Report card on Synod:
Gave hope to some, disappointed some

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By Russell Shaw

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The score card for the world Synod of Bishops adds up something like this: It satisfied no one fully but offered hope to those who are willing to be hopeful.

For a month 216 bishops and other church leaders convened by and with the pope to consider the role of the family in the modern world, wrestled with touchable problems of contraception, divorce and remarriage, the church's efforts to adapt to non-Western cultures, the impact of poverty on family life, and other knotty issues generated hours of talk and tons of paper.

In the end, the synod did two things, it stood by the church's teaching, and it strove mightily to express pastoral concern for people who have trouble accepting it.

This is bound to disappoint those most interestedly interested in the synod, that relatively small but significant number of opinion leaders who look to such meetings for signs of where the church is now on issues that interest them.

Conservatives in this group will be disappointed because the synod gave few signs of taking a strong stand on theological dissent or, in the case of at least some bishops, of wanting even to put much emphasis on unpopular doctrines.

Most conservatives see theological dissent at the root of many "pastoral" problems. They will find the synod's stress on a pastoral approach to dissent a little like trying to stop a bulldozer by throwing marshmallows at it.

Liberals will have their own quarrel with the synod. The complaint of many was that most of the bishops at the synod were backing the church's teaching on contraception.

Contraception was once again the watershed issue, as it has been in the church at large for 15 years. Before this meeting began, some Vatican officials were afraid the media would put too much emphasis on contraception. They need not have worried. The bishops got there first, devoting more attention to this issue than to anything else.

Perhaps it was inevitable. It can be argued that a Catholic meeting on marriage at which nobody talked about contraception would be like a Miami meeting on poverty on faro family life.

New Right:
Mixes Catholics, conservatives, and political issues

By Liz Schevilchuck

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's called the "New Right." It's a loose coalition of conservatives, Catholic pro-family groups, fundamentalist evangelical Christian political movements and others who oppose abortion, gun control, school prayer bans, busing for school integration, sex education programs and the Equal Rights Amendment.

It's in favor of what it terms a strong national defense, which includes "assistance for Taiwan and weapon's superiority over the Soviet Union, for overcoming what it views as the moral decay of society and for organizing itself as a majority to govern America.

It's been credited with defeating incumbent members of the House and Senate, described as a rising conservative tide and denounced for alleged intolerance.

It has Catholics in high level positions.

One of the New Right's top leaders, Richard Viguerie, a Catholic and conservative political activist who heads a direct mail business, described the New Right as a coalition crossing religious-ethnic lines, "We want to talk to traditional Catholics ... evangelical Christians, traditional family Jews," he said. There's a heavy preponderance of Catholics in the New Right," plus fundamentalist ministers such as the Rev. Jerry Falwell, organizer of the fundamentalist Christian political group, the Moral Majority.

Cooperating on various issues, "we're going out there, putting together a majority to govern America," Viguerie said. "We're pragmatic and we're realistic and we're smart," he said. "We just want to win. I want to win and I want to succeed in life."

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Haitian folk artist

Alex Jean Altidor puts the finishing touches on the Pierre Toussaint Catholic Haitian Center's recently acquired, newly-remodeled old bus. On both sides, Altidor, who came to the U.S. from Haiti in July, has painted scenes of everyday Haitian life, hoping to bring a little of the old country to the new. The bus will be used to bring people to Sunday Creole Masses at St. Mary's Cathedral and Corpus Christi Church.

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Msgr. Enright of St. Rose, dead at 79

By Marjorie L. Donohue

A Mass of the Resurrection will be concelebrated at 10 a.m. today (Friday) in St. Rose of Lima Church or Msgr. James F. Enright, pastor emeritus of the Miami Shores parish, who died Tuesday at the age of 79 in St. Francis Hospital.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be the principal celebrant of the Mass for the Irish-born priest who had been ill for several months. Concelebrating with him will be Msgr. Noel Fogarty, pastor, and other clergy of the Archdiocese.

Fr. Raymond L. Brown, S.S., internationally known Scripture scholar and...
Cardinal meets with Polish leader to work out trade union registration

WARSAW, Poland (NC) — Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski of Warsaw met recently with Polish communist leader Stanislaw Kania in an effort to avert a new crisis over registration of the Solidarity independent trade union movement.

"Matters of great importance for the internal peace of the country were discussed," said the government news agency PAP after the meeting.

The current registration controversy centers on the key issue of communist supremacy in the country. Solidarity has been refusing to state directly in its statutes that it accepts the leadership role of the Communist Party in society. Government authorities say they will not register the movement until it does so.

The Catholic bishops have cautiously backed the independent trade union movement, which developed after a series of recent strikes which force the government to accept in principle the formation of a trade union independent of the Communist Party.

Church leaders, however, also have cautioned union leaders not to move too quickly in demanding further concessions for fear that this may force the government to try to squash the reform movement. Church leaders have urged that current gains be consolidated before new demands are made.

"A unanimous view was expressed that constructive cooperation of the church serves beneficially the interests of the nation and will therefore be continued on behalf of the welfare and security of the Polish People's Republic," said PAP.

One of the demands of the strikers met by the government permits weekly radio broadcasts of Sunday Mass.

Church restudies condemnation of Galileo

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Vatican is restudying the church's 17th-century condemnation of Galileo, Archbishop Paul Poupard, pro-president of the Vatican's Secretariat for Non-Believers, told the world Synod of Bishops Oct. 22.

Archbishop Poupard, reporting on the work of his secretariat, said that its next plenary meeting would be on science and disbelief.

"In this framework, according to the wishes of the pope, research has begun on the case of Galileo, to consider this fact with complete objectivity," he said.

Last year Pope John Paul II at a meeting with the Pontifical Academy of Science called for a restudy of the Galileo condemnation.

Galileo, a scientist and astronomer, was condemned because of his teachings that the earth revolved around the sun.

Survey of bishops on Latin Mass

WASHINGTON (NC) — The Vatican's Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship is querying the bishops of the world in efforts to determine the interest in both the Latin Mass according to the new rite and the discontinued Tridentine Mass.

Peace, pro-life movements 'build bridges'

MILWAUKEE (NC) — Pax Christi-USA members began "building bridges between the peace movement and the pro-life movement" when they voted for an anti-abortion resolution at their Milwaukee meeting a spokesman said.

S. Korean leader may be killed during U.S. elections

WASHINGTON (NC) — A Maryknoll priest expelled from South Korea in 1975 said he feared that the death sentence imposed on Kim Dae Jung, a South Korean Catholic political leader, may be carried out at the time of the U.S. elections in order to attract less attention.

Pope urges S. Korean bishops to fight 'obstacles'

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II urged the bishops of South Korea to fight "the obstacles and difficulties that face the Gospel and imperil human life and dignity" as preparation for the country's bicentennial of evangelization.
A ‘Consciousness for the aged’

Major nursing facility dedicated in Broward

LAUDERDALE LAKES — Liking the new St. John’s Nursing & Rehabilitation Center to “a consciousness for the aged,” Monsignor Charles J. Fahey, president of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, urged “this community of caring people to have both a conscience and a consciousness in acting out the vision of life” it represents.

A leader in national and Catholic gerontological affairs, Msgr. Fahey was the guest speaker during a dedication program for the new 180-bed facility at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, held on the lawn adjoining the new structure.

A MASS PRECEEDED the dedication program at St. Helen’s Catholic Church with The Most Reverend Archbishop Edward a. McCarthy as celebrant. Later, Archbishop McCarthy blessed the building at the conclusion of the dedication program and personally greeted many of the visitors and guests who attended the special program.

In New England, the just-announced passage of Connecticut’s ERA by a court decision will be challenged in the state’s 1978 case in Hawaii/ as their latest Massachusetts. There, the state’s argument over whether abortion and ERA are inextricably linked.

ERA opponents, worried about what an abortion link might do to their efforts, are quick to respond that the Massachusetts court has not ruled on the case itself. No court, including the Hawaii court, they say, ever has accepted the argument that ERA and abortion are linked.

“Lawyers can and do argue anything they’re paid to argue,” said Mercy Sister Maureen Fiedler, who last spring co-authored a lengthy article in the Jesuit weekly America trying to refute the alleged ERA-abortion link. “They can change their tune. The group, known today as the Women’s Commission in Exile, filed a friend-of-the-court brief supporting the view that the state ERA makes it unconstitutional to make a medical service, such as abortion, unavailable to women.

A political columnist for the Boston Globe noted that the commissions’ ‘flip-flop’ could damage the effort nationwide to separate the two issues.

ERA OPPONENTS also cite the injunction handed down in the Massachusetts case this summer. A lone justice ordered the state to fund abortions at least until the full court has a chance to decide the case on its merits. The justice stated that while he was not taking a position on the case itself, the “prospect of success” for the challengers to the funding restrictions forced him to order temporary abortion funding.

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Sister Fiedler also contended that the ERA issue is only one of about four constitutional questions facing the state court justices in the case. So even if the Massachusetts court were to overturn the state's abortion funding restrictions, she said, it might do so on grounds other than the state ERA.

She added that attorneys on both sides of the Massachusetts case say they have no idea which way the court might rule.

THE CASE has caused one small bit of irony for Massachusetts Citizens for Life, the state’s major pro-life group. In filing a friend-of-the-court brief urging that the state’s abortion funding restrictions be upheld, the pro-life group has found itself trying to convince the court that the state ERA should not affect restrictions on state funding of abortion even though many individual pro-lifers have maintained that it would.

While the U.S. bishops never have stated a formal position for or against ERA, a bishop’s committee has expressed concern over ERA’s potential links with abortion.

But Bishop McAluife, speaking for himself, earlier this year testified before a committee of the Missouri legislature that ERA would have no effect on abortion because men cannot become pregnant and the amendment affects only those rights and concerns in which men and women can share.

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long-time friend of Msgr. Enright, will preach the homily.

BORN IN COUNTY Clare, Ireland, at the turn of the century, Msgr. Enright was educated in schools there and at St. Mary Seminary, Baltimore. He was ordained June 16, 1927, in the Cathedral in Baltimore where he served as an assistant for three months.

