recommendations for programs to improve the status of women, especially in Third World countries.

Tensions increase in Mozambique

NEW YORK — (NC) — Tensions between Christian churches and the socialist government in Mozambique have been intensifying over the past year, according to Freedom of Faith, an ecumenical human rights group.

Social justice counts, Pope says

VATICAN CITY — (NC) — The quest for spiritual enrichment must not neglect the earthly concerns of social justice, Pope John Paul II told a group of Italian youths April 29.

Christians, Jews try to bridge Mid-East issues

DALLAS — (NC) — Participants at the fifth national Workshop on Christian-Jewish Relations agreed to try to bridge areas of misunderstanding and disagreement on such sensitive issues as proselytism and the Middle East. Promoting human rights and combating anti-Semitism were also discussed by the more than 200 participants in the Dallas meeting April 26-May 1. One speaker called the differing views on the state of Israel the most divisive wedge between Christians and Jews.

The differing views Jews and Christians have on the state of Israel was described by Rabbi Balfour Brickner as the most divisive wedge between the two groups. “Measuring everything by the yardstick of Israel chills, if not kills, dialogue,” Rabbi Brickner said. The director of the Department of Interreligious Affairs of the American Hebrew Congregation spoke of “an understanding of and sympathy with the Palestinian cause” that is growing in the world of American religion. The question of the treatment of Palestinians in the Middle East surfaced again in relation to a disagreement between the Jewish group and Protestant groups over a proposed statement by the National Council of Churches (NCC) concerning policy in the Middle East.

The NCC statement calls for the recognition by Israel of the rights of Palestinians for national self-determination as well as for recognition of Israel by the Palestinian and Arab nations and cessation of violence by all parties involved. It also addresses the problem of refugees. Many Jewish groups feel that the statement makes unreasonable demands upon Israel and the Jewish people in the Middle East and the Palestinians, to the point of imposing similar demands upon the Palestinians and Arabs.

Canadian Christians could unite

PIERREFONDS, Quebec — (NC) — Leaders of 12 Christian churches in Canada drafted a proposal for establishing a new Canadian association of Christian churches which could include the Catholic Church.

China has “two church” problem

ROME — (NC) — China must resolve the problems of “two Catholic churches” in an “original way” that can serve as a model for other Marxist nations, according to Cardinal Franz Konig of Vienna, Austria. Cardinal Konig, president of the Vatican’s Secretariat for Non-Believers, commented in an interview April 20.

Armenians gather in New York

NEW YORK — (NC) — At a church-sponsored seminar in New York, Americans of Armenian descent commemorated the 65th anniversary of the massacre by the Turks of their ancestors and relatives. The meeting probing the reasons for the deaths of 600,000 persons April 24, 1915, and its effects on survivors.
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Many are alone ... but FREE

By MARIE SALAZAR
Community Relations, CSB

With gaunt faces they lined up behind various check points at Tamiami Park. For some Cuban refugees the saga ended when relatives came to pick them up. For others it was just beginning.

In a wheelchair, Hilda Hernandez Caballon, a black Cuban refugee, sat nodding her head from side to side. An invalid, friends carried her into the Peruvian embassy and later into a boat which brought her to Key West. She has no relatives or friends in the U.S. In Cuba she didn't even have a wheelchair.

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Many are alone some have no friends or relatives here and most are unable to speak the language. Relief agencies such as the United States Catholic Conference are working closely with Catholic Service Bureau to relocate the refugees and coordinate volunteer efforts to provide clothing, food and temporary shelters.

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So far the agency has placed over 1,000 Cubans in Houston, New Jersey, Dallas and Newark. It pays for the plane tickets and phone calls to places as far away as California. “We pay the first month's rent and see that the person adjusts to the new life. We also have English teachers for the newly arrived. One of our prime objectives is getting the refugees to learn the language,” Canales said.

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Assistant the USCC at the local level, Mercedes Campano, intake supervisor for Catholic Service Bureau's Miami Region, has been working with HRS officials and the parishes in providing shelter for the approximately 90 unaccompanied children between the ages of 13 and 18 sent to this country.

"I am proud to say that we have a wonderful stuff of volunteers who have donated their time, effort and money to see these children housed and fed. They have provided everything from toilet articles to clothing. Without their help and the help of their parishes we could not have undertaken this effort," she said.

Fatigue is apparent on the faces of refugees after their long wait and journey to the U.S. at Tamiami Park.

Children's program starting up again

By MARJORIE L. DONOHUE

History began repeating itself last week in South Florida as the Archdiocese of Miami reactivated its Unaccompanied Cuban Children's Program to care for more than 100 teenagers who arrived from Castroland without families.

Ranging in age from 14 to 18 the youngsters, the majority of whom are boys, were sent out of Cuba by their parents. According to reliable sources some are the children of Cubans within the Peruvian Embassy who prevailed upon friends leaving the complex to take them to the U.S. Others reportedly are from families in Havana who took them to the embassy and helped them over the fence so that they might seek refuge in South Florida. All of their parents have signed releases for the Castro regime authorizing the children to leave without them, and every child has a passport.

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St. Mary Cathedral to get new rector

The Very Rev. Gerard T. LaCerra, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Miami has been named rector of St. Mary Cathedral, where he was ordained, by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy.

He succeeds Msgr. John J. Donnelly, S.T.B., who was appointed pastor of St. Malachy Church, Tamarac. Former Archdiocesan Director of Religious Education, Father LaCerra is a native of Chicago who came to Fort Lauderdale as a youth with his family who still resides in Broward County.

Now serving as pastor of St. Mary Magdalen Church, Sunny Isles, he was graduated from St. John Vianney and St. Vincent de Paul Seminaries and was ordained in 1969. He served as assistant pastor of Annunciation parish, West Hollywood, and coincident with that position was regional coordinator of religious education in Broward County. He also was an assistant pastor at Little Flower Church, Coral Gables and in St. James parish, North Miami. In 1973 he was elected secretary of the Mother’s Day Breakfast.

Columbiettes

A Major Degree for Florida State Columbiettes was exemplified on April 26, at the Martin Council Knights of Columbus Hall in Stuart. State President, Josephine de Carlo of Stuart was the officiate. Joining her were Past President Louise Contozer, Secretary Catherine Hadrin, Financial Secretary Eleanor Raisch, Treasurer Kathleen Schreifles, and Sentinel Margaret Lombardo. Candidates took the Degree from the following Columbiette Auxiliaries:

FR. LaCERRA

National Conference of Diocesan Directors of Religious Education. Msgr. Donnelly, who is observing the silver jubilee of his ordination this month, has been rector of the Cathedral since 1971. He was ordained in Tallahassee and is a native of Philadelphia.

Msgr. Donnelly, who was elevated to the rank of a Monsignor in 1974, is chairman of the Health and Welfare Program, Archdiocese of Miami and Diocese of St. Petersburg as well as director for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and the Pontifical Assn. of the Holy Childhood. He is also chairman of the Human Development Program Funds Committee, a member of the Archdiocesan Building Committee and of the Priest’s Committee for the needy parish fund.

Degree

St. John Neumann of Sunrise, Pope John XXIII of Venice, Dr. Laurence J. O’Rourke of Winter Haven, Lake Wales of Lake Wales, Cypress Gardens of Cypress Gardens, and Martin Council of Stuart.

The Second Annual Convention of Florida State Council Columbiettes will be held on May 30th and 31st, at the Holiday Inn
U.S. Bishops meet

"The threefold role of the bishop to be priest, prophet, and leader"

Plan extraordinary confab to eye their roles

CHICAGO -(NC) - The U.S. bishops during their three-day meeting last week in Chicago, overwhelmingly approved holding an extraordinary meeting probably in 1982, to discuss their role as bishops.

Also the bishops approved a resolution on refugees from Cuba and Haiti, held small group meetings to discuss priorities for their twin agencies, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference, and met in an afternoon-long executive session.

Under the proposal for the extraordinary meeting, the bishops would gather for about 10 days to give intense discussion to "the threefold roles of the bishops to be priest, prophet and leader:"

The PROPOSAL was developed by an ad hoc committee formed after the bishops one year ago approved a resolution calling for a study of the value and feasibility of having extraordinary meetings to discuss issues facing the church.

When the ad hoc committee's report came up for debate April 30, Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee immediately objected, saying he was disappointed with the proposal and the format for the meeting.

"There are so many burning issues facing the church that to come together to talk about our role as bishops would be a letdown," said Archbishop Weakland.

But other bishops quickly came to the defense of the committee's proposal.

