School enrollment booms

Demand for space creates waiting list

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

It's that time of year again. The clatter of feet in the halls. The rustle of books and paper. The shy smiles and open tears. The confusion — and excitement.

It's time to go back to school. This year as local Catholic students return to their classrooms at parochial schools, the doors will close on hundreds of others whose names appear on waiting lists.

And the lists grow longer. St. Kevin in Miami reports more than 700 names of hopefuls, an amount nearly equal to the number of students currently attending the school.

Nationwide statistics were first to reflect the boom in Catholic School enrollment. The number of pupils increased this year by 35,744 to 3,167,371 — the first overall increase since 1965, according to the 1982 Official Catholic Directory.

Local increase

Locally, students enrolled this fall in elementary and secondary schools increased by 800 over last year's figures, bringing the number of students enrolled in the Archdiocese to nearly 38,000, according to the Archdiocese Department of Education.

A few east side schools are showing declines. But most of the expansion in the Archdiocese is taking place in Southwest Dade. There is also a migration of families towards Broward and West Palm Beach, explained Fr. Vincent Kelly, Superintendent of Education for the Archdiocese.

The influx of Hispanic residents in the Archdiocese is a partial reason for the overflow, 37 percent enrolled are Hispanic but parental interest in Catholic education may also be on the rise, said Fr. Kelly.

"People are realizing the quality of the Catholic programs. I'd like to think it is a concern for values."

— Fr. Vincent Kelly, Supt. of Education

"It is not a purely individualistic system... but for instance, we use written contracts within the system to facilitate learning. The student follows the written contract to determine what he will accomplish in a given period of time."

Students are paced on their ability to progress. It is a non-graded report card system, with no A's or B's given. The cards are never sent home to parents. Instead, conferences are arranged for student, parent and teacher to discuss the results of the child's work. Conferences are never held during school days, but rather late afternoon and evening hours, so less time is lost during the school year and working parents are more easily accommodated.

Each child works toward his goals in an independent manner. Last year there were 8 reading groups in one grade, said Sr. Hammond. This type... (Continued on page 5)

Divorce

From despair to rebirth

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

Butterflies are everywhere in Sr. Agnes Gott's office at the Family Enrichment Center. There are butterfly plaques, cards, ashtrays and paintings. Sr. Gott wears a colorful butterfly necklace.

These graceful creatures, representing resurrection and new life have also become the symbol of Sr. Gott's ministry to the separated and divorced Catholics of South Florida.

"SO MANY people feel like a worm after they have become separated or divorced," she says. "They go into a cocoon. But once they believe in themselves and others again, they can emerge as butterflies."

One of the most vital objectives of the divorce ministry is to help the separated and divorced regain a sense of wholeness and believe in themselves again.

"Jesus didn't condemn anyone who failed or made mistakes. We must help forgive themselves and/or the spouse," says Gott emphatically.

Going through a divorce can be as painful as dying for many people. The emotional processes are the... (Continued on page 12)
Pro-tax credit drive launched

By Stephanie Overman
WASHINGTON (NC) — With an anti-tuition tax credit petition drive underway, sponsored by a public education coalition including the American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, a pro-tax credit coalition has started a counterdrive.

The National Coalition for Public Education plans to have a million anti-tax credit signatures collected by election day, Nov. 2, according to Arnold Fege, director of government relations for the National PTA and coordinator of the coalition.

Ursuline Sister Renee Oliver, associate director of Citizens for Educational Freedom, said the pro-tax credit coalition decided to launch a petition drive to counter the anti-tax credit publicity. She said no goal was set for the number of signatures.

Catholic organizations, including the Knights of Columbus, Daughters of Isabella, National Catholic Education Association, National Council of Catholic Women and Catholic Daughters of the Americas make up the coalition. Sister Oliver said she hopes Jewish and other Christian groups will join in.

Organizations in the coalition so far represent 11 million people, Sister Oliver added.

Fees united

Fege said that the anti-tax credit coalition, which includes traditionally rival teachers' associations, the AFT and the NEA, already has more than 500,000 signatures on a petition which urges an immediate end to all efforts to enact any form of tuition tax credit. The petition drive began in mid-June.

He said the anti-tax credit coalition is made up of education, labor, religious, civic and civil rights organizations with a total of 65 million members. The AFT and NEA also passed a joint resolution opposing all forms of tax credit legislation, including a bill President Reagan sent to Congress in June. The U.S. Catholic Conference has testified in support of tax credit legislation, including Reagan's bill.

Such legislation would give tax credits for part of the tuition parents pay to send their children to parochial and other private schools.

The AFT-NEA resolution said attempts to enact tax credit legislation "constitute an effort to undermine the financial support structures of the public schools of our nation. Such proposals are bad economic policy, improper public policy, harmful educational policy and violate the spirit and the letter of the United States Constitution."

Reagan 'serious'

The AFT's president, Albert Shanker, said, "For those of you who are skeptical — who don't think the president is serious about getting his tuition tax credit bill passed in Congress — you are sadly mistaken. If one thing can be said about this president, he has a good record of keeping campaign promises, and in nearly all instances, education and other social programs are losers."

"We must continue our work, not only among our friends in the education and labor community, but also on a grassroots level so every public school parent and every taxpayer is exposed to the potential disaster looming if tuition tax credit measures pass in the Congress and in the state legislatures," he said.

Another bishop condemns nuclear war

WORCESTER, Mass. (NC) — "Nuclear war has been condemned as utterly immoral by the Catholic Church," wrote Bishop Bernard Flanagan of Worcester in his diocesan newspaper, the Catholic Free Press. Bishop Flanagan urged a halt in the mutual production of nuclear weapons, a "systematic reduction and mutual elimination" of those weapons, and "serious consideration" by the U.S. government to pledge publicly "never to use nuclear arms in an offensive role."