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LECTORS

By George Kemon

The Community of St. Anthony’s parish in Ft. Lauderdale will soon be hearing the Word of God at its weekend liturgies from a corps of over 30 well-trained lectors of all ages.

Father Timothy Hannon, pastor of St. Anthony’s, along with the Liturgy Committee had observed for some time the need for a period of training for those who proclaim the Word of God in the parish liturgical celebrations.

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ACCORDINGLY, Fr. Hannon charged Mrs. Janet Cullen, Chairman of the Lectors Committee and Dr. Norman Carroll, Deacon, to create a program of instruction to train community members interested in this very essential part of Mass participation.

The two parish members came up with an effective 10-page booklet, “We Shall Proclaim the Word of God.” This comprehensive text reviews the theological significance of the lector as the “Mouth of God,” the lectors preparation and delivery and function within the liturgy of the celebrating community.

Dr. Carroll then guided the aspiring lectors through four 90 minute sessions on successive Saturday mornings based upon the text they had developed.

THE GROUP responded enthusiastically, learned their lessons avidly and are now prepared to serve their community intelligently and effectively.

According to Fr. Hannon the program has been “very effective. The people have cooperated very well, and Dr. Carroll and Mrs. Cullen have done an outstanding job.”

It is hoped that based upon the success of the program at St. Anthony’s that other parishes may want to avail themselves of the comprehensive, worthwhile program. Dr. Carroll has indicated that he is willing to take the program to any parish which feels it could benefit from a trained group of lectors to enhance their liturgies and increase the meaning of God’s Word thereby.

Fr. Hannon plans a dinner in the near future at which time certificates of completion will be given the participants.

If any pastor is interested he may call Dr. Carroll at 463-2404 for further information.

Part of a group of St. Anthony parish members who have completed a concentrated lector’s course stand at the podium with Dr. Norman B. Campbell, Instructor of the course, and Miss Elizabeth Troop, 16-year-old student at Ft. Lauderdale High School, who participated in the course.
Old way of prayer studied by Sisters

More than 100 Sisters of the Archdiocese participated in a day of Centering Prayer at St. Vincent Seminary on Oct. 18. At the request of the Sisters Council, the experience was conducted by Father Armand Proulx, a missionary of Our Lady of La Salette, who is presently serving as Pastor of St. John Baptist Church in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

The focus of the day-long experience was the theory and practice of a simple form of prayer recommended by Christian contemplatives of many centuries and restored to current popularity by the writings of Thomas Merton.

An excellent and practical introduction to the practice of centering prayer is given by Father Basil Pennington, a Trappist Monk of St. Joseph Abbey, Spencer, Mass., in his recent work Centering Prayer: Renewing an Ancient Christian Prayer Form. The book is available at the Catholic Book and Film Center, 2700 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137.

Father Basil Pennington, Trappist Monk, explains simple prayer form used by contemplatives for centuries.
Synod score card

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Cookout to which no one brought hamburgers.

Still, the emphasis on contraception had the negative result of putting the synod's discussion of other issues in the shade.

For example:
- The problems the church faces, in adapting to traditional cultures and customs in Africa and other Third World countries received a great deal of attention.
- Within the limits of what doctrine makes possible, the synod took a generally positive view of what is called "inculturation" (adaptation of Christianity to local cultures) and of increased power to diocesan bishops to carry it forward.

Much time was devoted to the problems of divorced and remarried Catholics.

To no one's surprise, the synod supported the church's teaching on the indissolubility of marriage and refrained from recommending that Catholics in second marriages be admitted to the sacraments, though some sentiment was expressed for further study of this question. But it did underline the bishop's desire to offer divorced and remarried Catholics as much help as possible.

- The synod strongly reaffirmed the church's commitment to social justice, with special reference to marriage and family life.

Coercive government practices in fields such as education and population control were roundly denounced, as were public and corporate economic policies which threaten family stability. There was support for an international charter of family rights to help deal with abuses.

- Perhaps most important, comprehensive family ministry by the church won the synod's unequivocal backing.

This was seen as involving remote and immediate marriage preparation, assistance to couples at all stages of marriage as well as to the widowed, separated and divorced, and special programs for families with special problems: single-parent families, families coping with alcoholism, drug abuse, handicaps and other crises, immigrant families, and the poor.

By nature, a synod is not in the business of launching new programs.

It recommends what it can for its consideration and use. Even then, most of the follow-through comes from national and local church bodies.

But by strongly encouraging more efforts to help families, the synod gave an important boost to family ministry at a very high level. Potentially important in this regard was a proposal for a new directory on family ministry which would support and give guidelines for such efforts.

Even on contraception the synod may in the long run be seen as having made its contribution to solving the theoretical and practical problems of that issue.

In supporting church teaching on contraception, the bishops also acknowledged their responsibility to do more to help people understand and accept it (for example, through the development of a new and more sophisticated theology of sexuality) and to serve it with fewer difficulties (for example, by more encouragement of natural family planning).

None of this satisfies the advocates of a much tougher or much looser approach. Yet by any realistic measure it is probably the most that could be hoped for and amounts to modest but genuine accomplishment.

New Right: mixture of many things

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The Moral majority and Christian Voice are probably the best known of the religiously oriented conservative political groups. Mr. Falwell's Moral Majority has at least 400,000 members and operates statewide grassroots organizations and claims about 72,000 ministers in its ranks. Moral Majority has supported such candidates as Jack Fields, a young conservative Texan challenging well-known incumbent Rep. Bob Eckhardt (D-Texas), and Rep. Steven Symms, an Idaho Republican battling Democrat Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, for his Senate seat. In early October, Mr. Falwell, a popular TV evangelist, also feted Republican presidential candidate Ronald Reagan at his Lynchburg, Va., headquarters. He has said the Democratic Party's platform contradicts Moral Majority positions, but he has also described himself as neither a Republican nor a Democrat but as a "God-fearing citizen."

In an introduction of Viguerie's book, 'The New Right: We're Ready To Lead,' Mr. Falwell stated: "The godless ministry of treacherous individuals who have been permitted to formulate national policy must now realize they don't represent this majority. The movement made up of conservative Americans can no longer be ignored and silenced."

Catholic membership in Moral Majority was not determined.
Privacy proposal a Pandora's Box?

There is a proposal on the general election ballot in November 4 which deserves attention. It is Proposed Constitutional Amendment number 2, guaranteeing a right of privacy to all natural persons. Very little attention has been given to this amendment in the public press, and there seems to be little public awareness of its contents, or even the fact that it is on the ballot.

However, there are some in the state who claim that the amendment will have an enormous impact on the people of Florida. A gay rights activist has insisted that it would give legal sanction to the gay life style; others claim that laws against drug abuse, prostitution, sodomy, pornography and similar activity would be struck down if the amendment were to pass.

Even the proponents of the amendment acknowledge that they don’t know how the courts would rule on drug abuse or pornography laws. We know that the right of privacy was used by the United States Supreme Court in Roe v. Wade to legalize abortion.

The approval of this amendment, without extensive public debate and without a full and complete understanding of what it really will mean is unwise. The right of privacy is a precious right, but it has been used for so many wrong purposes that it should not simply be placed in the state constitution so quietly and casually. The amendment should be defeated now. If it has real merit, and can be adequately limited and defined, then it might come back before the people with a full and complete debate at some later date.

Selective indignation

Members of the Ku Klux Klan and those who support them are “accomplices in the sin of racism.” That is what Bishop Leo T. Maher told Catholic voters of the Diocese of San Diego in a pre-election pastoral letter. He was referring to the Democratic congressional candidacy of Thomas Metzger, a leader of the KKK.

The bishop later told news reporters that he regretted that he had not spoken out more forcefully in the primary elections which gave Metzger the opportunity to run. By not speaking out, he “shared the blame” for Metzger’s candidacy.

We commend Bishop Maher for his strong, forceful stand. Silence by the hierarchy on such a vital moral issue in a political campaign would have been intolerable.

Yet, we can’t understand why there is no uproar over Bishop Maher’s pastoral messages by members of the press. When Boston’s Cardinal Medeiros issued during a political campaign a forceful pastoral on another vital moral issue — abortion — he was skewered by the New York Times and numerous other commentators for somehow violating the separation of church and state. Why no such attacks on Bishop Maher?

It is a classic case of selective indignation. Within media, a churchman’s right to speak out seems to be abridged when and if he is in disagreement with media’s perception of an issue. Cries of constitutional heresy are raised, it seems, only when their ox is being gored.

But you can’t have it both ways. Bishop Maher had an absolute right to speak out on an issue he considered of vital moral concern to the people of San Diego. Cardinal Medeiros had the exact same right. If you deny that right to one, you must deny it to the other.

Questions about bilingualism issue

Some time ago I commented on the bilingualism issue in Dade County. In answer again to inquiries I continue to receive about my opinion, I should like to reply that I do not want to be accused of telling people how to vote, but as a religious leader charged with encouraging harmony and sensitivity to human needs in the community, I do feel a responsibility for proposing those human considerations that should not be overlooked in reaching conscientious decisions.

It seems that the objectives of the proposal are well intentioned, namely to foster unity in our community by facilitating communications and to protect the English-speaking Americans from being deprived of services and even employment that are available only to the bilingual.

However, serious questions need to be asked about the proposed means of achieving these objectives.

Can such legislation really achieve the objectives? People would still be free to speak whatever language they can or want.

Will this vote be interpreted as being unfriendly and an affront to our Spanish speaking brothers and sisters, thus creating greater division in the Community? Will the vote embarrass us before the nation and indeed before the more cosmopolitan nations in the modern world? Will the vote discourage our growing Latin tourist industry and international commerce which is becoming more and more important for our economy?

Will the vote prevent us from spending money to encourage tourism in foreign markets and to officially welcome and accommodate Latin visitors in their own language?

Will the vote prevent public agencies from providing essential services to citizens and residents who do not understand English, such as hurricane warnings, responses to fire alarm calls, due process and judicial proceedings?