Saying he was sympathetic to some of the concerns of Archbishop Weakland, Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati called the proposed meeting "a necessary first step toward more action-oriented meetings later on."

The resolution of Cuban and Haitian refugees passed without dissent.

Introduced by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami, in whose archdiocese a majority of Cuban and Haitian "boat people" have landed, the resolution urged President Carter to grant asylum and permanent residence to the refugees.

"We assure the administration, as we have in the past, that the church will do its utmost to provide resettlement opportunities, including employment and housing, for these people," the resolution stated.

At a news conference after passage of the resolution, Archbishop McCarthy said his archdiocese has seen calls from Cuban resettlement offices around the country offering to help the latest wave of refugees.

But he also noted that help is needed both for the "white Cubans," with the plight he said is often overlooked, as well as the "black Haitians," whose exodus to Florida has not been widely noticed.

Archbishop Weakland told the bishops' Liturgy Committee, which he heads, has approved a resolution dealing with the problem of holy days of obligation which fall back to bishops with the Sunday Mass obligation.

Several bishops in recent years have asked that something be done about the confusion that develops when a holy day falls on a Saturday or a Monday, possibly by permanently fixing some holy days in the middle of the week.

A resolution by Archbishop Weakland told NC News Service that the proposed resolution, which may be voted on by the bishops at their meeting in November, would not be released to the press until all the bishops receive it later in May.

ARCHBISHOP WEEKLAND also told the bishops that they may get another chance to vote on the question of "sexist" language in the liturgy.

He said the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) has proposed four newly revised eucharistic prayers to deal with one part of the language problem.

Those proposed new prayers, he said, might be part of the bishops' agenda when they meet again in November.

Last November, a majority of bishops voted to drop sexist references in the liturgy, but the motion failed because it needed two-thirds approval for passage.

Cutback in assessments OKd

CHICAGO -(NC) - The activities of several departments at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and U.S. Catholic Conference would be cut back under a "model" for conference programs approved by the U.S. bishops May 1.

The model, based on an assessment on U.S. dioceses of 9.3 cents per Catholic for support of NCCB-USCC programs, would cut the bishops' current $14.5 million budget by about $857,000 and result in a tentative staff cut of 36 from the bishops' 365 employees.

But the question of the actual assessment for 1981 was left undecided as the bishops concluded their semi-annual meeting. The bishops voted on a proposal to approve an assessment for 1981 of 10 cents per Catholic, but because not enough heads of dioceses were present the ballot will be completed by mail.

The PROPOSAL for the 10-cent assessment needs the approval of two-thirds of bishops who head dioceses. Auxiliary bishops are not eligible to vote on the issue.

The 10-cent assessment for 1981 was proposed by Bishop Thomas Kelly, NCCB-USCC general secretary, who said because of uncertainties about inflation a 9.3-cent assessment might not be adequate to support the 9.3-cent model.

The 9.3-cent model was one of five presented to the bishops as the result of their decision last November to seek ways to reduce NCCB-USCC programs and boost the line on diocesan assessments.

Last November the bishops approved an increase in the assessment of 1980 to 10 cents from the previous 8 cents.

 Debate on the models and the assessment centered on two issues: whether cutbacks should be made at the same time the bishops are in the midst of a process to determine long-range priorities for 1982 and beyond, and whether the cuts should be made from a group of programs or strictly from programs funded by the assessment.

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I think we'll be putting the cart before the horse if we approve one of these models," said Bishop Bernard F. Law of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo., referring to the current priority-setting process. He said he favored continuing current NCCB-USCC programs at their present level, even if it meant raising the 9.3 CENTS PER CATHOLIC IN U.S.

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Bishop William E. McManus of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind., agreed, noting that if the NCCB-USCC loses some of its personnel now it might not be able to regain them if the bishops decide later that some of the areas cut are among their highest priorities.

But the 9.3 cent model eventually passed by voice vote.

The other issue - whether all programs should be cut or just programs funded by the assessment - came out during a debate over whether the Campaign for Human Development, the bishops' domestic anti-poverty program, should be forced to trim its budget even though it is funded entirely by an annual collection rather than by assessment.

AUXILIARY BISHOP James P. Lyke of Cleveland succeeded in winning approval of an amendment to the 9.3-cent model which removed a proposed cut in the CHD education program.

The bishops' resolution on Iran called on President Carter to pursue a policy of restraint. It noted that while there is frustration over the failure of patient negotiation to free the hostages, the church teaches that resort to military force cannot be justified when other courses of action are available.

Approval of the overall approach of the pastoral letter on health came only after several bishops made suggestions for additional topics that should be included in it. One bishop said the letter needed a stronger emphasis on moral issues such as sterilization, while another said it should also explore the redemptive value of suffering.
Refugee lays down crutch at first Mass in U.S., at Fort Walton Beach in N. Florida.

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program 20 years ago and eventually brought 14,000 boys and girls to freedom in the U.S. The children arriving now are being welcomed and cared for in many instances by young men and women who came here through the program in the early 1960’s.

The Pedro Pan Foundation, established last year by refugees, now lawyers, physicians, bankers, government employees, etc. for the express purpose of aiding other unaccompanied refugee children, is actively cooperating to aid the new generation of exiles.

As they are taken into homes legal guardians are immediately appointed through the local courts. Msgr. Walsh said, explaining that until that time the children are being cared for at local rectories and parishes.

Rev. Ernesto Garcia-Rubio, himself a Cuban refugee, reports that the majority of children arriving had not been baptized and were prohibited from attending church by the Castro regime. "But they are definitely religious," he added explaining that obviously they have been instructed by their parents.

FATHER GARCIA-RUBIO is also a veteran of the children’s program having left Cuba in 1961 as a young man and lived in the rectory, the pastor, the deacon and having worked with Msgr. Walsh after he arrived here.

Ordained in the U.S. in 1963, he returned to his native country and worked among his people until 1969. When he returned to South Florida.

Among the many stories the youngsters told of their ordeal, two said that they had spent 13 and 14 days respectively in the jammed Peruvian embassy, where they practically lived in a tree. To sleep, they would tie themselves to its branches for fear of falling. Living at the embassy, they said, was a horror story.

One of the refugees will with tears in his eyes, asked if there was anyway to let his parents know that he was all right and well taken care of. Another gasped on seeing that a policeman was Cuban.

"YOU ARE Cuban?" he said incredulous. "A Cuban policeman in the United States? I thought Cubans here only worked in factories." Now a nationally recognized expert in refugee matters, Msgr. Walsh says that it is impossible to predict how many unaccompanied children will be sent out of Castroland.

"These people have really suffered," he declared. "It’s between 10 and 12 hours crossing to Key West in small boats which are frequently inadequate. When they arrive in Key West they undergo preliminary processing and are then bussed to Miami, another five or six hours. In Miami they are sent to the Youth Fair site now used as an immigration center. Processing there includes examinations by Public Health Authorities, Health and Rehabilitative Services and Immigration officials which takes several more hours. I would be dead," the Irish-born priest said.

In the 1960’s his program for unaccompanied children involved 56 other archdioceses and dioceses across the nation.

Alone but free

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process the refugees and lend assistance where needed.

Armando Guermes, 17, was worried about his family, left in Cuba, and his uncertain fate in the U.S. "I’m scared because I don’t know what is going to become of me. I hear I’m going to live in a parish and I hope those priests are not too strict. In Cuba I was studying geology for two years. I hope I can continue here and eventually get a degree," he said.

Reverend Francisco Carreras from St. Agatha spent a good deal of time at Tamiami along with priests from other parishes. Archbishop McCarthy also spoke to those arriving, greeting the refugees with love and praying they become accustomed to their new homes through strength and patience.

"You are now in a new country, you must make new friends, find new homes, new jobs," he said. "While many people will be anxious to assist you, we all know that under the circumstances everything will not be perfect. There will be times when you will feel discouraged and frustrated. But, you will meet many Cuban people and others who at one time were under the same circumstances. They are now happy," he said.

For some, the Little Havana Outreach Office of CSB offered opportunity and guidance.

We are offering job referrals, food, clothing, locating relatives and, in short, doing anything and everything to try to orientate these people within our community," said Mercedes Campano.

Children’s program again

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Volunteers renovate church, school, chapel

By MIREYAZELL

"I need your help, Father Mallen said, and they responded."