The bishop argued that a mutual freeze on nuclear arms production would not undermine the security of the U.S. or of the Soviet Union.

Bulgaria prohibits religion for children

MILAN, Italy (NC) — The Bulgarian government has forbidden the teaching of religion to children under 16 in the communist-ruled country's two Catholic dioceses, reported Italy's national Catholic newspaper, Avvenire, which is based in Milan. The government recently presented this order to Bishop Bogdan Stefanov Bobranov of Sofia-Plovdiv and Bishop Samuel Seraphim Djounidne of Nikopol. The order will prevent the confirmation of Catholic children in Bulgaria before they reach 16.

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IN LEBANON

By NC News Service

As guerrillas of the Palestine Liberation Organization began leaving West Beirut, Lebanon, Pope John Paul II said "good will and a sense of responsibility" seemed to have prevailed in the conflict between Israeli forces and the Palestinians and "the path toward a solution has begun.

But in comments at his summer residence at Castelgandolfo, Italy, on Aug. 22, the pope also recalled the "many innocent victims, the suffering and destruction caused by such a bloody conflict."

Since the Israeli invasion of Lebanon began on June 6, Lebanese spokesman have reported thousands of deaths, most of them civilians. Israel has reported 326 dead in the fighting.

THE POPE made his remarks the day after about 400 PLO guerrillas sailed from Beirut at the start of a 14-day evacuation of about 15,000 Palestinian and Syrian fighters from the battered Lebanese capital.

He said the past two months of fighting in Lebanon offer "a warning... not to seek solutions to problems in the destructive force of arms," and led prayers that "the Lord may continue to enlighten those who, by their decisions, must consolidate this concrete hope of peace."

During the recent fighting, "hopes, fears and uncertainties have alternated with bright intervals and disappearpoints," Pope John Paul said.

"Finally it seems that good will and a sense of responsibility have prevailed and that the path toward a solution has begun," he added. "But we cannot forget so many innocent victims and the suffering and destruction caused by such a bloody conflict."

He said that Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who recently spent a week in Beirut, "brought back to me the sorrowful echo of the destruction and deprivation" of the Lebanese people.

"May so much sorrow be a warning to all men of good will to be builders of peace, to not seek solutions to problems in the destructive force of arms, but to confront them with the spirit of dialogue and understanding," the pope said.

UNDER THE withdrawal plan worked out by U.S. special envoy Philip Habib and agreed to by Israel and the PLO, 800 Marines and 400 Italian infantrymen are to join 800 French paratroops five or six days after the start of the evacuation. The PLO must leave in two weeks at the most. If the departure goes according to schedule, the U.S.-French-Italian force overseeing it will withdraw immediately.

The PLO guerrillas are each allowed to carry one side-arm and ammunition. Present plans call for departure by sea and land, although air evacuation has not been ruled out. The guerrillas are to take up residence in eight Arab countries.

The Israelis have expressed concern that the Palestinian security forces supervising the loading of the guerrillas under the protection of the French paratroops are not keeping accurate lists of those departing.

The evacuation of Palestinian and Syrian forces from West Beirut was only an initial step toward returning Lebanon to the Lebanese. A plan still must be negotiated for clearing Israeli, Syrian and the remaining PLO forces from other parts of Lebanon.

President Ronald Reagan has committed the United States to "move quickly" toward resolving the long-term Palestinian issue and other unresolved problems in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The suffering of Lebanon, victimized by the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians, was something to which Pope John Paul has referred repeatedly during the 10-week-long Israeli siege of West Beirut.

TASS: Vatican aids 'anti-socialists'

MOSCOW (NC) For the third time in three months the official Soviet news media have criticized the Vatican's policies in Eastern Europe and accused it of supporting "anti-socialist" activities.

On Aug. 21 the official Soviet news agency, Tass, reprinted an article published several days earlier in the Czechoslovak weekly, Tvorba.

Tvorba accused the Vatican of trying to ban the Czechoslovak priests' organization, Pacem in Terris, because it "supports the politics of peace of the Prague government and those of Moscow" and "disapproves, on the other hand, of the subversive activity of the emigrant Czech clergy."

A document issued last spring by the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy reaffirmed the traditional church ban on priests' associations for political aims. Vatican sources said Pacem in Terris was one of the organizations to which the document referred.

PACEM IN TERRIS, founded as a successor to the Pax group of priests that had been disbanded in the short-lived Czechoslovak Liberalization of 1968, is a government-sanctioned movement of priests considered "safe" by authorities.

Similar Pax (peace) groups were also founded in other Eastern European countries in the late 1940s and the 1950s as part of an effort by communist governments to control the church, isolate non-doctoral bishops from their priests, and limit the influence of the church on society.

"It is significant," said Tass, "that while certain cardinals of Rome want to dissolve Pacem in Terris, the Vatican does nothing to impede the Polish clergy from actively helping Solidarity," the Polish independent labor union that was dissolved under martial law last December.

"On the contrary, the Vatican has a benevolent attitude toward subversive activity on the part of Polish priests," the Soviet agency added.

In other words, it leaves alone only those religious organizations which declare themselves against socialism but banishes those which support peace and social progress."

TASS SAID Aug. 15 that religious celebrations in Czestochowa, Poland, for the 600th anniversary of Our Lady of Czestochowa became an "anti-government demonstration" and an "anti-socialist and counter-revolutionary provocation" with the support and consent of the Vatican.

In July Tass reprinted a Czechoslovak newspaper article which called Pope John Paul II, a Pole, the "inspiration" for Solidarity. In June the official newspaper,Provida, cited a Polish report that the pope had tried to influence U.S. President Ronald Reagan to interfere in Polish affairs.