There is reference as well to supporting the American culture. Can we define what is American culture in the so-called “melting pot”? Would we be required to eliminate St. Patrick’s Day parades, or Octoberfest if they required the service of traffic police?

Already the Latin children and youth prefer to speak English most of the time. Many older Latins have mastered the English language as well. Would it not be better to let nature take its course rather than to attempt to legislate what may be the impossible and leave scars? These are my concerns — I feel they need to bepondered as part of the effort to consider all sides of the issue before reaching a decision.

In your editorial on one issue voting (9-16), you state that one cannot “make a true moral judgement without looking at the other issues,” that is, besides abortion.

I would say that, on the contrary, to “make a true moral judgement about abortion, the sin that Vatican II called unspeakable”, one must isolate it from all other issues, so as to see it in all its unique horror. Obviously, this doesn’t mean ignoring the others, but “looking at them” more carefully.

As you say, they are all, in a sense, “anti-life,” though some with a degree of remoteness that is almost ludicrous (e.g. racism). But what they all refer to, mostly, is the quality of life rather than life itself — a crucial distinction in this contest. Only one is not only anti-life, but pro-death — the one that is stalling this fair land with the blood of innocents — abortion. What is to stop this monstrous evil? Only a crash program aimed at consigning it to the oblivion it deserves in our society, which thank God — as this movement proves — still shows some evidence of its Christian roots.

For us Catholics, it seems the principal reason for single issue voting would be the Holy See’s declaration on procured abortion, which brings out quite clearly that not only the child-murderers are to be held responsible, but also all who aid and abet them. Wouldn’t this include voting for them?

By Fr. Jose. J. Gredler CSSR

[LETTERS TO THE EDITOR]
By DICK CONKLIN

In defense of the Moral Majority

Enough is enough! Throughout this election campaign we have heard — over and over ad nauseam — that "politics in the pulpit" is a dangerous trend that will somehow endanger our American Way of Life. It is as if ministers and priests had never before in our history urged congregations to "get out the vote" or to carefully consider the positions of candidates before voting. Or even to get personally involved in election campaigns.

Our TV and newspaper reporters not only condemn religious leaders who express political opinions, but they often try to twist any expression of patriotism into a "warmongering" stereotype (sound familiar?)

Now, when you think about it, exhortations from the pulpit are anything but new. There were many ministers in the movement to abolish slavery. Martin Luther King was a protestant clergyman. So is his successor, Rev. Jesse Jackson. The American Civil Liberties Union regularly trots out religious leaders for Congressional testimonies against capital punishment or in favor of permissive abortion. Ever hear the secular news media condemn them? There is a very logical reason behind the sudden concern of the liberal media. Christians are "coming out of the closet." If they weren't registering to vote, if they didn't bother to pin down political candidates on the controversial issues of abortion, homosexual rights, ERA, and the like — if they weren't waking up and getting involved, there would be no problem.

SADLY, THE LEFT-WING paranoia is even spilling over into the Catholic press. Recently, syndicated columnist Fr. John Sheerin ("Politics in the Pulpit", VOICE, October 17) was swept up by the rhetoric, quoting secular columnist Norman Höffman, who neatly espouses a Christian point of view, as condemning "piety that parade itself from the pulpits of televised chapels begging for political support". It is not political support that the "Wake Up America" preachers are seeking. It is more important, plain and simple. The kind of involvement that unashamedly seeks to return the moral values our society was once built on. The kind of involvement that makes a pro-abortion candidate squirm. The kind of involvement that brings joy to the face of the senior citizen who just received her first form letter from her congresswoman — in reply to her first letter to him.

WE SHOULD encourage our religious leaders, particularly our pastors, to speak out more, for they have been silent too long. Certainly they will come under fire from those who hold opinions contrary to those of our faith. These same critics will of course remain silent when the position is one they share. We'll all continue to be charged with "imposing our values" on society whenever we begin to have a positive effect. And that's the point. Only when the old-fashioned, non-progressive ideals of God, family and country begin to take root do we hear from the opposition.

As Christian Action Council director Rev. Curt Young said the other day in Fort Lauderdale, "When someone tells me that I can't speak on a matter of law or medicine unless I do so with a totally secular flavor, then they are imposing their values on me!"

To the Editor:

In defense of "your basic box" and "catalogue art," which Fr. Russell says his church consists of I quote from the message of Our Lady and Our Lord to Veronica Lueken, (Our Lady of the Roses, many Help of mothers Shrine) July 25, 1979.

"Ask you as your Mother, too, not to give in or give up in this struggle to retain a semblance of the Church of My Son upon earth. You will speak out and continue to approach the clergy in your parish. The monuments, the statues belong to you as a sign of your love."

"All honor must be given to My Son in the Eucharist. Man must kneel. My Son's House is the house of God and a house of prayer, and it must not be turned into a meeting hall.

"You shall not win souls and neither shall you enter Heaven when you use UIKit your will."

MRS. JANE COSTELLO

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Making sense of the message

By Father Philip J. Murnion

Many messages clamor for people's attention every day. Preaching is one of the means by which messages get through to people. But it is clearly very difficult today to make this traditional way of communicating achieve its maximum effect.

It is difficult to convey the message of Christ so that it makes sense to people inundated with information about all kinds of value systems suggesting ways to make life interesting or to make sense out of one's existence.

Each day we face the challenge: how to make sense of life's various experiences. In doing so, the meaning we give to the apparently disconnected experiences of our lives will reflect our values and viewpoints. The stronger these values are, the more we are able to "decide" the meaning of our lives and the less likely we are to be manipulated by others. How do we "see" our lives?

SOME YEARS AGO the imaginative National Film Board of Canada released a short silent film composed of film remnants that had been spliced together. It was a disconcerting series of apparently unconnected scenes of city streets and country roads, individuals and groups, blinding neon lights and intimate gestures of affection.

Many religion teachers found the film useful because students came up with surprising interpretations which seemed to make sense of it. They were able to find meaning for it and to talk about that meaning. The film expressed well the confusing flood of messages and images assaulting us each day.

Advertisers and marketing specialists recognize that people need to choose among conflicting messages. They have become very sophisticated in capturing people's attention, appealing to emotions and motivating people to action. They spend many thousands of dollars packaging products so that people respond favorably.

In the midst of this environment, people sometimes become critical of preaching, of the liturgy or of religious-education efforts - efforts of the parish and its people to communicate.

Parishes today are searching for better ways to explain the message of Christ and to get inside the experiences of people. Church efforts, of course, run counter to the methods of commercial communicators. The church and its people are companions in the body of Christ; they are not objects to be manipulated.

Sometimes, formal preparation for liturgies is a joint effort between celebrants and lay people. Preparation also occurs less formally when the priest finds ways to share the faith of people listening to their concerns and hopes.

AS THE CHURCH makes new attempts to help people weave the threads of experience into a design for life, it probes the word of God to discover the richness it offers for personal and community growth.

At an ecumenical meeting I once attended, a successful Protestant preacher from Texas, on the brink of retirement, was asked what had made him an effective preacher. His preaching seemed to reach into the hearts and minds of his parishioners. In response, the minister listed what he felt were the essentials of good preaching.

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However besieged they are by the flood of messages, people give endless evidence of looking for life's meaning. The timeless message of Christ does not lack appreciative hearers when it is made clear. But how can it be made clear? That challenge requires reflection.

Preaching can serve as a powerful force, helping people plunge through the myriad images that bombard them every day, assisting them in the discovery of a new way of "seeing" things that others cannot master.

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By Father John J. Castelot

How did St. Paul speak to the people of Corinth? What was his approach?

Paul is not content simply to make statements and ask people to accept them blindly. At the end of the first chapter of First Corinthians, he refers to his converts' own Christian experiences in order to illustrate the effectiveness of God's way of acting - so different from what their ordinary experience would lead them to expect.

Then he calls upon his own activity among them as a further illustration of God's power. Alluding once more to their fascination with the brilliance and eloquence of Apollos, he contrasts his own approach to theirs. "AS FOR ME, when I came to you I did not come proclaiming God's testimony with any particular eloquence or wisdom. No, I determined that while I was with you I would speak of nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:1-2).

This is a salutary reminder of something of paramount importance. Christianity is not an abstract philosophical or theoretical system; it is not just propositions to be accepted intellectually or a code of ethical behavior.

Christianity is ultimately and essentially a person. One does not "prove" a person. One responds to, accepts, loves and follows a person.

Paul concentrated on Jesus Christ, "and him crucified." This almost exclusive concentration on the cross might strike the reader as dark, forbidding, almost morbid. But in the context of Paul's thought, it is nothing of the sort.

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People often remark that the death of Jesus is the only event in the strictly historical career of Jesus on earth mentioned by Paul in his letters. No miracles, no parables, no exorcisms.

One possible explanation is that he had never heard or seen Jesus before death and resurrection. While that is true, Paul certainly must have learned many details about the public ministry of Jesus from the Christian communities which had links with the original eyewitnesses of Jesus.

IF PAUL MENTIONS only the death of Jesus, it is because for him, that one event summed up perfectly the whole life and activity of Jesus. It was the act which expressed perfectly a whole life of selfless love, of self-giving. It was the model and dynamic source of Christian life, even of authentic human existence.

Paul's preaching to the Corinthians was deliberately simple, highlighting the essential. He was in no mood to be clever, to dazzle people with showy eloquence. The second missionary journey had left him exhausted and not a little disheartened. He needed a rest.

"When I came among you it was in weakness and fear and with much trembling. My message and my preaching had none of the persuasive force of wise argumentation, but the convincing power of the Spirit. As a consequence, your faith rests not on the wisdom of men but on the power of God" (1 Cor. 2:3-5).

This, in fact, was providential. People would learn right away and from their own experience that faith is not the conclusion to a clever set of arguments but a gift of God. It was not the power of Paul's presentation that brought them to believe but the "convincing power of the Spirit" - a point of capital importance for an appreciation of what faith is all about.
Preaching at St. Alphonsus

By Ethel Gintoft

From his reverent tone it was clear Father Carroll Straub took the Gospel of Luke seriously. The reading dealt with the folly of hoarding possessions - of building bigger barns to store more grain instead of working for eternal riches.