That was three years ago, when Father Charles R. Mallen, C.S.S.R. became Pastor of Opa-Locka's Our Lady of Perpetual Help. He had a pressing need to repair or reconstruct several buildings on the Church grounds, but parish funds were insufficient. So he decided to put the problem before his new congregation. The reconstruction target in 1980 is St. Mell-Hall, built around 1957 when the parish, under that same name, was quite different ethnically and in numbers from what it is today. "Round Tuit" got around to St. Mell's in mid-January of this year. The walls were stripped clean and painted; the 22 ft. ceiling, and walls, were insulated. Their 9 year old assistant completed the insulation under the supervision of more mature, skilled men.

Much remains to be done but the "Round Tuit" have vowed that this year's 8th graders will have their graduation ceremony at our old St. Mell with a new look, a new stage, kitchen, floors, and ceilings. Since the time Father Mallen addressed his parishioners and said, "I need your help," a Little League baseball field was made, four new roofs, including the Church and School's, were put in and a "portable" school structure was built. It is now a wooden attractive building with a good new roof for shelter. The Parish is especially proud of its Chapel of the Most Sacred Heart, a magnificently well-built addition to the main Church, and living evidence of the work, love and sacrifice of the people of the parish. Lacking the financial means to hire help, they respond to needs by putting their time and energy, their money and above all their love, into seeing a project through.

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Every inch of everything done in Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Church and surroundings, has been made with the love, dedication, skills and financial help of the parishioners. But in this parish of poor to low-income families the Pastor and priests also work alongside with their parishioners. Whatever needs to be done, they lend a hand, whether it be sweeping floors or hammering.

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Father Charles Mallen, Pastor, Our Lady of Perpetual Help

They responded by collecting enough money during that year's annual church festival to install a cyclone fence, one-half mile along the Church grounds. The money bought the materials; the labor was done by the "Round Tuit" volunteers. "Round Tuit" comes from the volunteers' usual response to Father's indications that 'this' or 'that' building was in bad shape. "We'll get 'round to it, Father..."

NOW AFTER three annual festivals and several reconstruction jobs, the original "Round Tuit" has become a team of 8 to 10 men and women and a nine-year-old boy. The two ladies who started out as helpers to clean up and just "lend a hand" are now skilled wall-plasterers. There are new carpenters, two letter-carriers, a flight engineer, a maintenance engineer, a construction engineer, an electrician, and two teen-age boys who help in whatever is needed.

All work hard at their regular daytime jobs, including the students, but they devote two or three hours during the evening to the work that must be done.

Rick Smith, supervises the "Round Tuit" team, and Raymond Le Boeuf checks for professional performance. The "day-shift supervisor" is one of the elementary school's teachers Mrs. Mary Kay Kinderlan, also known as "granny" because despite her age (mid twenties) she "grandmothers" her students into cleaning and straightening the rooms where the "Round Tuit" volunteers worked the night before.

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African throngs greet Pope

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system. But the school system was returned to the church in 1977 and Vatican officials with the pope said the church-state problems have been settled.

Zaire, the former Belgian Congo, was Christianized by European missionaries and has the largest Catholic population in terms of numbers and percentage of the nations on the papal trip. Over 45 percent of Zaire’s 27.4 million people profess Catholicism.

During the flight from Rome to Zaire, the pope talked with journalists about Africa and alluded to the recent U.S. effort to rescue the American hostages in Iran.

"WE ALWAYS need to fear for world peace, but these last days have been particularly tense and dangerous," said the pope. "We need to eliminate the causes of war and, in the first place, terrorism, which is a crime and a sin."

Regarding the boycotting of the summer Olympics in Moscow because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the pope said athletes should act according to their conscience.

THE CEREMONY had two high points before the ordinations. The pope was interrupted by loud cheers and sustained applause when he told the bishops-designate:

"You will contribute to the formation of the honest and courageous citizens that the country needs, enemies of corruption, lying and injustice." Zaire is considered one of the worst examples in Africa of rampant bribery and corruption.

Upon arriving, Pope John Paul immediately was confronted with the challenge of Africanizing the church.

While the pope quickly expressed support for efforts to deepen the African personality and culture, Cardinal Joseph Malula of Kinshasa indirectly warned against Vatican resistance to Africanization.

In Zaire, the issue revolved around the pope’s call for a slow, measured Africanization as opposed to the faster paced urged by many Zairean Catholics.

From the airport, the pope travelled 25 miles by motorcade to the cathedral in Kinshasa where Cardinal Malula issued his warning.

"AS FOR LITURGICAL life, we would have wished that your holiness could have had a first hand, living experience of a Eucharistic celebration in the so called 'Zairean' rite. And we would have liked to have informed you more fully about the work of theological reflection, which has ceaselessly been pursued in the various departments and research centers of our faculty of Catholic theology," the cardinal said.

According to some sources, the cardinal’s reference to using a native Zairean rite was a sharp criticism of the Vatican Congregation for Sacraments and Divine Worship.

Sources said the congregation refused permission for use of the Zairean rite in a papal Mass because the rite is only approved on an experimental basis, and the congregation feared that a papal presence would imply permanent approval.

Vatican press spokesman, Father Romeo Panciroli, offered a milder explanation. He said the pope was unfamiliar with the Zairean rite, so the idea of him concelebrating Mass in that rite was vetoed because of impracticality.

THE RITE, which incorporates native symbolic expressions, is considered by many Zaireans as one of the key areas in determining how fully the Vatican will accept Africanization of the church. In the rite, a priest wears normal vestments, but often adds a native headdress. He is accompanied to the altar by dancing acolytes carrying spears.

The pope responded to the challenge the following day (May 3) in talks to married couples and to the Zairean bishops.
NAIROBI, Kenya — In a hard-hitting speech, Pope John Paul II asked urgent solutions for the serious political problems facing Africa.

In an address to diplomats in Nairobi May 6, a major papal policy statement on African issues, the pope:
- Said Africa's vast refugee problem "is of such urgency that it must indeed mobilize" resources needed for a solution.
- Said human dignity and moral values are essential to Africa's self-identity.
- Urged African self-determination, stressing "economic independence and freedom from ideological domination" as essential elements of full autonomy.
- Hit at corruption and abuse of power by authorities, declaring that "the common good" is the first objective of all government.
- Demanded religious freedom as a basic human right, rejecting "atheistic ideology" as a denial of human dignity.
- Blasted racial discrimination as "evil, no matter how it is practiced, no matter who does it or why."
- Urged African countries to work together "to further their development, to promote their dignity and fuller independence, and to secure their rightful share in the management of the world."
- Called for "the priority of the spiritual" in all efforts at progress, saying that development dominated by materialism and selfishness is "lacking in humanity."
- Many of the problems raised by the pope stem from Africa's efforts to develop rapidly its immense wealth of untapped resources and to deal with its new-found political independence and the massive new educational and social needs that accompany technology and urbanization.

The latest case of independence from European colonialism disappeared this year with the formation of a black majority-ruled government in Zimbabwe, the former British colony of Rhodesia. In many African nations, independence was won after bitter civil wars.

Even where the road to independence was peaceful, the artificial national boundaries created by the colonists which often split tribes into two or three different countries and combined in the same country tribes traditionally hostile towards one another — created factionalism that often erupted into civil strife.

In the past two decades Africa has seen an average of more than two revolutions or coups per year.

The Organization of African Unity — to which the pope offered "every encouragement" — has decided as a basic principle of peace and cooperation to accept the existing national boundaries despite the difficulties they entail.

Civil wars and famines have caused about 4 million refugees in Africa, many of which are huddled in makeshift camps in African countries across the border from their place of origin.

SOUTH AFRICA remains a bastion of apartheid (strict racial segregation).

Rapid urbanization has broken down the traditional close ties of the extended family and helped contribute to a weakening of moral values.

Official corruption is so pervasive in some countries that civil service posts are sought for the bribery income, not the salary.

The attraction of export income has turned some African countries from self-sufficiency to net importers of food as economic resources have gone for export-oriented production rather than to stimulate farming. This led the pope, earlier in the day, to call agricultural development a first priority for Africa.
By Fr. John Dietzen

Annulment possible in this case?

I need your advice desperately. I am a Catholic and my family has been Catholic for generations. About nine years ago I married a non-Catholic man. After seven years of heartbreak and disappointments I finally got the courage to face defeat and get a divorce. I know I should have done it sooner, but I felt I failed. Even now after those years I feel ashamed of it and hate the word divorce; it's like death.

My former husband just did not want to give up his single lifestyle after marriage, like drinking with the boys regularly and coming home when he felt like it. A lot of other things were involved but the hardest part was when I found out after we married that we could not have children. I thought we would adopt but he absolutely refused. I prayed for a long time that he would change his mind, but he didn't.