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Aborting girls a trend in India

HONG KONG (NC) — A growing trend in India toward routinely aborting female babies is causing a controversy marked by iron.

The trend was reported by Asiaweek, a weekly news magazine published in Hong Kong, in its Aug. 20 edition.

Asiaweek said the practice was causing “a nationwide furor among women’s organizations,” who were calling for government action.

IRONICALLY, it was women’s organizations which in India, as elsewhere, were among leading proponents of liberalized abortion laws.

A contention was that abortion was a matter of personal choice and that no one had the right, legal or otherwise, to interfere with an individual’s decision to have an abortion.

Asiaweek said the women’s organizations and others were aiming their current protests at the growing use of a test — amniocentesis — which, among other things, usually reveals the sex of an unborn child.

Amniocentesis was pioneered in the early 1970s by American doctors as an aid in detecting congenital diseases. Controversy arose over its moral implications and the procedure has remained controversial in the United States, where studies have shown a similar trend toward aborting female babies once their sex has been revealed by the test.

Asiaweek said the traditional preference in Indian society for male offspring, coupled with social and economic pressures for smaller families, had led “private hospitals and clinics all over the country, particularly in the northern states of Punjab and Haryana, to offer sex tests.”

At least 50 private practitioners in Delhi are performing the controversial examinations for fees ranging from 500-1,000 rupees (U.S. $40 to $80), including an abortion if the test identifies an undesired sex, the magazine said.

THE MAGAZINE said women’s organizations were describing the situation as “genocide of females” and “murder in the womb.”

The magazine reported: “Feminist Amrita Chhachhi argues that the most disturbing facet of the sex tests is the resultant sanction of abortion as a routine method of population control. Other women’s groups warn that the trend will lead to bridegrooms demanding in prenuptial negotiations that the prospective bride bear only sons.”

Noting that some clinics conducting the sex tests were poorly equipped, Asiaweek said mistakes were occurring.

It said that “dramatically highlighted” last month “when three women who had been told they were carrying female fetuses chose to terminate their pregnancies only to learn, after the abortions, that their unborn children had been males.”

It said there were planning to file lawsuits against the doctors who conducted the sex tests.

Licenseing fight stops abortions

BOSTON (NC) — The Bill Baird Center in Boston stopped performing abortions following a controversy over whether the center is a clinic, not a private practice, and as such must have a license.

William Baird, a longtime advocate of legalized abortion, said he and his brother, Dr. Robert W. Baird, decided to discontinue offering abortions to avoid a potential licensing fight before the Massachusetts Public Health Council.

A Bill Baird Center staff member said the center was doing only abortion referrals and counseling and that “the facility down the street does the abortions.”

Anne Fox, a spokeswoman for Boston’s chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, said the chapter’s goal was to force the center to close until it gets a license from the Public Health Council.

Fox said picketing at the center by pro-life groups had alerted public health officials to the fact that the center was not licensed. The Department of Public Health sent Robert Baird a certified letter asking him to provide proof that he was supervising the abortion services provided by the center, said Mona Moldovsky, general counsel for the department.

The center had been performing abortions under a state law which says doctors in solo or group practice do not need a clinic license as long as the doctors supervise and run the service.

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Parents important
Parents as well as teachers are
essential to the success of the Catholic
schools, said Sr. Hammond.

"They have to believe in
Catholicism. The total community ef-
fact on improving behavior for
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Catholic schools not 'elitist'-study

MILWAUKEE (NC) — Inner-city
private schools succeed not by
creating the cream of the student crop but by
taking a distinctive educational en-
vonment, according to a study con-
ducted by the Catholic League for
Religious and Civil Rights.

Nearly 4,000 parents of students in
54 elementary schools completed a
questionnaire that sought to measure
the reasons why they had chosen to
send their children to private schools.

Researchers said their findings help
disprove one of the most pervasive
myths about Catholic schools — that
they are elitist.

According to the league's report,
80 percent of the sample schools ac-
ccept academically weak public school
transfer students frequently or some-
times and 56 percent of the schools
reported accepting public school
transfers with disciplinary problems
frequently or sometimes.

In a typical year, 61 percent of the
schools expelled not a single student,
and no school in the sample expelled
more than two students in any year.

"The data indicates that school
factors appear to actually compensate
for family background deficits," the
study said. For example, it showed
that the school has the greatest im-

Also it was found that teacher at-
titudes and experience at a school are
important factors in determining
whether a school performs well or
poorly.

Seventy-five percent of the parents
surveyed reported that the school en-
couraged their suggestions and 71
percent reported that the school re-
quires their involvement. Ninety-five
percent of the parents reported that
they are treated by the school as if
their opinion matters.

The survey also showed that most
inner-city parents chose private
schools not because of a bias against
public schools, but because of
positive attitudes toward the educa-
tion offered in the schools of their
choice.

More expansion
While St. John Neumann offers
new directions in education for
Catholic families, other parochial
schools are expanding to meet the
needs for space. In fact, school ex-
pansion is becoming as commonplace
as the sight of those freshly scrubbed
faces and starched uniforms on the
first day of class. St. Hugh Parish,
340 Royal Road, Coconut Grove,
recently completed its new building
where 350 students will sharpen their
pencils for the coming school year.

In Golden Gate on South Florida's
west coast, St. John Neumann High
School, now administered by the
Augustinian Fathers of Calcutta, Pa.,
has added a junior year to its
curriculum.

But what should a parent do if their
child's name is on a waiting list for
the school of their choice? Fr. Kelly
offered his advice.

"Don't be discouraged. Stay on the
waiting list. Make inquiries to other
local Catholic Schools. And see the
pastor about arranging Catholic
education for their children. The
Archdiocese will respond to the needs
of the parish.

"In the past, we do expect to see some
parishes opening new schools within
the next five years," he added.
Altar facelift to aid...  