“My dear friends,” the pastor asked the overflow congregation at St. Alphonsus Parish in Greendale, Wis., “what does it profit a man?”

Then tying Luke’s theme to the earlier reading from Ecclesiastes, in which Qoheleth decrees vanity as fleeting foolishness, Father Straub tried to make the sacred message understood by drawing on the familiar.

FOR THOSE WITH some knowledge of literature: “Shakespeare said it poetically (in Macbeth),” Father Straub explained. “We’re poor players that strut and fret our hour upon the stage, and then we’re heard no more.”

For those who keep up with news events, he referred to a recent costly natural gas explosion in downtown Hartford, nearby. “So often as businessmen we spend sleepless nights worrying, and then, in one moment, it is all gone.”

For those who relate best to their own turf, he pointed out most homes have a vanity, a piece of furniture in the bedroom or a bathroom counter. “Folks sit in front of it and work to fix themselves for furniture in the bedroom or a bathroom counter.”

Then, for those who like anecdotes, he remembered: “Twenty-five years ago when I worked in Kenosha, Wis., there was a lady in tattered clothes who used to go through garages and rummage through the garbage cans. She would put her things into her loaded coaster wagon. She died one day. To our surprise she was worth $500,000.”

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The Parishioner, Marilyn Bowman, described the parish of 2,200 families some 10 years’ experience in the central city of Milwaukee: at St. Boniface, when it was the center of turbulent civil rights struggles, and at the predominantly black parish of St. Agnes.

Because he knows of the poor, he talks of the poor and the need to share. Because he knows of oppression, he speaks of justice. Because he knows human frailty, he parallels the temptations of Christ with the consumerism of today.

“Society is structured to keep everyone forever discontented,” said Father Straub. “But the cross is at the heart of rejecting sensuality. It can help us make choices of hamburger over lobster, home over Fürpreis.”

“We talk a lot about some serious issues,” said Thelma Walker, a parishioner for over 14 years. “We need this since we are a suburban parish. We have to be conscious of the inner city and not allow our possessions to possess us.”

So, the parish has a human concerns committee with 20 subcommittees, devoted to such matters as resettling a Cuban family and seven Laotian families; sharing food and money with central-city agencies aiding the poor, tutoring in jail, allocating some $25,000 to school education for justice and efforts to speak on behalf of the poor.

In addition to a parish school with 600 students, the religious-education department at St. Alphonsus required three full-time directors. Three other priests join the pastor on the pastoral team and hundreds of parishioners serve on various committees.

A parishioner, Marilyn Bowman, described the parish as a community that lives the Gospel all the days of the week and not just Sunday. The breaking of bread there symbolizes the people breaking themselves in service.

A two-way street

By Rev. Daniel Pakenham

The bishop, priest or deacon who is preaching on Sunday wonders after Mass whether anyone really heard the message he was trying to get across.

The parishioner, settling down after the reading of the Gospel for the homily, asks whether this is going to be something he wants to hear.

One who gives a homily may, immediately after leaving the pulpit, think of something else he could have said. Perhaps he might have made the Gospel message clearer. The knowledge of the incompleteness of all communication bears in on him. After years of preaching, perhaps the very regularity of it all is difficult to handle.

Yet, every once in a while, after Mass, someone says: “You touched my soul.”

THE PARISHIONER, waiting for the homily, wonders whether Father knows anyone in the church well enough to zero in on the life of faith among the people. Then, every once in a while, it almost seems his own soul has been read by the homilist.

The listener, coming to worship and to hear the Word of God, knows many things. He recognizes the Scriptures can nourish faith. He realizes the difficulty of listening to a homily in a crowded church, full of distractions.

The parishioner knows it is challenging for anyone to present, in a very short period of time, a concentrated reflection that is capable of touching the lives of all those present. That presents a challenge to him or her own experience and insight.

Then again, those who listen may realize that not very often do they take time to read the Scriptures themselves in order to prepare to hear a homily about the Sunday scripture readings, nor do they often do the Scriptures or the liturgy with family or friends.

Bishops, priests and deacons are almost universally nervous before preaching. They know their own fragility as the significance of what they are about to do.

THOSE WHO PREACH know the difficulties of preach to a congregation made up of people who differ from one another in many ways. Those who preach know the near impossibility of getting to know everyone in the congregation personally. They recognize that in preaching, as perhaps at no other moment of their ministry, they become transparent; their own faith and knowledge is shown to all those present. Preaching in front of perhaps thousands of people every week of their lives makes great demands on them.

Those who preach have a deep desire to communicate the Gospel to everyone present. But they also know the impracticality of meeting everyone’s needs at a specific time and place.

Both he who preaches and those who listen know that what takes place is a dialogue. The attitude of the congregation greatly affects the preacher, and the attitude of the preacher affects the listener; much silent communication shapes the overall effect of the preaching.

For the person who preaches, preparation is vital. Faith, theological understanding and a knowledge of the people in the congregation all go into the preparation process.

Parishioners too can bear some responsibility for the preaching they hear. Besides reading the Scriptures and discussing them, parishioners can take seriously the need to communicate to each other things that trouble their lives to bishops, priests and deacons. Then those who preach will not waste time preparing homilies about all kinds of things that do not affect the lives of anyone.

Then again, listeners may need to recognize that the pulpit is not the front of all answers for all practical moral questions in life. Preaching is the proclamation of God’s Word for the formation of our consciences and the nourishment of our faith. A goal: the formation of listeners who will be able to make decisions out of moral identity with the Gospel.
Family Life

Religion does not inhibit sex

By Dr. James and Mary Kenny

I seldom have the opportunity to look at and even read women's magazines. A couple of weeks back, while at a conference in Memphis, Tennessee, I picked up the October issue of Redbook Magazine. If you have a chance purchase the issue as there is an excellent report on a second survey done with 26,000 men and women entitled, "The Redbook Report on Sexual Relationships."

SHE CHASSLER, editor-in-chief of Redbook, in introducing the survey report says, "Sex, of course, is the foundation of families, and it is also one of the fundamental sources of human comfort, happiness and contentment. Clarity, about sex, therefore, is essential. Good sex, for example, can complete them.

Too often, things go wrong. Some women -- and men -- cross our paths. In sharing the facts from the survey report, was the better the couple's communication skills the better their sexual relationship.

SUPERIOR COMMUNICATION skills were reported by 85 per cent of men and 82 per cent of women who have the best sex lives. The ability to be frank, honest, loving and out-spoken to one's partner about the different areas of the couples' sexual relationship is crucial to a happy sexual relationship. We would hasten to add, that good communication in all areas of a marriage is important.

I have read and experienced myself that if there is a problem in the marriage and the couple is unable to communicate about it usually the first place the tension will show itself is in their sexual relationship.

Also, if in the marriage there is an inability to express one's feelings in general, this too, can affect the quality of the sexual relationship.

Marriage Encounter has been such a fabulous experience for most married couples because of the opportunity it provides for couples to "simply" talk about feelings and to express them. If you are interested in a Marriage Encounter call the Family Enrichment Center at 651-0280.

How many couples fail to share with one another about their sex lives because of embarrassment, fear of being rebuffed or of hurting their partner's feelings? Feelings are a very deep part of each of us and to share them can be, at times, very risky. But if they can't be shared with the person we are committed to live our lives with, then where can we free them? It's crucial for couples to realize that feelings are facts and that sharing them is so necessary to reinforce the bonds that make the marriage intimate.

MORALLY BASED, a wise woman once told us, makes good families. She was especially referring to the the most was the short follow-up on religiosity of women. The connection there was to their happiness.

The other general theme of great importance, I felt, that ran through this survey report, was the better the couple's communication skills the better their sexual relationship.

CHILDREN LOVE to plan and make gifts for others. Parents can help by seeing that plans stay within realistic limits and that children observe proper safety.

If the child plans to make a dozen gifts, encourage him instead to plan two or three. If he completes those, he can branch out.

Next, do not do the work for the child, but help him structure the project. If he needs help, set defined hours and days when you will work together. If he is doing the entire project alone, set up a schedule showing how much needs to be accomplished each week.

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"This year we are going to put the spirit of giving into Christmas. We are going to get away from the commercialism and materialism and make it a time to show our love to our friends and relatives. Above all, we are going to help our children learn a spirit of giving."

How many families make such a resolve each year only to find that come December, they are lighting their way through crowds where they hastily pick up the usual tie for Uncle Harry or nightgown for Aunt Betty. Why do good parents do such things? Why do good parents do such things?

The time to plan for Christmas is now. This week, let's discuss ways for children to give personal and meaningful gifts.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS:
- Young and Middle Years Families
  - Love cards: crayons, paper, envelopes, stamps. Make homemade LOVE cards to send to family, friends relatives. Tell them how much you cherish them. For each person list three kind things he or she has done and then give your praise for a job well done.
  - Adult Family Talk about what you like best about each other. Invite suggestions on how you can better demonstrate your love and concern for each other.

SNACK TIME:
- Popcorn and cold apple cider

ENTERTAINMENT:
- Take a walk or drive to enjoy the colorful foliage of autumn. Make plans to attend a local high school football game.

SHARING:

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Try a cutting board, recycled old articles into beautiful new objects. Encourage a child to restore an old toy so that it becomes a worthy gift for a younger child. Sand and repaint old tricycles and bikes. Save old nylon stockings and cut them up to stuff animals, dolls or pillows. Melt down old candles, strain out the impurities and remold them into new candles.

If you take time and plan, you can help your children give of themselves this Christmas. The projects will truly benefit the giver even more than the receiver. And the works they produce will not be mere gifts -- they will be treasures.

Reader questions on family living and child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions to: The Kennys! Box 67; Rensselaer, IN 47978.

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Catholic lawyers retreat

The first Catholic lawyers Retreat will be held on the weekend of November 14, at the Major Seminary in Boynton Beach.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will lead the retreat and conference. The program will include talks by fellow lawyers, expression of viewpoints on common problems, in addition to consultation with priests, a liturgy, and recreation.