I am going on 34 years old, and if it's God's will I hope to marry again and have a child before I get older. I do, however, want to marry in the church and with God's blessing. I am writing to you to say I would like an annulment and I feel I truly deserve one. I need your advice on this greatly. (California)

A You obviously have been hurt much during the past years and feel frustrated and betrayed. I hope you will be able to find the way toward new hope in your life, and a way to put things back together for yourself.

The first thing you should have, even more than an annulment, and which I am sure you want deeply, is a healing of all these past hurts and some serenity of mind so that you can make a new beginning in your life. I urge you as strongly as I can to search for some assistance to achieve this. Whether it is through confidences you can share with a wise friend, or with one of the many groups that are designed to help people such as yourself get a new start, or perhaps both, realize that many people have suffered the same kinds of collapse you experience and have learned much about how to help others through the same tragedies.

A move the U.S. Catholic Conference has strongly opposed.

The FCC is the nearest thing the people have to some kind of overall control. You can write to the FCC, before its hearings on children's television next month, and express your wish that they regulate forcefully, to: The Secretary, FCC, Washington, DC, 20554. You can also receive TV consumer information from ACT, 46 Austin St., Newtonville, Ma., 02160.

It's your living room.

MATTER OF OPINION

By Fr. John Diefzen

Television, radio slipping away....

The Federal Communications Commission is letting the broadcasting industry slowly slip away from its grasp. There seems to be a trend in government in recent years towards a hands-off policy in areas of the media that affect the moral health of society, and a hands-on policy in areas of government power.

Pursuant to recent court rulings, the government can now burst into a newspaper's office and seize its heretofore privileged information sources, in lieu of police and prosecutors doing their own digging. (Can you imagine federal authorities a few years ago charging into the Washington Post and seizing all the Watergate material and putting it in the same place the famous 18 minute tape segment went?)

However, the courts and most prosecutors allow hardcore dirty movies to play in any town in America. Unmarried couples routinely go to bed together on prime time television, in your living room, in TV movies and sit-coms alike. Yet, neither the FCC nor the courts can find the moral stance on which to take action.

Dirty, erotic, profane and otherwise demeaning to males and to females, fill many popular songs on the radio. Yet the FCC is proposing to deregulate radio broadcasting rather than step up regulation.

EDITORIAL

Sanger film false

To the Editor:

Having viewed the film "Portrait of a Rebel" (the life of Margaret Sanger, founder of "Planned Parenthood") aired recently by CBS, I could not help but write and clarify a few facts for those who might be confused or misled by it.

As a Hispanic immigrant, I feel particularly offended by the glorification of CBS made of Margaret Sanger's philosophy and work, both of which in reality openly discriminated against minorities and the poor and were racist in nature. Sanger's own lover, Havelock Ellis (who wrote in her "Birth Control Review" May, 1919: "More children from the unfit-usually the fit") and suggested that we would "create a race of thoroughbreds". (Birth Control Review Nov., 1921)

The film also fosters anti-catholic sentiment, through a catholic priest character (amonsignor) who during an interview with Sanger, supposedly warns her to "stay away from catholic women" and threatens her by saying that the Catholic Church is "a very powerful enemy."

It is indeed sad that networks like CBS allow the public airways to be used to indoctrinate, disseminate falsehoods, and promote anti-catholicism; instead of to educate and entertain the American public.

Magaly Llaguno
Spanish Speaking Comm. for Life
Miami

Barry students lucky

To the Editor:

I was surprised to see the letter

in The Voice expressing disapproval of the story about Barry College.

Without re-reading the story, I recall that it left me with the impression that the staff of Barry College is composed of patient, understanding, and spiritually alive people, and that the students are fortunate to be in such an environment.

I can understand why the Barry College staff might think the story is negative. Many accounts about Catholic institutions are so syrupy they are practically worthless. And we are used to seeing such stories as the norm, with any deviation an insult.

It is good to hear of students who are not ready to parrot the "proper" words when they do not agree with those words.

The students are doubting Thomas's, and like Thomas, the doubts can only lead uphill. I think it is a credit to Barry College that the students aren't afraid to think. (Recall the Catholic college of twenty years ago?)

Mary Jonge
North Palm Beach

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Forgiveness key to healing soul

By Msgr. James J. Walsh

The doctor laid down the law firmly to his patient. "You can no longer afford to get angry and excited. In your condition, you are going to have to overlook everything that riles you. If you let yourself get excited and blow up in anger and nurse resentment, you are going to do yourself real harm..."

A man with high blood pressure. A patient doctor telling him how to live with it, besides taking medication. It was rather startling to realize that the good advice given the patient in order to protect his body applied with even greater sanction to preserving the health of the soul.

THE SOUL, of course, gets sick. Very upset. Seems to come unglued, ourselves to be carried away with resentment, or hatred. We die revealing the enormity of his distortion of the truth about Jesus.

Unfortunately a few scholars have claimed that Jesus was not a Jew. In fact, according to Michel de Goedt, O.C.D., a biblical scholar in Jerusalem, W. Grundmann a work in 1940 called "Jesus the Galilean and Judaism," which seemed to have overtones of Hitler-style propaganda.

The history of Jesus is attracting considerable attention. One reason for this is the "return to the sources," a movement, a movement the bishops at the Second Vatican Council enthusiastically received. Today there is a strong desire to rediscover the Jewish origins of Jesus.

Clearly, Jesus was a Jew who received the Jewish Scriptures from the Jewish people, listened in rapt earnestness to the Scriptures read in the synagogue and offered daily the prayer of all Jews, the "Shema Israel."

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For a clear presentation of this topic, I recommend "Faith Without Prejudice" by Eugene Fisher, a work published by the Paulist Press.

THE BOOK Fisher tells a humorous story about Bishop Bernard Sheil, the late auxiliary bishop of Chicago. In 1831 he went to Chicago as a lecturer on the relationship of Christians and Jews. In the course of his remarks he said: "Was not Jesus Christ a Jew? Was not Mary a Jew?"

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SO THE "OUTWARD" appearance of religion may really mean nothing at all if the heart is poisoned. Going to Mass, observing the other laws and precepts, appearing to all people as a faithful churchgoer makes not the least impression on God, if one lives with a hard heart of un Forgiveness or animosity.

The commandment, "Thou shalt not kill," obviously is against murder. But too often we stop there in examination of conscience, because while murder is on the increase, we are not guilty of that.

However, there is a long list of sins included in this commandment. All the internal, hidden sins of hatred, envy, jealousy, revenge, it forbids all thoughts and desires and words which could be harmful to neighbor. Christ insists his followers not only forgive one another for any fault whatever, but also love one's enemies, pray for them and do good to them.

EASY? NEVER. No one ever reaches the point where this kind of genuine love is given without pain and sacrifice. But God's voice was never as strong on Mt. Sinai as it is here in insisting on love. He promised to offer the willing, humble person the grace to live in peace with others. He realizes far more clearly than we that to forgive injuries, to clear the heart of resentment, to refuse revenge is contrary to the inclinations of our nature. We have to do some violence to ourselves to rise about these animal instincts.

Do we sometimes wonder why the church stresses the importance of regular prayer and the power of the Eucharist? The source of the strength we need is found only in prayer and the Eucharist.

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By Fr. John Sheerin, CSP

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When the children leave...

By KATHARINE BIRD

After years of marriage, many couples subject their lives to intense scrutiny. Many do so when their last child leaves home. The empty-nest syndrome often finds husbands and wives discovering to their dismay that they must relate to each other face-to-face again. Over the years, they may have allowed close communication to be superseded by the many concerns of everyday living.

Immersed in the myriad details of family life and career, couples often avoid confronting each other with problems. When the first ardor of marriage settles into routine, couples may ignore warning signals and the nagging feeling that something is wrong.

ONCE CHILDREN begin to leave home, however, couples can avoid confrontation no longer. Alone again, couples face a time of opportunity and risk.

Statistics show that the second highest divorce rate in the United States for several years has been among couples married for 20 years or more. Catholic couples have made the same divorce rate as the secular society.

Why are the middle years so difficult? In my counseling of middle-aged women and in talking with persons concerned about marriage, several points have emerged.

First, the mood in U.S. society today strongly favors individual fulfillment. The primary value for many people is individual happiness. Yet this philosophy can run counter to what marriage requires.

Most husbands and wives discover that marriage demands cooperation and compromise, which sometimes means that individual desires are postponed or changed. They find that marriage calls for a delicate balance between individual fulfillment and happiness for a couple.