By Prentice Browning  
Voice Staff Writer

"How do you renovate a cathedral? You begin with prayer," says associate Rector of St. Mary's Cathedral, Fr. James Fetscher, perhaps only half jokingly.

After several years of supervising studies and work on altering the sanctuary, Fr. Fetscher says he could probably write a primer on the subject. What he thought originally would be a simple issue of moving the altar has become a matter of complicated decisions, esthetic trade-offs and practical perplexities.

The planning began three years ago when Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy set out to revitalize the Cathedral parish, to give the people in the neighborhood around St. Mary's, which was then undergoing an influx of diverse ethnic groups, a sense of community.

Because the Cathedral is the bishop's church, and a central parish for archdiocesan activities, Fr. Fetscher says, there was concern that parishioners might feel lost in the vastness of the Cathedral's functions.

"WE WANTED to create a space where a group of people, 500 to 1200, would have a sense of relationship with one another in a space that big."

The best way to increase a sense of intimacy architecturally was to move the altar and sanctuary forward. "The further you are away from the altar the more you are a spectator and of diverse ethnic groups, a sense of relationship with one another in a space that big."

The distance is now 146 ft. from the altar to the back row. The plan is to shorten that distance by 90 ft. by removing four front rows of pews and extending the marble sanctuary into that space.

By increasing the sanctuary area the Cathedral will also be better able to stage performances sponsored by the Cathedral Arts Guild. The distance is now 146 ft. from the altar to the back row. The plan is to shorten that distance by 90 ft. by removing four front rows of pews and extending the marble sanctuary into that space.

The final bids have not been approved but the renovation as it stands now would include:

1. Removing four rows of pews and moving the sanctuary and altar forward.
2. Placing the bishop's chair in the center rear area of the sanctuary.
3. Placing portable seats around the altar base and removing the pews behind the current altar.
4. Building a step-up marble choir area on the right of the sanctuary.
5. ERECTING a baptismal pool in the nave to the left of the sanctuary.
6. Creating an area for the Holy Oils to be displayed near the sanctuary.
7. A possibility of walling off the areas behind the sanctuary and painting the walls around the mural and under the dome.
8. There is a plan to lower the chandelier's and raise the box that hangs from the roof and contains the Cathedral's sophisticated sound system.

ALL OF THIS may be easier said than done while carefully trying to preserve the integrity of the Cathedral building through every alteration.

It is comments like "Oh, so when did you move the altar just to become relevant?" that Fr. Fetscher dreads. If something doesn't fit "it would be a little like walking into someone's living room and seeing the refrigerator."

For this reason and to keep expenses as low as possible, work has been progressing slowly on the project. Two years ago the first four concept sketches were completed and today the project is under the direction of Richard Sciandra, an architect from the local firm of Greenleaf-Telesa.

"WE DON'T want to make any mistakes that someone will have to live with for 20 years," Fr. Fetscher says about their unhurried approach.

There are some technical and esthetic problems that still have to be overcome. One of the primary difficulties is the effect of moving the altar forward of the cathedral dome. Because anything under the Cathedral dome tends to be the focus (Continued on page 7)
Culture and the Cathedral

Series brings beauty to mixed neighborhood

Peter P. Fuchs, Jr.
Special To The Voice

This year has seen the curtain rising on a promising new performing arts series at St. Mary's Cathedral as part of a commitment to revitalize the Cathedral in a fastly changing neighborhood.

Although performances are conducted by professional artists and consist of works from the classical repertoire the new series will not be just for the highbrow. Fr. Fetscher, secretary of the Cathedral Arts Guild: "The purpose of this series is not just bringing cultural activities to the deprived masses . . ."

"WE SEE the Cathedral as the only place where American blacks, Haitians, whites, and Hispanics can be brought together for real cultural exchange . . . Language has often divided people, ever since the Tower of Babel. But the arts can transcend these differences and bring about our much-needed unity."

The series received a grant from IBM, which Fr. Fetscher says was a "boon to all involved."

"ADMISSION AT ALL the events has been free, but the series has been first-rate, nevertheless."

The series have the great fortune of gaining the services of the Greater Miami Chamber Orchestra, an ensemble of very high caliber. The conductor/music director Burton Dines is imaginative in his programing and convincing as a conductor. The first concert presented this year featured Metropolitan Opera Audition-Winner Marvis Martin with the Greater Miami Chamber Orchestra (GMCO). Those who missed this concert passed an opportunity to hear a young soprano whose voice had a clean-cut sparkling quality. It is hoped that the tile can be removed as part of the renovation.

Once the bids for the renovation are approved and marble for extending the sanctuary is received, the improvements could be completed in about six months. It probably won't be necessary to close the Cathedral during any of the renovation, Fr. Fetscher says.

"I, for myself, have been very involved in the subsidiaries of the project despite my busy schedule, looks forward to the day when firm commitments are made for the renovation. "I've dreamed at night that the bishop would say yes."

But his concern about the possible side effects of proposed improvements is always on his mind.

"The Cathedral building is a very stern taskmaster . . . It would be a terrible thing to mar it's nobility, because there just aren't enough noble things going on."

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Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointments:

**THE REV. MONSIGNOR WILLIAM MCKEEVER** — to Chairman, Sacred Art and Architecture Committee for the Archdiocese of Miami, effective September 1, 1982.

**THE REV. ROYALD PUSAK, V.F.** — to Chairman, Catholic Daughters of America, Fort Lauderdale, effective July 30, 1982.

**THE REV. THOMAS HANLY** — to Chaplain, Court Marie Regina #2022, Catholic Daughters of America, Fort Lauderdale, effective July 30, 1982.