Transportation will be provided so that the group can depart in a body from Dade County on Friday evening, November 14, and return on Sunday, November 16, at noon.

Archbishop McCarthy expressed the hope that many catholic lawyers will take advantage of the special week-end and that they will gain from the retreat and experience a fresh awareness of both the ability and the opportunities of catholic lawyers to promote Christian principles in daily life and practice.

A member of the retreat planning committee will be calling lawyers shortly to answer particular questions about the weekend.

Lawyers guild elects officers

THE GUILD OF CATHOLIC LAWYERS OF PALM BEACH AND MARTIN COUNTIES recently elected its first slate of officers. The President of this newly organized Catholic Lawyer’s group is ARTHUR G. WROBLE, a partner of the firm of Burns Middleton Farrell & Faust, Palm Beach, and a Past Grand Knight of the local Knights of Columbus.

Other officers include J. MICHAEL BURMAN, Vice-President; CARL L. CAMPBELL, Secretary; and KAREN L. MARTIN, Treasurer. Eighteen directors divided into three classes also were elected.

The purpose of all Catholic law guilds and similarly designated organizations is to aid their members in knowing, understanding, and applying the precepts of Catholicism in the daily practice of the law. A secondary aim is to aid in the spiritual development of the lawyer himself.

The local group has already sponsored a highly successful Red Mass last year and plans to do so annually.

Interested lawyers in Palm Beach and Martin Counties are urged to contact JAMIE PRESSLY, membership chairman, at 655-1980 for more information. Charter membership is still available.

White Mass

A special Mass for members of the medical profession was celebrated at Mercy Hospital by Archbishop McCarthy. A young girl brings a special offering (left) and afterward some of the doctors gathered with the Arch- bishop (above) and then had refreshments.

The Liturgy included "A Physician’s Prayer", as follows: O Lord, give skill to my hand, clear vision to my mind, kindness and sympathy to my heart, give me singleness of purpose, strength to lift at least a part of the burden of my suffering fellowmen and a true realization of the privilege that is mine. Take from my heart all guile wordlines that with the simple faith of a child I may rely on you. Amen.

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Refugee aid OKd

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Catholic Social Services officials were notified by the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services (HRS) officials that $434,907 has been approved for the agency for service to refugees in the 18 counties of Northwest Florida. HRS administers the federal refugee assistance grants locally.

According to records compiled by Catholic Social Services, the largest resettlement agency in the area, some 1,200 Indochinese have settled in the Pensacola area; 600 in Fort Walton; 450 in Panama City; and 200 in Tallahassee. In addition, a significant number of Cubans have also settled in the area. However, the federal government has not officially granted refugee status to the Cubans as a group.

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The Voice of the world

We find God's will for us not only in the word of Scripture and in the teaching of his Church but also in the issues and events of secular society. "The Church...recognizes that worthy elements are found in today's social movements, especially an evolution toward unity, a process of wholesome socialization and of association in civic and economic realms."

Thus spoke the Church in the Second Vatican Council. That same Council urged the Church, especially the laity, to work in the temporal sphere on behalf of justice and the unity of humankind.

With this in mind, we pay special tribute to those who have struggled and struggle today for civil rights and economic justice in our own country. Nor do we overlook the United Nation's Universal Declaration of Human Rights which still speaks to the conscience of the entire world and the several international covenants which demand the elimination of discrimination based on race.

None of these, unfortunately, have been ratified by our country, whereas we in America should have been the first to do so. All have a duty to heed the voice of God speaking in these documents.

Our Response

Racism is not merely one sin among many; it is a radical evil that divides the human family and denies the new creation of a redeemed world. To struggle against it demands an equally radical transformation, in our own minds and hearts as well as in the structure of our society.

Conversion is the ever present task of each Christian. In offering certain guidelines for this change of heart it is pertinent to racism, we note that these are only first steps in what ought to be a continuing dialogue throughout the Catholic community and the nation at large. In this context we would urge that existing programs and plans, such as those dealing with family ministry, parish renewal, and evangelization, be used as vehicles for implementing the measures addressed here.

Our personal lives

To the extent that racial bias affects our personal attitudes and judgments, to the extent that we allow another's race to influence our relationship and limit our openness, to the extent that we see yet close our hearts to our brothers and sisters in need, — to that extent we are called to conversion and renewal in love and justice.

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We should become more sensitive ourselves and thereby sensitize our acquaintances by learning more about how social structures inhibit the economic, educational, and social advancement of the poor. We should make a personnel commitment to join with others in political efforts to bring about justice for the victims of such deprivation.

U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter

On Racism in Our Day
November 14, 1979

(Next week: Our church community)

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Latins in Collier not forgotten

By Jo Opitz
Voice Correspondent

It is known simply as “The Spanish Speaking Office”, listed under St. Peter’s Catholic Church in the Naples, Fla. telephone directory. When the number 774-3111 is dialed, a voice answers “Bueno, Iglesia de San Pedro”.

The assumption has been that this is a service of St. Peter’s. It is in fact much more – it is an independent Mission established in 1978 by Archbishop McCarthy under the jurisdiction of the Diocesan Rural Life Bureau.

Fr. Richard Sanders, Director, is responsible for development of the Spanish speaking Apostolate in western Collier County.

Father Sanders said, “The office serves all of the Hispanic people in all of the parishes in Collier County with the exception of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Immokalee which has its own Spanish speaking pastor, Fr. Jose.

PRIOR TO HIS arrival in Naples, Fr. Sanders had served ten years in parishes of the Diocese of Charleston, S.C. He said, “in the summer, 2500 to 3000 migrants travel to South Carolina where the season is short, then go on to the Naples and Homestead areas, where they work full time for eight months.”

Father’s interest in the migrants and his fluency in Spanish led to his appointment in Collier County.

He said Father Hickey, then pastor of St. Peter’s welcomed him and shared his residence and office space, which became the temporary Spanish Speaking Office until June of this year. At that time the Archbishop purchased property at 5330 Caldwell St. Naples Manor.

The two story structure of Spanish design is large enough to accommodate private living quarters for the clergy, a private office, an outer office, conference room and a large enclosed porch suitable for meetings and workshops.

Mass is celebrated on a scheduled basis at the three migrant camps from October to May at 7:30 P.M., preceded by C.C.D. classes at 6:30 P.M., and at the smaller camps as the need arises.

THE SCHEDULE is: Monday, at the Duda Camp which has, in season, approximately 800 persons; Tuesday: Camp Basso & Naples Tomato Growers – 550 persons; Wednesday: Six L Camp, about 600 persons. Thursday: a Spanish Prayer meeting at St. Peter’s at 7:30 P.M.

No programs are scheduled for Fridays. Father said: “Friday is pay day. My people are poor and poor people live from pay day to pay day. On Friday they go into town to shop for food and the necessities they need to carry them through another week.”

Saturday is left open for monthly meetings, workshops, etc. Sunday a Mass is offered at St. Peter’s at 7:00 P.M. in summer and 6:00 P.M. in winter.

Sixty-five children received First Holy Communion on Holy Thursday in 1979 and 1980. The girls following the Spanish custom of wearing white veil and dress and the Mexican custom of sponsors. “Many teenagers and adults also receive First Holy Communion while in Naples, doing so more privately,” Fr. Sanders said.

A VISITATION program designed for Cuban and Latin families who may be new to the area or have never become part of the parish community is being formulated. Father learns of these people through their neighbors and, accompanied by a parishioner, calls upon them.

Fr. Sanders also works very closely with the Catholic Service Bureau, Collier Region, depending upon this agency for help in counseling and referral services and upon the St. Vincent de Paul Society for assistance with clothing, food and other material needs.

Volunteers play an important role in the work of the office, especially Mr. & Mrs. Luis Hernandez and family, who have been supportive from the beginning.

Fr. Sanders said, “I would emphasize that our interest lies with Hispanic people as a whole, farm workers and city dwellers. To provide a cultural and civic center, to be concerned with the needs of these people.”

“The Spanish Speaking Office extends a welcome to all Hispanic people and a home away from home to all new arrivals.”

Knights Honor Pope John Paul II

Mr. Donald E. Raymond, State Deputy of the Florida Council of the Knights of Columbus, has announced that state and local K of C councils are continuing their membership campaign honoring the Supreme Pastor of the Catholic church, Pope John Paul II.

Raymond related that all local councils (113) will organize a number of activities during the membership campaign. These include open house programs for prospective Knights and their families; drives at local churches; telephone and personal-to-person contact.

Brother Andy Izzo, hialeah, has been named to head the “Pope John Paul II Membership Campaign Committee”, the Florida State Council. He will be assisted by Joseph F. Lukowski, Plantation, Recruitment Chairman, James W. Cunn, Pompano Beach, Retention Chairman, and several insurance co-chairmen, as well as the New Council Development committe, headed by T.A. Eason, Sr., Indian Harbour Beach.

The Knights are seeking Catholic men 18 years of age or older, who are interested in involvement in Church, community, family, youth and fraternal programs.
Ministering is 'being with,' Naples area told

"Ministering is "BEING WITH" not doing for others," were the words Fr. James Fetcher used to bring sharply into focus the real meaning of the Workshop and Spiritual Day of Renewal he conducted recently at St. Ann's Parish, Naples, Fla. Fr. Fetcher is Director of the Office of Worship and Spiritual Life for the Archdiocese of Miami. Over a hundred persons representing St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Peter's Church of San Marco and St. Ann's attended the all day session. Sr. Kathleen Winkelman, O.S.F. Religious Education Director for the Catholic Community in the Greater Naples Area, was in charge of the program. Members of the Evangelization Committee, serving as Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators, music directors, ushers, zone chairmen, all, who in any way minister to the needs of their parish were invited to come as the guests of the Fr. Thomas J. Goggin, Pastor of St. Ann's Church. A catered lunchroom was served and coffee breaks were provided by members of the committee.