BY REBECCA CHRISTIAN

I remember coming home after my curfew one night in high school. My parents were at the kitchen table, so involved in a discussion of philosophy that they forgot to reprimand me. The image of them at that moment lingers as a lesson for my own marriage. No matter how tired or busy they were, my parents always had time to communicate with each other.

My parents were wrapped up in their children’s lives. We worried that it would be painful for them when we left home. For a time it was.

MOTHER had no interest in a life outside the home. The cookies in the blue crock were fragrant and homemade. The making of valentines or Christmas decorations or doll clothes was never outlawed for fear it would mess up her spotless kitchen. Except for a stay in the hospital, I cannot remember an afternoon when she was not waiting for us after school.

My father, a school teacher, moonlighted to help make ends meet. The few waking hours he was home, he was always available to us.

By inclination, and because of the money too, my parents rarely hired a babysitter. Instead we assembled for a family night every Friday. Usually we were joined by another imperious family for popcorn, monopoly, stories and skits.

The past 10 years have radically changed that bustling household. When we first left to make our ways in the world, my mother seemed uncharacteristically blue. She, who seldom cried, was weepy when vacations ended. Dad’s voice soundedístful during Sunday telephone calls. He invariably asked: “Are you coming home soon?”

Despite their freedom to be alone again in more silence, privacy and affluence than they had enjoyed in 30 years, my parents faced new responsibilities and problems. Two of their own parents died. The surviving parents became increasingly dependent. My parents encountered bouts of illness themselves and a daughter’s divorce.

But after several years, my parents are experiencing a sort of personal renaissance.

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"To everything there is a reason ...

The author has been accused of pessimism. The Book of Ecclesiastes has fascinated people for centuries. Just about everyone is familiar with its opening lines. Says Qoheleth: "Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!"

Job had wondered why the good man should not be blessed with wealth, health and joy. Qoheleth goes further, insisting that even these things are illusory and disappointing. Speaking in the name of the wealthy Solomon, he complains that he has tried every pleasure money could buy in this search for happiness, but "all was vanity and a chase after wind, with nothing gained under the sun." (Eccl. 3).

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Priests convention focuses on family needs

TUCSON, Ariz. — (NC) — An author who has written extensively on family life and the Paulist priest-founder of an international organization to minister to the divorced opened the meeting of the House of Delegates of the National Federation of Priests’ Councils (NFPC)

“Family Ministry and Church Structure” was the theme of the 1980 NFPC meeting.

“In too many dioceses and more parishes,” said the writer, Dolores Curran, “the family is being ministered to as if it were the family of a generation or two ago. Parish structures remain the same, missing ministry and support to half its families.”

REFFERING TO the American bishops’ 1979 Pastoral Plan for Family Ministry, Paulist Father James J. Young said, “The bishops grasped prophetically the new challenges that face the family and called for a far-reaching renewal in the family ministry of the church. “They recognized that they must begin by listening, insisting that integral to this plan of action is the deep conviction that the church leadership considers it essential to listen perceptively, trustingly, compassionately to what people are saying about their Christian understanding of marriage, sexuality, family life.”

More than 150 delegates from some 100 U.S. priests’ councils heard the outgoing NFPC president, Father James Ratigan, in his fourth annual State of the Federation address, say that priests’ councils have moved beyond clerical issues and that those councils which have not “are weak and directionless.”

He said, "One of the lessons I have learned from the NFPC convocations...is that many Religious and laity do look to priests and priests’ councils to bring about the necessary renewal in the church so that it can more adequately address the ministerial concerns of society.”

“IF COUNCILS direct themselves to total pastoral concerns of the local church they have a strong future,” Father Ratigan said.

Too often, the NFPC board said in choosing family ministry as the theme, “the family is viewed from a negative...rather than from a positive perspective that emphasizes both the individual and collective talents that each family possesses to fulfill its mission in the world today.”

Mrs. Curran called on delegates to consider and promote a wider definition of the family, "not only the single definition of the past or of couples with children, but also the committed singles, childless couples, mid-life couples, interfaith married, widowed, teens and young adults.”

She asked that they understand that ministering to today’s family does not necessarily imply approval of their lifestyles but that every family is worthy of ministry.

Father Young, rector of St. Paul’s College, Washington, said that “viewing family relationships as one of support, of fidelity and of caring challenges the affluent, privatized, shallowly romantic view of marriage and family which characterizes so much of our contemporary culture.”

PRINCIPLES underlying the bishops’ plan include raising awareness, helping families to be caring, having a sense of Christian mission and developing structures, he said.

“By seriously entering into this daring process for family-like ministry which the bishops have proposed, the church structures will necessarily be transformed,” Father Young said.

“I still do not know of a diocese which invests as much in personnel and financial resources in the preventive medicine of family life ministry as it does in the remedial ministry of the tribunal. From my observation, in those dioceses where there is a well-financed and well-staffed family life office, more family ministry occurs.”

Mrs. Curran asked priests not to be overwhelmed by the challenges to family ministry.

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Dolphin player urges faith, love

Athlete

By GEORGE KEMON

"We all have a vocation — the Lord gave us life, now we have to do something with it. And our vocation is to develop this gift of life we have been given."

The man speaking those words was Tim Foley, long-time defensive back for the Miami Dolphins. He was speaking to a large audience of young people and many adults at Christ the King Parish in Perrine.

TIM FOLEY, football player, musician, composer, defender of youth and accomplished public speaker held his audience in the palm of his hand as he outlined his own struggles with his career, his fears and anxieties, his needs and desires to make his life Christ-like and to make his career meaningful to him.

Tim spoke of his youth — his own fears as a child, and the fears he still takes to each football game. But he takes Faith in God, also, and he calls upon God frequently to see him through crises on the playing field as well as crises in his every day life.

"I work hard in building myself in athletics," says Foley, "But, it's easy to let things go and say they will take care of themselves — but they won't."

"Nothing is accomplished by accident; there is no easy way. It becomes a matter of values — how powerful you want to become," said Foley.

The Dolphin player spoke to the young people about not losing faith in themselves and he told them, "You have a Heavenly Father who wants more for you, than your parents do — its hard to accept that, but its true."

And he expounded on his early years as a youngster and his fears of failing, especially when he was at Purdue in 1966. And at those times and when he was a rookie professional player, he became "dedicated to being cool" and overcoming those fears of his shortcomings and inadequacies through prayer.

THE POPULAR athlete said, "I need spiritual assistance every day, I am not ashamed to admit that. I am glad I can call upon my God for this support, and I do so."

Tim closed his remarks urging everyone to "Love one another" and remember "Faith — use it to lean on or build on — but use it."

Fr. Sean O'Shaughnessy of Christ the King introduced Tim and he also showed a new film, "Who is This Man?" — a film done on the Pope's visit to this Country. It is a new film and has not been seen in Florida before.

The young people presented Tim with a cake following his talk.

There were nine parishes of the South Dade Federation represented at the evening program.

New Singles Club

New Singles Club forming at St. James. St. James wants to reach out to singles by having a complimentary Wine and Cheese party on the Parish Patio, Monday Evening, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. Enjoy twilight on the patio, meet new friends and witness the birth of a new parish society that offers spiritual, social and recreational service to the single members of the "family" of St. James.

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Joint effort helps Viet family

By JO OPITZ
Voice Correspondent

The Ecumenical Spirit in Collier County has never been more evident than the joint effort to sponsor an entire Vietnamese family in Naples. Three months ago, at a moment’s notice, a delegation gathered late at night, at the Naples Airport, to welcome a refugee family. Among those present were: Rev. Peter H. Lyberg, Pastor of Shepherd of the Glades Lutheran Church, Father Michael Hickey, Pastor, St. Peter’s Catholic Church, Rev. Harols E. Brown, Jr., Pastor, East Naples United Methodist and a group of lay persons led by John E. Magurany of St. Peter’s St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The FAMILY of nine was joyfully reunited with 16 members of their family who previously had escaped from Vietnam and had been resettled in Naples by Rev. Lyberg. This sponsorship of Vietnamese families was spearheaded by Pastor Richard Cooper, Pres. of St. Peter’s St. Vincent de Paul, appointed John Magurany chairman of the Vietnamese Project, to be assisted by Al Faulkner, Frances Jardine, Kay Tuttle and Helen Magurany to work under the direction of Rev. Lyberg.

Father Hickey, speaking of the volunteer effort of his parishioners, said, “I wish all the names of the people who have been helping could be listed. They have just taken full responsibility for the family and made them their very own. I really have had to do very little myself.”