**THE REV. MICHAEL KISH** — to Vicar Econome, St. Louis Church, Miami, effective August 23, 1982.

**THE REV. E. MICHAEL KELLY** — to membership on the Advisory Board of the Permanent Diaconate Program, effective immediately.

**THE REV. JOSEPH ANGELINI** — to Chaplain, Santa Maria Council #4999, Knights of Columbus, North Palm Beach, effective immediately.

**THE REV. TIMOTHY LYNCH** — to Chaplain, Monsignor Jerome Reddy Council #6599, Knights of Columbus, Tequesta-Jupiter area, effective August 10, 1982.

**THE REV. YATES HARRIS** — to membership on the Advisory Board of the Permanent Diaconate Program, effective immediately.

**THE REV. JOSEPH ANGELINI** — to the faculty of Cardinal Newman High School with residence in St. John Fisher Rectory, both in West Palm Beach, effective August 18, 1982.

**THE REV. RONALD WOHLERT** — to membership on the Advisory Board of the Permanent Diaconate Program, effective immediately.

**THE REV. ROBERT J. O'CONNELL, S.S.J.** — to Associate Pastor, Holy Redeemer Church, Miami, effective September 25, 1982.

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- **Saturday, October 16** . . . . . . . St. Joan of Arc, 370 SW 3rd St., Boca Raton.
- **Saturday, October 30** . . . . . . . St. Brendan, 8725 SW 32 St., West Miami (in Spanish)

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- S - Support
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- Skelton
- H. P. Kobusch

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- N. A. Childers
- Wes Hansen

**SHERIFF**

- R. W. McKinney
- W. G. McLeary
- J. F. Logan
- D. J. McManus

**COMMISSIONER**

- R. W. McKinney
- W. G. McLeary
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**SUPERINTENDENT**

- R. W. McKinney
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**MAYOR**

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- Tom Bush 

Republican
- Don West 
- Ken Jenne 
- W. J. Milliken 
- R. F. Lamb 

House

27. - Henry A. Childers 
- John F. Longley 
- Earl Maxwell 
- R. W. McKown

Senate

26. - Tim Buxton 
- Tom McPherson 
- Dave Smith 
- Ken Jenne

6. SEX EDUCATION: Public school sex or family life education programs which include abortion or contraception as acceptable means to achieving teen-age sexual responsibility.

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Democrat
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7. CAPITAL PUNISHMENT: The death penalty.

GOVERNOR

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Voice Feature
From despair to rebirth...

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same: anger, denial, bargaining, acceptance.

"IF YOU DON'T walk straight through this pain you won't recover," she says.

Many Catholics find it nearly overwhelming to work through their guilt. They say to themselves, "I should have stuck it out, I should have put up with it." This is especially true of a marriage that failed where there was no obvious major problem, such as alcoholism or adultery.

"Often the pressure to prove that you still have worth, that you can be good enough for a new partner becomes disastrous. People rush into a tenuous relationship which is also destined for destruction," says Sr. Gott.

Where else can they turn for reassurance?

"The greatest mutual need of the separated and divorced in the Catholic community is to be accepted by the Church, to feel that they still belong and won't be cut off," she says.

Although many parishes have begun to welcome the separated and divorced, there are still exceptions. One divorced related a disquieting story to Sr. Gott: The woman and her friends were greeting a new young priest who had never met them before. He shook hands with each of them eagerly, until the woman identified herself as a member of the separated and divorced Catholics group. He dropped her hand and walked away.

THIS LACK of acceptance and understanding only drives people away from the Church, according to Sr. Gott.

"As priests and sisters we represent the institutional church and we teach the permanence of the sacrament of marriage. When people fail to meet that ideal, they really feel they have committed the unforgivable sin. This mentality has pervaded our Catholic teaching." She believes that re-education is the answer to this dilemma. Thus another goal of her ministry is to enlighten the family is stronger than ever... we have fun together, we share everything. I know the worst is over."

A new relationship is budding for Tracy, but her old wounds have made her fearful of being hurt again. Although she yearns to someday obtain an annulment, build a new marriage, they really feel they have committed the unforgivable sin. This mentality has pervaded our Catholic teaching."

"God has seen me through this much. So I won't worry about the future. I'll just be patient and trust Him."

Terrie Tracy has been experiencing the joys and sorrows of single parenthood for nearly two years. Although her divorce papers are still tangled in red tape she has faced the fact that her marriage is over. The young mother is still learning to adjust.

"I realized the one thing the children needed the most after the marriage was me... just me," she says.

HER HUSBAND remained in California and she returned to Miami with the children to live in her parent's home. Tracy felt eager to return to the sanctuary of her childhood surroundings. She also found relief in sharing in their anxieties with her mother.

But she soon realized she was really on her own. She alone would be the one to secure a lucrative career and nurture the children. She immediately enrolled in college and began taking business courses. She also began to establish goals for herself.

Yet the pain of the divorce was always with her. She felt as if she had set sail in uncharted waters without any idea of her destination. Her self-esteem was gone and she was rocked by the knowledge that her husband had wanted the marriage to end.

AS A PARTICIPATING Catholic, Tracy had first gone to the Church for solace. Before she left California she sought counseling from a priest. "He told me that there was no sense drawing out what couldn't be saved..." Her husband and I had separated before but each time the problems kept getting worse. He said I should not blame myself and there was no sense in continuing the marriage..."

Once she was settled in Miami, Tracy joined St. Lawrence parish. She immersed herself in church and social activities. Without being aware of it, she slowly withdrew from the children and her homelife. She began to date frequently, searching for the mate who could help her mend her shattered self-esteem.

THE DADE CATHOLIC Singles Club marked the turning point for Tracy. Through her organizational activities in the group she gradually overcame the shyness which seemed to engulf her whenever she met new people. She began to feel secure relaxed at home and was able to direct her attention to the needs of the children.