If you're buying a home in Dade County, it could cost you plenty to ignore this special mortgage program!

Q: What is the Dade County below-market home mortgage program?
A: It's a program to help families buy homes of their own at a time when interest rates on home mortgages are too high for many families to afford. The rate on loans arranged under this program is below the rates now required by local mortgage lenders because of the high cost of funds.

Q: How much less?
A: Mortgages under the Dade County program are available at 11.125% plus 3 discount points for an annual percentage rate of 11.25%. That compares with an average rate of 13.50% (plus 3.5 discount points for an A.P.R. of 14.0%).

Q: What does that mean in terms of a monthly mortgage payment?
A: Quite a bit. On a $50,000 30-year mortgage, for example, the monthly payment for principal and interest compares with an average payment of $480 when the rate is 11.125%. That's a saving of $32 a month, or $1,920 a year for every mortgage in effect.

Q: Who qualifies for this program?
A: Anyone with good credit who wants to buy a home in Dade County and has an annual income as high as $33,265. We estimate that about three out of every four Dade County families are within this income limit.

Q: That sounds too good to be true. Aren't there any other limitations?
A: None at all. Income and good credit set the standard. The interest rates are within the income limits are $29,665 for 1 to 4-person families, $30,865 for 5-member families, $32,065 for 6-member families and $33,265 for families of 7 or more.

Q: What kinds of homes are eligible?
A: Almost every type of single family residence or duplex. That includes single family homes—new or existing; duplexes, new or existing or condominiums—new, resales or conversions. (There are some limitations on condominiums, however. Only 20% of available mortgage funds can be used for condominiums and the condominiums must meet certain standards.)

Q: What about price. Is there any limit on that?
A: Yes, the highest price permitted for a single family home or condo is $89,000. For duplexes, the limit is even higher—$103,235. Both figures are well above the cost of an average Dade County home.

Q: How large can a mortgage be under this program?
A: Technically, the limit is the price of the house. However, since applicants must be able to afford to make monthly payments, we estimate that applicants will be able to qualify for mortgages of slightly more than double their gross incomes. That means slightly more than $100,000 for families with incomes of $29,665 and so on down the line. Any difference between the amount of the mortgage and the price of the house would have to made up with a down payment.

Q: Where do I apply for a mortgage under the Dade County program?
A: At the office of any participating lender. Their names and telephone numbers are listed below. You should NOT apply to any Dade County home. However, since applicants must be able to afford to make monthly payments, we estimate that applicants will be able to qualify for mortgages of slightly more than double their gross incomes. That means slightly more than $100,000 for families with incomes of $29,665 and so on down the line. Any difference between the amount of the mortgage and the price of the house would have to made up with a down payment.

Q: When should I apply?
A: As soon as possible. There is a limit on the amount of funds available and all mortgage commitments must be made no later than February 20, 1981.

The information provided as a service to Dade County residents.

PARTICIPATING LENDERS

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3701 N. Bayshore Dr
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381-7676

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666-0640

Community Mortgage Corporation
373-2366

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Flagler Federal Savings & Loan Assn.
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591-7676

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285-9141

The Lomas & Nettleton Company
663-3932

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253-8894

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65-3061

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446-5784

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Metro-Dade County Housing Finance Authority
Robert L. Shevin, Chairman
Program Administrator, J.T. Kane Mortgage Corporation

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Film Series at Lady of the Lakes

“Whatever Happened to the Human Race” film series will be shown on Wednesday evenings in November beginning November 3rd at 7:30 p.m., at the Parish Center. You are invited to join the Franciscan family. All visitors are welcome.

“The Witness”

“The Witness” will be presented by “A Joyful Noise Ensemble” on Sunday, November 9th, at 8:00 p.m. at Rosenay Academy Auditorium, 807 N. Flagler Drive, West Palm Beach. Every one is invited.

For more information call Anne Davidson, 510-2220 for details.

Secular Franciscans

Secular Franciscans (forming a new fraternity) at St. Bernard’s, 8279 Sunset Strip, Sunrise, Fla., will meet on November 9, at 1:00 p.m. in the Library conference room, 4th Ave., and 105th Street. The general interest information follows the Washington, D.C., will be the basis for the evangelization. A series of filmed presentations of Evangelization for the Catholic Bishops in November, 1980, at Barry College, 2001 Ocean Blvd., Delray Beach. Speaker will be Mrs. Thomas Blum, President of Palm Beach Deaneen, Social Hour 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m. Hostess: Mrs. Helen Blotney. 2764972 for information.

Women’s Clubs

St. Lucy’s Women’s Guild, Highland Beach will hold their monthly luncheon meeting, Nov. 4, at Delray Beach Club, 2001 Ocean Blvd., Delray. Speaker will be Mrs. Thomas Blum, President of Palm Beach Deaneen. Social Hour 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:30 p.m. Hostess: Mrs. Helen Blotney. 2764972 for information.

Women’s Club of St. Bartholomew’s Parish will hold a Flea Market on November 6, at the Parish Hall, 8525 Byron Ave., Miami. Doors open 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon at the Church, 1550 N. Andrews Ave., Int. Pompano Beach, FL.

Workshop at St. Louis

On Nov. 1, beginning with Mass at 8:30 a.m. the Evangelization Committee of St. Louis Parish will host a leadership workshop dealing with evangelization. A series of filmed presentations by Fr. Alvin Illig, Executive Director of the Office of Evangelization for the Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., will be the basis for the workshop. The workshop will conclude at 3:00 p.m. with a $5.00 registration fee which includes lunch and materials. For reservations call 238-7461.

Divorced and Separated

Divorced and Separated Catholics of St. Rose of Lima meets every other Friday, starting November 14. The support group meeting started at 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The General interest information follows the speaker. Meet the Fr. in the Frig. Right Library conference room, 4th Ave., and 105th Sts. For more information call Anne Davidson, 754-7370.

Blood Drive

Blessed Trinity Blood Drive, 4020 Curtis Parkway, Miami Springs, will sponsor a Blood Drive for the John Elliott Community Blood Center. The hours for donation are 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please call the Cavalier Family for appointments, at 887-5235 or 887-6775.

Women’s Club at St. Joseph’s Catholic Women’s Club will hold their regular meeting on November 3, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, 8625 Byron Ave., Miami Beach. Refreshments and Games.

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St. Sebastian Council of Catholic Women will hold their first meeting of the season of Nov. 7 at 8:00 a.m. with Mass followed by breakfast and Danish. It is requested that members offer their Holy Communion for those members.

Ladies Guild of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Boca Raton will meet on Nov. 1, at 7:30 p.m. Plans for December 14, Christmas Tea to be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin of Singer Island, will be completed.

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Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will hold a Rummage Sale at Madonna Hall, 430 North “M” St., Lake Worth, beginning Nov. 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bargain Bags on Saturday.

Dominican Laity

The Dominican Laity, Third Order of St. Dominic, will meet on Nov. 2, 1980, at Barry College. Notice: set-up begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room on Thursday, Nov. 7. This place for everyone over the age of 19. Folk musicians, wine, coffee, soda and snacks in a living room atmosphere. Open to those interested in a friendly and hospitable place. The Kaffefhaus is located on the ground floor of Madonna Hall, off State Rd. 703. For more details call Kathie Garrett Phiper, 626-1880, Mon.-Fri., 9-4 p.m.

Kaffefhaus

St. Paul of the Cross Parish, 10970 State Rd. 703, N. Palm Beach, is holding a Kaffefhaus every Friday night from 8:00 p.m. to Midnight, for everyone over the age of 19. Folk musicians, wine, coffee, soda and snacks in a living room atmosphere. Open to those interested in a friendly and hospitable place. The Kaffefhaus is located on the ground floor of Madonna Hall, off State Rd. 703. For more details call Kathie Garrett Phiper, 626-1880, Mon.-Fri., 9-4 p.m.

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TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS OR DEMANDS AGAINST THE ABOVE ESTATE: AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE:

the address of which is 73 West 7791, is pending in the Circuit Court for Flagler Street, Miami, Florida. The personal representative of the estate is ALICE R. OATES whose address is 1415 Mesias, Coral Gables, Florida. The name and address of the personal representative’s attorney are set forth below.

All persons having claims or demands against the estate are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file with the clerk of the above court a written statement of any claim or demand they may have. Each claim must be in writing and must include the basis for the claim, the name and address of the creditor or his agent and the amount claimed. If the claim is not yet due, the date when it will become due shall be stated. If the claim is contingent or unliquidated, the nature of the uncertainty shall be described. The claimant shall deliver sufficient copies of the claim to the clerk to enable the clerk to mail one copy to each personal representative.

All persons interested in the estate to whom a copy of this Notice of Administration has been mailed are required, WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE, to file an objection they may have that challenges the validity of the decedent’s will, the qualifications of the personal representative, or the venue or jurisdiction of the court.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION to all persons having claims or demands against the above estate and all other persons interested in the estate: you are hereby notiﬁed that the administration of the estate of ALICE C. CROWLEY, deceased, File Number 80-8203, is pending in the Circuit Court for Dade County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 1279 N.W. 41st Street, Miami, Florida.

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
JOSEPH H. MURPHY
1930 Prince de Leon Boulevard
Coral Gables, Florida 33134
445-2551

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IN RE: ESTATE OF
HILDA E. MEREDITH
Deceased

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His eyes, her hands ... and Faith

By Nancy Roberts

MINNEAPOLIS (NC) -- She's never seen the man she loves. He's never held her hand in his.

Maureen Pranghofer is blind and has to wear a leg brace because of a genetic bone disease. Her husband, Paul, was born without arms and his right leg is two feet shorter than his left.

But the two laugh just as much as and probably more than most young couples. They've managed to work out a unique, mutually delightful relationship that has as its cornerstone their faith in God.

Because they depend upon each other so much, they have a special closeness.

"Sometimes I'm her eyes," Pranghofer explains. And sometimes his wife is his hands. She opens the mail; he reads it. She washes the dishes, he manages to dry them.

"But I stopped asking him what colors to wear," Mrs. Pranghofer laughs. "He has an awful color sense."