Rev. Brown arranged for the children to be admitted to the public schools. The oldest girl, Lan, 10, attends Lely High, 13-year-old son Loi, East Naples Middle School. Sons Phwoe, 12, Son, 10, Hai, 9 and daughter Than, 11, are at Avalon School. Baby daughter Ut, 4, remains at home with mother Buoi. Urgently needed dental care, was arranged for by St. Peter’s St. Vincent de Paul.

The final papers are about to be signed for the purchase of a house. St. Peter’s family will be moving into it next week. At the same time, ladies from St. Peter’s Council of Catholic Women are busy cleaning the house which has three bedrooms and two baths; getting it ready for the furniture which the St. Vincent de Paul shop has been holding for them. The ladies are planning a linen and kitchen shower for the other needed items, which may be obtained from the Re- store or will be picked up by the family.

“Ever since I arrived in Naples I have never ceases to marvel at the goodness of the people and the wonderful help I have always received from other clergymen…”

Fr. Hickey
Susan B. Honored

DEERFIELD BEACH — Susan B. Anthony, whose great aunt is the first American woman to be represented on a U.S. coin, the recently minted silver dollar, will be honored by St. Mary of the Woods College on May 11.

An honorary doctorate of letters will be conferred on Dr. Anthony, a eucharistic minister and lector at St. Ambrose Church. A few days later she will be one of 150 participants invited to the Religious Leaders Consultation on the World Conference of the U.N. Decade for Women at the White House.

One of the first 15 women in the nation to receive a doctorate in Theology at St. Mary College, Notre Dame, the grand niece of the suffrage leader came to South Florida in 1965 and joined the staff of the then Marymount College as assistant professor of Theology.

WHILE THERE she inaugurated the first women’s studies course in the U.S. She is also a co-founder of Wayside House, a residential treatment center for alcoholic women at Delray Beach. A recovered alcoholic, she is now a private counselor for women with alcohol problems and has travelled more than 300,000 miles since 1976 lecturing on this subject as well as women’s rights.

NEWLY ORDAINED— Ten new deacons were ordained by Bishop John J. Nevins last Saturday in a ceremony at St. Mary’s Cathedral. They are: Tom Cauley, Ron Wohlert, John McGrow, Mike Pendergast, from St. Augustine.

The steering committee planning the program is composed of representatives from Charisma Chapel, Church of God, Community of the Living Word Prayer Group, First Presbyterian Church, Full Gospel Businessmen’s Association, St. Ann Catholic Church, St. John’s Episcopal, St. Peter’s Catholic, San Marco Catholic, United Church of Christ, and Women’s Aglow Fellowship of Naples.

The program for the evening includes music by the well-known Charisma Chapel group, prayer and praise, hymns, Scripture readings, witness, Scripture message, and closes with a healing service.

Featured speaker will be Father George DePrizio, C.S.C., from Albany, N.Y., well known to many involved in the charismatic renewal through his conferences, retreats, tapes, and books.

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Women's Clubs
The Patrician Club of St. Patrick's Church will hold its annual installation of officers at a special 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's on Tuesday, May 13. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Joseph Cronin, the Pastor. Immediately following Mass a luncheon will be held at the home of Deborah Martin, 2702 Alton Road, Miami Beach.

St. James Variety Show
The St. James Forever Young Club will sponsor their annual Variety Show, "Around the World in Eighty Days" on May 14, at 2:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall at N.W. 131 St. and 5th Ave. This showing is free to all senior citizens in the Archdiocese of all are cordially invited to attend. The Second Showing will be on Saturday Night, May 17, at 8:00 p.m. This showing is for the public and tickets are $2.50 each. B.B.O.Y. For further information please call Lil Murray at 681-5649, or Joan Senk at 665-1852.

A Special Place for Special Persons--God's Children
Catholic summer camping for boys and girls, ages 15 and 16 from June 26 - August 17.

Day care center to be dedicated at St. Luke's
A new day care center for children of drug addicts participating in treatment programs at St. Luke Drug Center will be dedicated by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 12, at 3520 NW Seventh St.

St. Francis Fraternity
The St. Francis Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order will meet on Sunday, May 18, at 1:15 p.m., at St. Francis de Sales Church, 621 Alton Rd., Miami Beach, Fl. The regular meeting will be at 2:00 p.m. in the Church Hall, followed by refreshments and social hour. You are invited to join the Franciscan Family. Visitors welcome.

Marriage Renewals
Couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of May are cordially invited to renew their marriage vows on Sunday, May 11, at 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Lawrence.

Follow Mass the St. Lawrence Council of Catholic Women will host a reception for these couples, families, friends, and visitors.
Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), chosen by President Carter to succeed Cyrus R. Vance as secretary of state, is the first Catholic to hold that office.

"I'm very pleased with the appointment," said Bishop Edward C. O'Leary of Portland, Maine, in.

Hehir said. Muskie is "a good man, a man of strength and a man of integrity," said Msgr. Joseph B. Coyne, pastor of St. Ignatius Parish in Portland, Maine, said Muskie was a "great man and a good man." The archbishop added: "I didn't expect that." he said because of other commitments the senator and his wife have.

"Mrs. Muskie had duties in the school while the children were here," the pastor said. All five Muskie children attended Little Flower School, a theologian.

"HE BRINGS a strong mind and a strong personality to a job that takes a strong person," Father Hehir said. Muskie is "a good man and a good Catholic," said Msgr. Vincent A. Tatarczuk, vicar for records of the Diocese of Portland. Muskie is "a man of great integrity, who would never compromise his faith and who has carefully developed his conscience," said Msgr. Tatarczuk, who has known Muskie since the early 1950s and who officiated at the weddings of two of the senator's children.

The Portland diocesan official was asked about the senator's stand on the abortion issue, which has been criticized by some members of the pro-life movement. The senator has opposed a constitutional amendment to ban abortions and has also voted for the use of federal funds to pay for abortions in certain cases.

Muskie "is personally very much opposed to abortion," the priest said, "but in his voting experience he has taken his cues from (Jesus) Father (Robert F.) Drinan (D-Mass.), an attorney, a former dean of the Boston College Law School, a theologian."

MUSKIE "SEES it as a matter of reconciling his conscience with what his constituency is asking him to do. He felt he was not in any way condoning the practice of abortion but was accommodating the cons- sciences of others."

The priest said that during his two terms as governor of Maine from 1964 to 1968, Muskie had been a member of the Catholic Lawyer's Guild in the diocese.

In 1995, the Muskie children graduated from the school. Edmund Jr., the youngest, transferred after the sixth grade. The three Muskie children attended Little Flower School, a theologian.

MUSKIE'S SENATE voting record on foreign policy issues is that of a Democrat strongly sup- portive of a president belonging to the same party.

He backed Carter's decision to try to rescue the U.S. hostages in Iran. That decision prompted Vance to resign...
Basketball Camps at Columbus H. S.

Brother Kevin, Head Coach at Columbus High School, Miami, has announced that the school will hold two basketball camps this Summer for boys and girls.

The boys’ camp will run from June 16 through July 11. Morning sessions will be for boys between the ages of 7 to 13, and the afternoon sessions will be for boys from 14 to 18. Each session will be limited to 60 boys.

The program will include individual instruction in all basketball fundamentals. Each student will receive personalized instruction from an experienced Staff Member and will participate in fundamental practice sessions and 5 on 5 league play daily. Lecture demonstrations and movies are an important part of the program.

The camp for girls will run from June 30 through July 3. The sessions will run from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will include basic instruction, movies, lectures and demonstrations.

The costs of the sessions and other information may be obtained from Brother Kevin, at Columbus High School, phone 502-1448 – day or evening.

Sister President honored

SISTER TRINITY FLOOD, president of Barry College in Miami Shores has been initiated as a member of Beta Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

The ceremony and luncheon were held at the Omni Hotel on Biscayne Boulevard in Miami.

Delta Kappa Gamma is a society for women educators who have given evidence of distinctive service in the field of education. The society has approximately 150,000 members in 2700 chapters in the United States, Canada, Latin America and Europe.

Dade County has nine chapters.

Marie Campbell, Katherine Schemel and Merry Schrage also joined Beta Zeta at this same initiation.

Knights in Little Flower Restoration

Fr. M.F. Monahan, Council No. 4851, Knights of Columbus, in Hollywood will climax their drive to assist in the restoration of the fire-gutted Little Flower Parish with a dinner dance to be held on May 24, at 600 Knights Road in Hollywood. For information or reservations, please contact the Council Trustees at 899-6732, 905-0062, or 899-4616.