Danny, age eight, had been his father's "favorite," which presented special obstacles for him to overcome. His distress showed in his schoolwork. His work was handed in either incomplete or only with a signature.

Tracy's solution was to help Danny find a good pal his own age who excelled in school. Then she withdrew him from the school he was in and placed him in one that offered sports and more challenging curriculum for Danny's quick, energetic mind. Danny now demonstrates his eagerness for school by rising hours ahead of schedule.

John's problems were more complicated. The 12-year-old grew bitter over his father's decision to leave and it took Tracy a long time to help him deal with it. Even now his long-distance phone conversations with his father are brief and tense, she says.

ARRANGING FOR A Big Brother for John was one of the most positive and beneficial steps in the healing process. Tracy has noticed a visible change in his attitude and his moods.

As for the youngest child, Vickie, age 2, she has not known her father long enough to feel the full impact of his absence, says Tracy.

"These days, the family is stronger than ever... we have fun together, we share everything. I know the worst is over."
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parishioners about the Church’s new pastoral approach toward the separated and divorced.

Great suffering still exists among Catholics who mistakenly believe they cannot receive the sacraments. Anyone who has obtained a legal or "civil" divorce has the Church’s approval to continue receiving them, says Sr. Gott, as long as they don’t remarry. Even remarriage is permitted if an annulment is obtained from the diocesan tribunal.

Pope John Paul II reaffirmed the Church’s position on the issue during his recent apostolic exhortation, "Familiaris Consortio" (Community

of the Family).

"LET THE CHURCH pray for the divorced, encourage them to seek a merciful Mother and thus sustain them in faith and hope," said the Holy Father.

In a recent interview with The Miami Herald, Catholic Weekly, a publication of the Detroit Archdiocese, Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate in the United States observed: "There is a greater sensitivity in the United States to the problems of Catholics in marital difficulties."

With regard to the increase in the number of annulments granted each year by U.S. Marriage Courts he stated, "There is an acceleration of the process. This is a matter of justice and conscience. . . . We don’t see an increase in numbers. Cases are just processed quicker."

WITH SUCH encouraging statements from Church authorities to serve as a catalyst for change, many support groups have come to life across the country.

There are 11 organizations for separated and divorced Catholics in Miami, Hollywood and West Palm Beach. Their membership ranges from 50 to 250 participants. Social activities, sports, prayers and discussions usually fill the meeting agendas.

At St. Louis Church in Miami as many as 150 people attend meetings for the separated and divorced. Founder Bill Westcott explains that people derive support and friendship from the group — and then move on.

The group assists them in picking up the pieces after a divorce and once that is done may have outgrown the group. Forster refers to the individuals who have benefited from the group experience and moved on as "wounded healers."

Through their anguish and pain they have learned to help others, to win a network of friends and to find new life for themselves.

By Betsy Kennedy

Voice Staff Writer

Norma Forster has always prided herself on her ability to cope with a crisis. As a teenager, she risked death a number of times to save drowning victims. When two of her own children’s lives were threatened with tragedy, her faith and composure never wavered.

"... the separated and divorced are the Church. And we may be one of its strongest forces because we have had to test our values."

Then Forster came up against a crisis which changed her life.

Divorce.

As a dedicated convert of Catholicism, she had never considered the possibility of a divorce. She and her husband had been teenage sweethearts. They had always shared the same philosophy about the sanctity of marriage and family. After 22 years of marriage, Forster’s husband was as much a part of her world as her own reflection in the mirror.

APPROACHING middle age became the apocolypse for their marriage. Despite Forster’s efforts to reinforce their relationship, to ignore "the other woman," to bring back romance and probe painfully within for explanations — her husband sought the divorce.

She turned quietly away from the mainstream of an active life. She put blinders on her outgoing, productive personality. She simply "gave up."

"I stayed in the house most of the time for nearly nine months," she remembered.

Each day she awoke was just another day to combat depression, rage, anxiety and self-recrimination.

She felt there must be something else she could do to save her marriage.

"... BUT FORSTER had always been buoyant, even when life dealt its knock-out blows. She picked herself up and did away with self-pity and withdrawal. And attending daily Masses became her lifelong goal.

Once again she became involved in her many civic and social outlets. Then she discovered the lay ministry of divorced and separated Catholics at St. Louis Church, one of several parishes in the city with such programs.

Their loving and understanding approach helped her to be even stronger than she had been before. Soon she felt able to help others. Her phone began to ring in the middle of the night. Often it would be someone desperate and frightened, who had moved to Miami with the family only to become embroiled in a divorce.

"SO MANY of them come from other cities and when their marriages crumble and fall apart it’s like an earthquake in their lives. They are completely without friends and family. That’s where our ministry can really be helpful. . . . we’re a family they can reach out to."

Groups like the one at St. Louis can help the separated and divorced overcome what Forster calls typical pitfalls. She referred to those who seek comfort in the bar scene, transitory love affairs or alcohol or drugs.

How does she feel about the Church’s attitude toward the separated and divorced?

She admits she feels bitterness about a few of the Church doctrines.

"You can murder someone, then be forgiven and receive the sacraments. Yet in many cases, a person who marries again is refused the sacraments. It seems the victim is the one who is punished.

"THEY NEED to be more aware of people who are in these circumstances. . . . the separated and divorced are the Church. And we may be one of its strongest forces because we have had to test our values."

There is a growing and dire need to pull together these people and help them form families in order to survive, she added.

Many Catholics are ashamed to talk about their divorces, to come out in the open and clear the air. It is the Church’s duty to reach them, she says.

Through her own work with the lay ministry, Forster feels she has become a "wounded healer." It is a mission she feels well-qualified to undertake.

She has already made the long journey from cocoon to butterfly.
Secularization... What’s that?