The two met when they were children at Camp Courage on Cedar Lake, near Maple Lake, Minn., a summer camp for the handicapped operated by Courage Center, a Minneapolis Agency.

The Pranghofers now. They share responsibilities around the house. She works part time at the Courage Center and will start full-time graduate work at the University of Minnesota. He works as a computer data analyst. "We try to split up the activities and chores so they're pretty much shared," Pranghofer says.

"Pranghofer has been elected to the council of a Minneapolis parish; Mrs. Pranghofer plays the guitar at Mass once a month. "Our own faith is central to our lives," Mrs. Pranghofer says.

"It's more than just going to church on Sundays. I really believe that it's how you act and treat other people... Love your neighbor is a test of your faith."
Resumen del Sínodo Sobre Familia

VATICANO(NC).- El Sínodo mundial de obispos trata de "devolver a la familia los derechos que Dios le dio y que desafortunadamente ciertas ideologías han comprometido," dijo el Papa Juan Pablo II en una alocución a los obispos de Collier, con la excepción de Our Lady of Guadalupe, en Immokalee, que tiene su propio parroco de hombres. Al iniciar la redacción final de las conclusiones y de un mensaje al mundo, los obispos no desean adelantar detalles de los 30 artículos que deben aprobar después de las debidas enmiendas. Se sabe que el mensaje dirigido a las familias describirá las condiciones que afectan hoy a la institución familiar, se dirigirá a las familias sobre el plan divino de salvación y la familia (el amor y la procreación), los deberes que impone al ser humano, a la iglesia y a la familia, y los medios para cumplir esa misión. El tema del Sínodo es "el papel de la familia cristiana en el mundo de hoy."

El sínodo (terminó Oct. 28) ha discutido entre otros puntos:
- "Una afirmación de la centuria Humanae Vitae (De la vida humana) que en 1968 reiteró que el uso de medios artificiales para evitar la concepción es intrínsecamente malo. Varios obispos proponer que se explique mejor esta doctrina en un contexto teológico sobre sexualidad humana.
- "Defensa del matrimonio in-dissoluble, pero a la vez mejorar atención pastoral a las personas divorciadas y a las que se casan de nuevo, e incluso una posible flexibilidad ante casos difíciles.
- "Un repaso de los ritos eucarísticos del matrimonio, pero reconociendo el valor de las tradiciones y culturas autóctonas.
- "La necesidad de adoptar una Carta de los Derechos de la Familia que reafirme, entre otros, el derecho a escoger la educación de los hijos y el derecho a decidir en conciencia cuántos hijos puede tener una familia, sin interferencia estatal o de otro origen.
- "El ministerio de la familia como centro de la evangelización y de la formación religiosa.
- "Atención especial a las familias necesitadas, con los refugiados, las migrantes en tareas agrícolas, las de los círculos de pobreza en las grandes ciudades.

La publicación de un "directorio" o manual detallado sobre el ministerio a la familia.

En un informe sobre el sacerdocio y el catecismo con respecto a la familia, el cardenal Silvio Oddi reiteró que la formación religiosa de la niñez y la juventud debe realizarse dentro del ambiente íntimo de la familia. Pidió que se formule una teología especial sobre la institución familiar, que los obispos establezcan en sus diócesis programas pastorales muy concretos para la familia, y fomenten una parroquia que sea familiar; que abran cursos obligatorios de preparación al matrimonio, y formen a sus sacerdotes en problemas de la familia con criterio interdisciplinario (varias disciplinas combinadas como psicología y sociología) y no sólo moralista.

Algunos observadores opinan que el sínodo no cambia la doctrina tradicional de la iglesia opuesta al control artificial de nacimientos (el aborto incluido desde luego) y al divorcio, y cautelosa en planes estatales sobre demografía. Pero abre nuevos horizontes al tratar problemas reales que abruman al matrimonio y la familia. Punto espinozo fue el desacuerdo de parejas católicas sobre anticonceptivos, de uso exten-dido.

Comentando los eventos del Sínodo sobre la familia, durante un receso en las discusiones aparecen, de izquierda a derecha, Arzobispo Quinn, de San Francisco, Arzobispo Bernardin, de Cincinnati, y el Cardenal Marcharski, de Cracow, Polonia.

Contesta un teléfono en Naples

Por Jo Opitz
(Corresponsal de La Voz)
Cuando se llama al teléfono 774-3111, en Naples, una voz contesta: "Buenos días! Iglesia de San Pedro..."

Se conoce solamente como "Oficina de los Hispanos Parlantes" (Spanish Speaking Office) en el directorio de teléfonos de Naples, bajo el título de "St. Peter's Catholic Church". Se asume por ello que éste es un servicio de St. Peter's. De hecho es mucho más: es una misión independiente establecida en 1978 por el Arzobispo Edward A. McCarty bajo la jurisdicción del Buro de Vida Rural de la Arquidiócesis. El Rev. Padre Richard Sanders, Director de la Oficina y responsable por el desarrollo del apostolado hispano en la sección occidental de Collier County, dice: "La Oficina sirve a todo el pueblo hispano en las diferentes parroquias de Collier, con la excepción de Our Lady of Guadalupe, en Immokalee, que tiene propio párroco de hombres español, el Padre Jove. Antes de venir a Naples, Padre Sanders sirvió diez años en la Diócesis de Charleston, S.C., donde se familiarizó con los trabajadores migratorios. El dice que "en el verano, de mil quinientos a tres mil quinientos migrantes viajan a Carolina del Sur donde la estación de trabajo es corta, entonces bajan a Naples y Homestead donde trabajan fijos por ochos meses." El interés del P. San-
Todos Los Santos
NOVIEMBRE 1
Durante el año la Iglesia recoge y celebra la memoria de sus santos. En este día especial se reúne a tranquilidad ante el conocimiento de quienes conocemos sus nombres y a aquellos en cuya celebración se entiende que los que los dominan esperan cumpliendo su vocación. En el siglo VII se celebra en muchas partes de Occidente y en el siglo VIII se celebra en todo el occidente. En este día se recuerda la memoria de los santos que nos precedieron en la fe y por cuya mediación esperamos algún día, junto a ellos, gozar de la presencia de Dios. Es fiesta de gran esperanza, que nos invitan a seguir sus santos y nos invitan a seguir.

Los Fieles Difuntos
NOVIEMBRE 2
Tras el regocijo de la Iglesia por todos sus santos en la gloria, hoy Madre Iglesia, recuerda a aquellos que ya han dejado la tierra, el purgatorio y la gloria de todos los santos.

En esta fecha se hace patente la Comunión de los Santos cuando aspirantes nuestros también a la santidad, los santos que se unieron a la Iglesia en la Santa Misa, en las oraciones, en los sacrificios de sus hijos, en las limosnas, etc. que se ofrecen a Dios a través de los que los pertenecen.

Hoy es día especial para rogar por los fieles difuntos pero de caridad por ellos frecuentemente. Cuando ya libres de su purgatorio se hallen ante Dios, sus sueños por nosotros nos ayudarán a alcanzar más pronto perdón para nuestras debilidades y fracasos.

OFICIAL
ARQUIDIOCESE DE MIAMI
La Cancillería anuncia que el Arzobispo Edward A. McCarthy ha hecho los siguientes nombramientos:
El Rev. P. Chester Schaub, O.M.I., Capellán de Hijas Católicas de América en la Arquidiócesis de Miami, efectivo desde Octubre 21, 1980.

SE CELEBRARÁ UNA MISA DE LOS FIELES DIFUNTOS EN CADA CEMENTERIO EL 3 DE NOV. A LAS 10:30 AM

CEMENTERIOS CATÓLICOS
Y MAUROLES:
“Mons. Schaefer, me volvio a hacer la pregunta que me dedicara a tiempo de servicio en el Vicariato de Puebla. Deje pasar un tiempo pero algun tiempo despues mi esposa estuvo de acuerdo. Deje pasar un tiempo para que se me prestara el mismo servicio en el Vicariato a esta parroquia. Estas visitas llevan a veces tres semanas. Por lo menos una vez al mes se sale con el obispo, pero yo no me fui metiendo de lleno en el servicio que daba el Vicariato. Estando a cargo de esta parroquia hago todas las funciones de un diaconado, ayuntamiento para los pobres y presos, catequesis, distribuir la comida, celebraciones de la Palabra, catequesis, etc. Igualmente siento que el diaconado tiene una función muy importante en el Vicariato y estoy agradecido por haber sido ordenado diaconado.

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Por Rolando Echevarria

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La Religión no Inhibe el Sexo

Por Mimi Reilly

Raras veces tengo la oportunidad de disfrutar leyendo las revistas de mujeres. Hace varias semanas, mientras atendía una conferencia en Memphis, Tennessee, pude conseguir la edición de Octubre de Redbook Magazine. Con esa oportunidad compre esta revista, ya que incluye un excelente reportaje sobre un estudio hecho con 20,000 hombres y mujeres titulado, “El Reporte Redbook sobre las Relaciones Sexuales.”

Sye Chasler, directora ejecutiva de Redbook, al introducir el reporte dice, “El sexo, claro, es la fundación de las familias. Hablar claramente del sexo, entonces, es esencial. El sexo, con toda su riqueza, es una sabia mujer nos dijo una vez, hace buenas familias.”

En el artículo se mencionaan muchos puntos interesantes, pero lo que más me gustó fue la pequeña sección que seguía sobre la religiosidad de las mujeres.

La conclusión del estudio resulta refractada: “Mientras más profundos los sentimientos religiosos de la mujer, más cerca estaba la conexión a su habilidad de disfrutar de las experiencias sexuales.”

Mujeres con sentimientos más fuertes y positivos sobre la religión tendían a disfrutar de buenas vidas sexuales. Curiosamente, el estudio añade que las mujeres que dijeron sentirse religiosas o que tenían fuertes sentimientos contra la religión, eran las más propensas a tener relaciones sexuales infelices. Para los hombres, aparentemente, la religión no parecía tener ningún efecto con su felicidad sexual.