Braille Baseball Schedules

Braille copies of the 1980 baseball schedules for the National and the American Leagues are now available for blind sports fans. Braille readers may obtain free copies of the schedules from FLORIDA REGIONAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND, 1151 SW 48th St., Miami, 887-8633. Leadline and nonfiction books and magazines are part of a larger collection of fiction and nonfiction books and magazines available on disc, on cassette, and in braille. The equipment needed to listen to recorded books and magazines is loaned free to anyone who has problems reading because of a visual or physical limitation, temporary or permanent.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the administration of the estate of JOHN A. MICHALIK is filed in the Circuit Court for Dade County, Florida, and copies of the petition which set forth the claimant's name and address of the personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction to which a copy of this Notice has been mailed are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file any objections they may have that challenges the validity of the personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction to which a copy of this Notice has been mailed.

All persons having claims or demands against the estate of JOHN A. MICHALIK, Deceased, may file with the court, or cause to be filed with the court, between the dates set forth below, a sworn statement of any claim or demand they may have that challenges the validity of the personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction to which a copy of this Notice has been mailed. If the claim is secured, the security shall be described. The claimant shall deliver sufficient copies of the claim to the clerk to enable him to make one copy to each personal representative.

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A mother is a person who knows her child is coming down with a cold before the child even suspects it.

A mother is a person who can dry rubber pants by waving them out the car window at 45 mph, by blowing them with the hair dryer or shaking them over the bathtub.

A mother is a person who heals little hurts with a touch or a kiss.

A mother is a person who won’t scold you for sneaking graham crackers and pickles into your peanut butter sandwich.

A mother is a person who leaves extra cookie dough on the beaters so there will be enough to lick.

A mother is a person who blows her cool when she breaks a fingernail but stays calm taking Johnny to the doctor for stitches.

A mother is a person who can take a Band-Aid off your arm without making it hurt.

A mother is a person who knows why hamsters die, why spinach doesn’t taste good and why the Tooth Fairy only comes out at night.

A mother is a person who can fold socks, play Chinese checkers and watch “The Odd Couple” simultaneously.

A mother is a person who turns rainy days into fun times with scissors, paste, rubber bands, buttons and colored paper.

A mother is a person who cannot wait to get her baby into bed at night and cannot wait to get him out of bed in the morning.

A mother is a person who knows that loving her children is her favorite form of prayer.

Hilda Young
Apelación Conjunta

de Obispos Eduardo Boza-Masvidal y Agustín A. Román

“Movidos por nuestra responsabilidad como obispos y cubanos, aunque viviendo en diferentes partes del hemisferio, uno en el Norte y el otro en el Sur, hoy hemos unidos nuestras piegarias, parte de toda conside-

ración política, en favor de nuestros hermanos y

hermanas que buscaron asilo en la Embajada de Perú en La Habana.

“Nosotros estamos muy agradecidos a todas las Naciones que tanto han hecho para ayudar a los cuba-

nos. Tales gestos de solidaridad no se olvidan facil-

mente, pero la situación de los refugiados es tan extremadamente grave que sólo con nuevas y ur-

gentes medidas pudiera ser remedida.

“Vivimos en un tiempo que cada día se acentúa la situación de los que quedan en la embajada del Perú. Son tan precarios que en cualquier momento podríamos oír de fatales sucesos. La situa-

tión de los que han obtenido salvoconductos y pueden ir a sus casas no es mucho mejor, porque des-

de el momento en que una persona nuestra sueño de salir del país se le niegan los más básicos derechos.

Jóvenes Refugiados en Little Flower

Más de cuarenta jóvenes cubanos llegados a Miami por medio del “puente de barcos” entre Mariel y Cayo Hueso han encontrado calor hogareño en la Parroquia de Little Flower, en Coral Gables.

Al frente de ellos está el Rw. P. Alvaro Guichard y atendiéndolos, un grupo de vol-

untarias de la Parroquia. En estas líneas desean rendirle un homenaje a todos los volun-

tarios en todas partes del Sur de la Florida, mujeres y hombres que han dedicado ge-

nerosamente largas horas de trabajo a estos muchachos, muchos de los cuales no tienen familiar alguno en los Estados Unidos.

Hemos visto la fatiga de sus estueros retratados en sus semblantes y el cansancio en sus movimientos y sin em-

bargo allí están, en pie de lucha, preparando alimentos, distribuyendo ropas, ordenan-

do todo cuanto requiere empre-

sa de esta magnitud.

Hay un buen número de fe-

ligeses voluntarios que no se ven pero que trabajan para ellos, en sus casas, lavando y planchando sus ropas. Debe-

mos también hacer justicia a los muchos católicos america-

nos que están envueltos en es-

tas labores anónimas, quienes

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nos que están envueltos en es-

zas de privaciones.

Preguntamos a uno de 17

años que era lo que más necesi-

taba los días y contestó, señalando al compañero, bromee-

ando: “Comida! Tenía tan-

ta hambre que ya tenías ganas de darte a este unas morci-

das.”

Otro dice que estuvo diez

días durmiendo en el suelo de la azotea del edificio y que “es-

te caíte me parece ahora una nube. Estoy durmiendo en una nube.”

Hay un jovencito de 16

años que cuando alega de que

unos pueblos que viven en Hialeah no le han ido a visitar desde que llegó y hace cinco días que está alojado en La Parroquia Little Flower. Las voluntarias han llevado varias veces y prometen que “van a venir” pero aún los están esperando.

Otro de unos trece años

tiene sus días en New Jersey y se lamenta de que ellos ni si-

quiera han tratado de ponerlo en contacto con el niño a pesar de que sabe que él está aquí.

Clara Cabal, una joven vo-

luntaria que ya a las nueve de la mañana luce extremadamente
te cansada, nos cuenta que al-

gunos de los familiares con

quienes ellas han hablado han respondido de muy mala alegando diferencias con el

cátedra o la madre del joven. Ex-

cusa de muy poco valor moral

puesto que hay familias que se ignoran muchacho se le puede culpar por la con-

ducta familiar de uno de sus productos.

La mayor parte de los fami-

liares de estos jóvenes han res-

pondido en muy amablemente al

(Pasa a la Pag. 4A)

Este Mundo es Una

Carrera de Ratas...

By Ana M. Rodríguez

Pequeña, vivaracha y apa-

rentemente con una inagotable energía, Madre Angélica, inclu-

sionada a las cosas imposibles y quien quizás sea también el más apaisado estilo cómico de la

nación, “sembió semillas de amor” en Penbrooke Pines cuando más de 500 personas se abarrotaron la Iglesia de San Bonifacio para asistir a una ce-

labra patronal cuyas dimensiones son ya tan trágicas como sean la fecha y la casualidad de su aparición.

“Que Nuestra Señora de la Caridad, Patrona de Cuba, ruego a nosotros el Todopoderoso en esta noche tan larga y llena de dolor que estamos pasan-

dó!”

Desayuno en Little Flower: una abundancia que los deja sorprendidos.

La vieja iglesia convertida en dormitorio.
Obispos de E.U. Urgen Ayuda a Refugiados

Los Obispos católicos de la nación adoptaron la siguiente resolución presentada por Monseñor Edward A. McCarthy, Arzobispo de Miami, en la reunión del Episcopado en Chicago en Abril 30.

"Una vez más confrontan los Estados Unidos un desafío urgente: el de su capacidad de responder humanitariamente a la situación crítica de pueblos necesitados, en este caso el clamor de los pueblos de Cuba y Haití que arriesgan sus vidas en el mar.

"Hace solamente un año el pueblo norteamericano se encontraba horrorizado ante las medidas de otros países que expulsaban por mar al pueblo del sureste de Asia y que les concedían solamente escasos derechos de arribar a sus costas. Ahora nos enfrentamos a una situación paralela en nuestro propio hemisferio. Pedimos al señor Presidente que conceda inmediatamente asilo y residencia permanente a los grupos de cubanos y haitianos que buscan asilo en nuestras costas y que arriesgan sus vidas en el mar.

"Aseguramos a las autoridades norteamericanas, que, al igual que en el pasado, la Iglesia está en condiciones de proveer las oportunidades necesarias a fin de relocalizar a estas personas y brindarles empleo y vivienda. Las dimensiones de esta tragedia humana son de tal magnitud que se requiere un esfuerzo nacional de modo que todo el peso de este cuidado de estos hermanos cubanos y haitianos no caiga en una sola pierna.