Murder. Armed robbery. VD.
These are the kinds of things we usually hear decried publicly by our leaders as society’s main problems.
You’ll never hear a public figure go on national television, for instance, and rail against secularization.

Secularization?
Sounds like some kind of chemical process.
It is an abstraction, hard to get a handle on. But in fact it is one of our most insidious problems and should be of the utmost concern to believers as it is a process that continues to creep and slowly consume our society’s very soul.

To secularize, according to Webster, is to “separate from religious or spiritual connections or influences.”

And that is exactly what has happened in this and other countries especially in recent years. It is one thing to separate church and state, but quite another to separate spiritual values from our social structures and institutions. The church itself is a formal structure which should be separate from the government structure.

But when you purge the spiritual values from our various institutions and everyday life, society is left with a kind of emptiness that eventually leads to slow social rot.

Secularization is a word, but the reality of it is everywhere.
Kids can now go through our largest and most influential institution, the public school system, and in 12 years never hear a prayer uttered nor see a manger scene nor hear the story of Joseph and his brothers.

Laws no longer uphold the sanctity of life but measure it as an organic commodity. Loveless, sadistic sexual activity on film is protected as a right by courts that see no spiritual dimension to the human being. Church attendance is down. Religious people or activities are seldom portrayed in a positive manner in our entertainment media, when portrayed at all. “Making it” is everything. Materialism the only thing.

Studies have shown that kids raised on Church teachings lose their faith in the cold secular teachings of our colleges and universities.

A recent study found that the leading opinion makers in our news media, the major national news publications — the New York Times, Time magazine, etc. — and the TV networks are about as secular oriented as you can get.

Of these top editors and writers: 86% seldom or never attend religious services ... 90% favor abortion on demand ... 54% see nothing wrong with adultery. (“It’s good for marriage.”)

Many of these people may be well intended but are awash in a sea of relativistic values that shift with each new trend and are prone to cold objectivity — which is just another form of secularization.

That is why the Church is so important in our lives, especially for young people. That is why Catholic education, family values, and the sacraments are so important.

We need them as insulation against the cold wind of secularization.

Letters to the Editor

Thanks from colony of lepers, orphans

Dear Mrs. .

Happiness knew no bound in our hearts receiving your kind letter and my sincere thanks and gratitude for your most kindness and generosity for the “gift of love” you shared towards our humble works for our poor lepers and orphans.

Your kind help had indeed been a timely blessing; it arrived just in time of our most great needs for food and medicines. It has been continued suffering here caused by typhoons, flood and heavy rain and these forces of nature make more miserable the predicament we have here. It is just nice that the Lord’s mercy worked wonderfully through your kind heart and helping hand. Your help had truly meant a lot for our works, it helped us in our needs and eased us of the great burden.

Actually, there is no scientific basis of the cause of this disease, as anybody can be afflicted with it. If ever, we should believe that, though it deforms the body, it cleanses the soul like a sandpaper that smooths the surface of the wood. To my mind, this disease is one of our Lord’s way of testing until when we can bear and suffer. And to those who are not afflicted, be an example, so that we may treasure life as a gift and make the best of it not only for ourselves but for others too. Only the Lord can explain why these sufferings and we are here as His instrument to preserve that love and hope in the hearts of His suffering people.

Well, I guess this would be all for now as I won’t let you get tired reading this lengthy letter of mine. I hope that in the future we may still have this opportunity of hearing from you. Please be assured of our love, good thoughts and fervent prayers. God bless you! Hope to hear from you.

Your Sister in Jesus,
Pearl dela Cruz
Culion Leper Colony
c/o Santa Mesa Post Office.
SM-31347 Manila, Philippines

Of war and lepers

To the Editor:
The above letter is a response to my correspondence with Sister who wrote of her poignant experiences at the leper colony in the Philippines.

Upon reflection on an age when people are willing to go along with governments that toy with atomic brinksmanship — I wonder if the fact that lepers choose life, choose to live with suffering, is not a profound lesson for a suicidally prone society that will risk “limited wars” in the name of nationalism.

Ruth Goldboss
Lake Worth
Limiting God’s image

By Msgr. James J. Walsh

"We assume in grave sin God has a difficult time in forgiving. This is why a person, finally appalled at his sins, hovers on the brink of despair because he judges God's attitude towards pardon on the basis of his own begrudging forgiveness to others. What is all this? It's an attempt to cut down the mercy of the infinitely merciful God to our shameful level."

Countering the rising suicide rate

BY FR. EUGENE HEMRICK

If centers for the training of lay ministers are looking for tough issues to sink their teeth into, they only need to look at the rising suicide rate. Of all the nightmares parents might have, the worst is to receive a phone call informing them that their son or daughter has committed suicide. Yet, according to recent reports, that dreaded nightmare has increased alarmingly. For many youths of the 1980s, life and the world around them apparently are seen as too much to handle. Death is seen as the easy way out.

During an informal conversation, faculty members at the Center for Youth Development at Catholic University in Washington, D.C., discussed several reasons for the present surge of suicides.

"YOUTH LIKE adults, often become despondent," commented Dr. Maurice Lorr, a psychologist. "They may think they are ugly or stupid. Often they are poor communicators and keep these negative thoughts to themselves," he continued.

"Sometimes, according to Lorr, youths lack another ‘intimate self,’ someone to confide in. "Without someone to tell them they are not really so bad, or that others feel the same way, they go deeper into themselves to the point where they can no longer bear the weight of despondency," Lorr said.

The psychologist even observed that studies repeatedly have shown that persons who live with someone else or who at least have a pet for company live longer than those who live alone.

"People who are emotionally close to others have a better chance of surviving a suicide attempt," Lorr pointed out that despondency also can be caused by a chemical imbalance. If laboratory tests confirm this is the case, a doctor can remedy the imbalance through medication.