El otro tema general de gran importancia es que, en todos los estudios, la mujer se volvió un factor en la relación sexual feliz. Yo añadiría que buena comunicación en todos los aspectos del matrimonio es importante. ¿Le hice a la pareja de este reporte, era que mientras mejor comunicación había entre los esposos, mejor resultaba su relación sexual.

El 85% de las mujeres y el 82% de los hombres que habían vivido vidas sexuales dijeron que sus habilidades comunicativas eran superiores. El ser franco, honesto y cariñoso con nuestro compañero sobre las diferentes áreas de nuestras vidas sexuales era esencial para mantener una relación sexual feliz. Yo añadiría que buena comunicación en todos los aspectos del matrimonio es importante.

Y leí y me sorprendí de que siempre que le hablemos de nuestra pareja, no puede hablar sobre él, el primero lugar donde se nota la tenencia de comunicación la relación matrimonial.

Además, si en el matrimonio existe una inabilidad de expresar los sentimientos generales de cada uno, esto también afecta la relación sexual.

Los Encuentros Matrimoniales tienen una experiencia fabulosa, poniendo en parejas casadas precisamente porque dan la oportunidad de “simplificar” hablar sobre sus sentimientos y expresarlos.

(Si está interesado en un Encuentro Matrimonial, llame al Family Enrichment Center al 651-0280.)

¿Cuántas parejas no hablan entre sí mismos sobre sus vidas sexuales porque les da pena, miedo de ser rechazados, o de herir los sentimientos de su compañero? Los sentimientos son una parte muy profunda de cada uno de nosotros y compartirlos puede ser, a veces, muy arriesgado.

Pero si no pueden ser compartidos, es una condición que deberíamos llamar “la soledad.”

El Dr. Antonio F. Lourenco nos fue mas profundos los sentimientos religiosos de la mujer, más cercana a la conexión a su habilidad de disfrutar de las experiencias sexuales. De esta manera, los hombres consideraban que no puede hablar sobre el, el primero lugar donde se nota la tenencia de comunicación la relación matrimonial.

El Dr. Lourenco nos dijo que es “Analisis Transaccional” y que beneficios puede ofrecer a la iglesia especialmente en el esfuerzo arduo de evangelización.

“Analisis Transaccional es un moderno y coherente enfoque de la conducta humana, tan simple que nos hace fácil la aplicación en la vida diaria. El Dr. Eric Berne, psicoanalista canadiense, y su hermano, el psicólogo, crearon el método, ejecutó en California durante los años cincuenta. Se dedicó al estudio de las transacciones que comparten del ser humano y notó que tenían relación con la forma en que el individuo había sido criado; pero su descubrimiento importante fue la verificación de que a cualquier altura de la vida, este individuo, todos los individuos, actuamos como si aun estuviéramos en los años de nuestra infancia, de la actitud que le llamó “el niño en cada uno.”

El Dr. Berne deriva el nombre de este estudio de la tensión del hecho de no tener una relación humana y de volver a una “transacción” que pudieran decir que es un sinónimo que hay “todo de esto, me algo a cambio.” Es decir, descubrimos algo por lo que estamos. De aquí surge el surgimiento de estas transacciones.

“En ocasiones actuamos como adultos, con una conducta rígida, esterotipada, que bien puede ser protectora, crítica; a esta conducta la llamó “el padre en cada uno”.

“Una nueva transacción seria la de hablar sobre nuestra esposa, con nuestra pareja, con nuestros hijos, y con sus propias ideas propias que hay un problema sexual. El ser franco, hones
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El próximo 8 de Noviembre, Sábado, a las 8:30 P.M, el Consejo Padre Félix Varela No.720 de la Orden de los Caballeros de Colón de Hialeah, celebrará el Primer Aniversario de su fundación con una comida bailable en el Miami Outboard Club, Mc Carthur Causeway en el Parque Japonés. Para dicho acto han sido invitados miembros de la jerarquía eclesiástica, del Gobierno, oficiales de la Orden entre ellos el Diputado del Estado y de Distrito y personalidades de la comunidad. Para cualquier información o reserva se puede llamar a: Jaime Perez Noriega 821-9461, o a Oscar Lay Jr 550-8159.
**NOTICIAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Buenos Días!!** (Viene de la pag. 1A)

Un programa de visitas para cubanos y otras familias latinas en el area, que están alejados de la iglesia, está siendo formulado.

**Dr. Laurencio**

(Viene de la pag. 3A)

del libro titulado "Análisis Transaccional y Religioso", editado por Editorial Cinco Siglos, como respuesta a mi pregunta.

Según Dr. Laurencio el Dr. Berne y sus colaboradores daban importancia a los valores cristianos, al poder judicial y a la familia como estructuras de seguridad.

**GANADORES DE PREMIOS NOBEL**

(Buenos Aires (NC) — El escultor argentino, que es también uno de los derechos humanos ganó el premio Nobel de la Paz por su contribución a la causa de los derechos humanos y de la paz. A la derecha el exilado polaco Ceslaw Milosz, poeta y novelista, profesor en la Universidad de California en Berkeley, quien ganó el Premio Nobel de Literatura.

**PREMIO NOBEL DE LA PAZ**

Buenos Aires (NC) — Adolfo Perez Esquivel, un escritor y arquitecto católico de 49 años, ganó el Premio Nobel de la Paz de 1980 (el honor y $227,000) por su obra en el campo de los derechos humanos como director del Servicio Latinoamericano Pro Paz y Justicia, que constituye según el jurado “una luz en la oscuridad”. “Lo acepto en nombre de América Latina, sus trabajadores y campesinos, sus sindicatos, con diligencia por la paz y los derechos del ser humano.” En 1977 fue encarcelado durante 15 meses. En su protesta de sus colaboradores fue solto aunque tuvo que guardar encierro domiciliario por 14 meses.

**POLACO GANA PREMIO NOBEL**

Berkeley, Cal. (NC) — El poeta católico y novelista, Ceslaw Milosz, 69, quien enseña en la Universidad de California, recibió el Premio Nobel de Literatura de 1980 (vale $210,000) “por reflejar el exilio espiritual en que perseguido y grandeza es alta y ser desderrada los paraiso” según la cita de los jueces. “Lo acepto en nombre de América Latina, sus trabajadores y campesinos, sus sindicatos, con diligencia por la paz y los derechos del ser humano.” En 1977 fue encarcelado durante 15 meses. En su protesta de sus colaboradores fue solto aunque tuvo que guardar encierro domiciliario por 14 meses.

**TODOS A COMBATIR**

Vaticano (NC) — El católico y toda la iglesia deben combatir el ateísmo, “drama espiritual de nuestro tiempo,” dijo el Papa Juan Pablo II en una reunión de 500 científicos y teólogos. De una éxtasis ha pasado a influir en grandes masas oriente y occidente, socialismo y capitalismo, cultura y trabajo —un fenómeno que ha impactado a los creyentes, agregó el pontífice, “y aunque el ateísmo proclama la fin de la religión, se constituye en religión a sí mismo.” El papa dijo que la recuperación del mundo a la fe funda en “los valores del humanismo cristiano.”

**PROTESTAN OBISPOS DE BRASIL**

Brasil (NC) — Varios obispos protestan contra la violencia atribuida a fuerzas de seguridad o a bandas armadas derechistas, al punto que delegados de la Conferencia de Obispos Brasileños visitaron al Departamento de Justicia para explicar hechos como los de Campina Grande donde un escuadrón de la muerte conocido por Mano Blanca ejecutó a 9 personas; o en Luha las Flores donde por segunda vez en pocas semanas un supuesto grupo de “crisianos” dañó la iglesia y la casa rural. Mons. Celso Pereira, obispo de Porto Nacional, dijo que a los pequeños agricultores se les inflamó, apaleó y echó de sus tierras.

**PROTESTAN VIOLENCIA RACIAL**

Búfalo, NY, (NC) — Dirigentes cívicos y religiosos participaron en la manifestación de 5,000 personas contra el asesinato de seis residentes de raza negra desde Septiembre. Participaron hispanos, indios, negros y blancos. Mons. Edward Head, obispo de Búfalo, dijo a los manifestantes que “esta trágica violencia nos acarreaba al acercarnos a Dios, y condenó el odio racial que parece impulsa a los crímenes Roque Aguilar, presidente del Centro Chicanos Puertorriqueños, expresó la condonación de los hispanos hacia los negros, cuyos problemas de pobreza comparten.

**LENIARD EL VACIO CON DIOS**

Baltimore (NC) — En un retiro de seminaristas, el P. Henry Nouwen, especializado en psicología, dijo que aunque los hombres y la mujer de nuestro tiempo “ocupan cada minuto de su vida con quehaceres y otras gentes, temiendo momentos vacíos, sufre aún la tragedia de una vida in-satisfecha, plenitud real tras de esta carrera.” Al hablar de la asechance del aburrimiento en general, aplicó al sacerdocio para que no hayan algunos que duden si su ministerio vale la pena... Quizás en protesta indica la injusticias del sistema y la sociedad en que viven. El aburrimiento fácilmente can de expresión emotiva, advirtió, “Lesen un vacío con Dios que nos ama y a quien amamos.”

**PUBLICACION AUTORIZADA**

Washington (NC) — El Servicio de Tributación (IRS) contestó a una demanda judicia de la United Church of Christ, diciendo que puede seguir publicando el record de votación de los miembros del congreso, pues no se trata de una campaña política. Una norma publicada en 1978 prohibe a organizaciones exentas de impuestos participar en tales campañas. Falta saber si las publicaciones católicas que propan educan a sus lectores sobre cuestiones civiles y electorales pueden también hacerlo.

**RELIGION ECUMENICA DE MONJES**

España (NC) — Monjes anglicanos, católicos, luteranos y judíos se reunieron a fines de octubre por una semana, venidos de todo el mundo, para “acercar la relación personal, distinguir mejor entre la vida cosmeptativa y la activa, seguir a Cristo en el mundo actual, y la predicación del evangelio en el contexto contemporáneo.”

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