Mons. Román Agradece a Obispos Americanos

Como hombre que ha vivido el desastre, quiero agradecer de todo corazón a Obispos Americanos la generosa declaración de los Obispos norteamericanos, reunidos en Chicago el 30 de Abril, declaración que fue propuesta por el Arzobispo de Miami, en la cual se pide al Presidente Carter que conceda asilo en este país a los cubanos y a los haitianos que han llegado y continúen llegando a las costas del Sur de la Florida.

La petición de mis hermanos en el episcopado es como un eco de las palabras del Papa Juan Pablo II, declara la Declaración de los Derechos Humanos de las Naciones Unidas, en sus artículos 13 y 14, afirmando que "toda persona tiene derecho a dejar cualquier país" y "a buscar asilo y a beneficiarse del asilo de otros países".

Desde el comienzo del éxodo de ambos pueblos cubano y haitiano, la Arquidiócesis de Miami ha estado respondiendo al clamor de las papeletas del Señor: "Fui peregrino y me acogisteis" (Mateo 25:35). Nuestros sacerdotes, religiosas y seglares ansiosos de ayudarles. Muchos ahora tendrán la oportunidad de darles la bienvenida afectuosamente, darles la comunión y eucharistía, acomodarlos en refugios adecuados, a hacerlos sentir solos y amantes, a ayudarles a superar sus temores, a instruirles y guiarlos en la fe. Nosotros, en la Iglesia, comprendemos que no hay fronteras nacionales dentro de la Iglesia. Todos somos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, y bajo la intercesión de la Santa Virgen. Estamos ansiosos de darles las gracias de su fe y religión, de la que ustedes han estado siempre dispuestos a recibir. Los sacerdotes, religiosas y laicos ansiosos de ayudarles.

La parte de nuestro país. La medida de la preocupación de la Iglesia, así como la medida del éxito obtenido, es el ejemplo viviente de más de 175,000 personas del sureste de Asia y más de 600,000 cubanos que la Iglesia ha ayudado ya a relocalizar. Hay una necesidad imperiosa de dar una respuesta inmediata a las necesidades de nuestros hermanos cubanos y haitianos que diariamente arriesgan sus vidas en busca de libertad y libertad. El Presidente Jimmy Carter respondió a esta declaración diciendo a todo el país que "la Iglesia tiene una larga tradición de amor y cuidados por los desdichados y que abre su corazón una vez más para aceptar a todos los que huyen a este país en busca de libertad y mejores condiciones de vida.

Arzobispo McCarthy en Tamiami Park

El pasado Sábado 3 de Mayo, y caí sin descanso de su viaje a Chicago para la Reunión de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, S.E. Edward McCarthy, Arzobispo de Miami, se presentó en Tamiami Park para saludar y brindar palabras de fe y esperanza a los recién llegados personalmente. Muchos ahora tendrán la oportunidad de darles la bienvenida, darles la comunión y eucharistía, acomodarlos en refugios adecuados, a hacerlos sentir solos y amantes, a ayudarles a superar sus temores, a instruirles y guiarlos en la fe. Nosotros, en la Iglesia, comprendemos que no hay fronteras nacionales dentro de la Iglesia. Todos somos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo, y bajo la intercesión de la Santa Virgen. Estamos ansiosos de darles las gracias de su fe y religión, de la que ustedes han estado siempre dispuestos a recibir. Los sacerdotes, religiosas y laicos ansiosos de ayudarles. Muchos ahora tendrán la oportunidad de darles la bienvenida, darles la comunión y eucharistía, acomodarlos en refugios adecuados, a hacerlos sentir solos y amantes, a ayudarles a superar sus temores, a instruirles y guiarlos en la fe.
La Virgen de Fátima en St. John Apostle

Al comemorarse un año más de la aparición de la Virgen de Fátima, la Arquidiócesis de Miami realizará el Domingo 18 de Mayo para que la presencia de Cristo pueda ser llevada en forma aún más efectiva a través de los medios de comunicación en masa en nuestra Arquidiócesis y en toda la nación.

Con mis más profundo agradecimiento por vuestra atención a esta petición que se le dé a Coletas, Carlos Millares, quien es hermano del Padre Gustavo Millares y Brent Bohan; de la Diócesis de Arceibo, P.R., Luis Ríos Capello y Jaime Fernández de la Diócesis de Miami, Mike Pendergast.

La Virgen de Fátima en St. John Apostle

Diez nuevos diáconos transitorios, es decir, seminaristas que han de continuar con sus estudios sacerdotales, fueron ordenados el pasado sábado 3 de Mayo en una hermosa Liturgia Eucarística celebrada en la Iglesia del Seminario St. Vincent de Paul en Boynton Beach.

El Muy Reverendo John Nevins, Obispo Auxiliar de Miami, presidió la ceremonia a la que asistieron gran número de sacerdotes, diáconos, tanto permanentes como transitorios, así como seminaristas y familiares de los candidatos al orden diaconal.

En la homilía Monseñor Nevins destacó la importancia de este ministerio hermanado al sacerdocio en el servicio a la Iglesia como pueblo de Dios.

Después de la Santa Misa se ofreció un almuerzo-buffet a los asistentes.

Los seminaristas que recibieron el sagrado orden son: de la Arquidiócesis de Miami: Tom Couley, Ron Wholert, Elizabeth Seton, Naples, y Supervisor Principal de Collier County.

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Me Dijeron que Dios no Existía...

Por Jaime Fonseca

(El autor es un enviado especial en Costa Rica de la Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos.)

"No, no me dijiste a nadie en la escuela. A la madre le dije que tenía que irse porque mi madre me necesitaba. Me dije el niño cubano de doce años, Genaro Pérez, a su arribo a San José después de varios días en la embajada de Perú en La Habana.

"Mi madre esperaba por mi fuera de la escuela y en el camino a casa no me dijo nada importante pasaba para ir a buscarme. Ya en casa me dijo que cogiera algunas cosas que nos ibamos para la embajada peruanís. Le quitéj que iba a ser de papá y me contestó que dejaba una nota para que trataras de reunirse con nosotros.

"Genaro sigue contando que su madre le preguntó que pensaba el de dejar Cuba y co- nectó: "Yo, encantado..."

El niño y la madre, Gloria Santana de Pérez, de 32 años, tuvieron suerte porque Genaro padre pudo reunirse con ellos ese mismo día. Genaro Pérez, de 37 años, era un chofer de taxi en La Habana y al llegar a casa, le dejaba una nota para que trataras de reunirse con nosotros. Genaro continúa diciendo: "Nos decían muchas cosas acerca de la revolución y que como una de los tiempos viejos "levantarse" aún creía en Dios y que eso era estupendo porque Dios no existía. Pero en mi caso existía porque mi abuela me enseñó cuanto sabía sobre Dios y me leía historias de un libro que ella llamaba "biblia" y a la guía de las cosas que sucedían hacía muchos años.

"Nosotras tenemos una buena casa para vivir pero mis cuatro primos vivían en una casa, con un dormitorio bajo y cocina. Desde que puedo recordar mis tíos trataban de que el gobierno les diera una casa más grande pero siempre le decían que no habían disponi- bles." El padre nos aclara que su hermano no tenía buena influencia con los comunistas porque siempre aseguraba que se negaban tomar esa parte en las cosas del gobierno. Los Pérez no saben si se quedaban en Costa Rica o a donde los mandarán a fijar su residencia. Genaro, de una vez más, Maria Luisa Miraval, también recién llegados, nos cuenta de su vida en Cuba:

"No me pregunto acerca de Dios. Nunca nos hablan de El. Preguntamos de Fidel y de la Revolución, de los rusos y un Marx. Nos hablaban de que teníamos que trabajar duro y que Rusia nos ayudaba como lo hacía con los países pobres. Esto y las relaciones en el trabajo era lo que nos enseñaban en la escuela.

"Cuando les dije adiós a mis compañeros y a la ma- yor yo quisiera que usted hubiese visto el alboroto que se formó. Me dijeron que no me fuera con mis padres que los yanquis imperialistas esclaviza- ban y mata ban con compasión a gente inocente en otras países y que por eso Fidel quería deshacerse de ellos.

Un matrimonio, José Luis Hernández y señora Elba Guillama de Hernández, quien sostenía en su regazo a su hiji- ta Ariel, de un año y a su lado otra de cuatro años de su pri- mer matrimonio, Jacqueline, nos dicen que ellos no tienen familia en Miami pero que el padre de Jacqueline, nueva- mente casado y viviendo en Miami les aviso que iban a buscarlos y que los ayudará a empezar de nuevo. Mientras hablábamos la pareja vio al Rvdo. Padre José P. Nickse, y se acercaron a él para saludarle.

Una Carrera de Ratas... (Viene de la Pág. 3A)

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