Dr. Dean Hoge, a sociologist, said he thinks suicide is caused partially by too much freedom. Citing the work of sociologist Emile Durkheim, Hoge said there is some evidence that deviant behavior may be a greater likelihood for people who feel they can do anything they please. In the tight-knit society of America, for example, suicide is less probable than in a community where anything goes.

ANOTHER PARTICIPANT in the conversation, Dr. Hans Furtth, pointed out that today there are decisions to be made of a more grave nature than before; and some youths do not have the ability to shoulder serious decision-making. We have overstepped individualism at a time when life's complexity calls for a team approach to the solution of problems, the expert in child behavior suggested.

Most parents listening to this discussion would likely conclude that youths need close relationships with caring people. They need caring adults to provide rules which can serve as supportive guidelines for making decisions.

In light of these observations, what more can be done to lessen the chances that troubled youths will turn to suicide?

IN SO MANY cases, those who get served by society's institutions and agencies are those in trouble. But what is needed here is preventive action before, not after the fact.

Formation centers for lay ministries are being established in many dioceses around the country. They may offer one answer on how to help these youths.

As part of their training, lay ministers probably ought to study the situations and pressures that can lead to suicidal tendencies and learn how to take preventive measures. For example, in the event of suicide, the community itself can help.

Also, we need to find a way to communicate information on the causes of suicide from every pulpit, in every parish adult and religious education class, and through any other means parishes employ to educate the community.

Education is still one of the most powerful deterrents we have against suicide.
Opinion

Some remarkable women

The great jazz composer, Mary Lou Williams, whose roots were in Atlanta, Ga., came up the hard way. A Mass she composed and then performed in 1975 at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York, was the first jazz Mass to be commissioned for liturgical services.

She was a convert to the Catholic faith. A few months before her death in 1981, Ms. Williams said she became a Catholic because of the “serenity that I felt in this church around the corner from my house.”

I found out only recently about Ms. Williams when she talked to me from the pages of a book, "Particular Passions — Talk with Women Who Have Shaped Our Times," by author-photographer, Lynn Gilbert. It was published by Clarkson Potter Co.

By Antoinette Bosco

TOLD THROUGH photographs and stories, the book is an impressive testimonial to the contributions made by 46 women of our times. Most are truly outstanding women.

I contacted the author to ask her how she came to write this book. Mrs. Gilbert replied that, in photographing women achievers, she often talked with them informally and found them fascinating. She decided a book would be the best vehicle for telling her stories.

Mrs. Gilbert also wanted to search out some very special women, those whose contributions did not come primarily through their relationships with men or family money, but "out of their own energy and endeavors." "My criteria," she said, "would be women who had done pioneer work in their field that had significantly changed society and/or opened up a new field for women."

Mrs. Gilbert tells these remarkable women's stories through their own words, from interviews she taped and transcribed with the help of co-writer Gaylen Moore. Sometimes their technique results in choppy sequences, but over all it gives an authenticity and an immediacy to each woman's recounting of her work and life.

ONE VALUE of the book is that it demonstrates clearly that there were women achievers before the most recent women's liberation movement.

I also was struck by the fact that the majority of women in the stories are over 50 years past 50. Tennis star Billie Jean King is the only woman included who is younger than 45.

Many women are well known in their fields, such as Agnes DeMille, the dancer and choreographer; Maggie Kuhn, founder of Grey Panthers, the senior citizens organization; Sylvia Porter, the nationally syndicated economics columnist; and Julia Child, gourmet cook.

Others are only now coming out of obscurity, partly because of "Particular Passions." Helen Taussig, for example, is a pediatric cardiologist born in 1898. She pioneered a surgical procedure that has saved the lives of thousands of children born with a malformation of the heart which causes a condition known as the "Blue Baby Syndrome."

Some of the women come through with a great deal of humility as well as professional knowledge. It is hard to listen to Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, the psychiatrist whose work has challenged the taboo surrounding death, without feeling her warmth and sensitivity.

SHE SAID, "You can turn anything into a blessing, if you are willing to get rid of your resentment, your bitterness, your pain and your envy."

Mrs. Gilbert has produced an excellent book, embellished by fine portraits of the women. The result is a stunning living history of a group of outstanding women.

It is well worth a trip to the library or bookstore to get a copy. (NC News Service)

Priests and marriage

When the Catholic Church ordained as a priest a man who was married and had a family and who had been a priest in the Episcopal Church before he came into the Church, there was a predictable confusion among some Catholics.

There should not have been. There had been the precedent of ordination of married men who came into the Church after they were married and had a family and who had been a priest in the Episcopal Church before he came into the Church, there is nothing contrary to Catholic teaching or discipline in it.

It is the exception within the Latin Rite, there is nothing contrary to Catholic teaching or discipline in it.

The confusion among some of the laity is understandable. What is not understandable is the way some priests, both those who have been laicized and those still in the active ministry, have attempted to use this as an argument for the ordination of married men, who have been laicized and now wish to return to the active ministry.

ONE CATHOLIC PRIEST wrote in a diocesan newspaper, "As we welcome married men into the priesthood, what are we going to do with those Roman Catholic priests who had to leave the ministry precisely because they wanted to get married?"

So I will not be misunderstood, let me say something about those priests who made the choice to leave the active ministry to marry. There were excellent men among them. They came to an honest decision in conscience that they could no longer accept a life of celibacy. I believe we should respect their consciences, make no judgment on them and thank them for the years of service they offered as priests.

But they did make a decision. Celibacy may have become too difficult for them to accept but it did not come to them as a surprise. As once they made a decision to become priests in the active ministry of the Church, accepting celibacy as a condition of their ordination, they could no longer accept what became the burden of celibacy and so they chose to become inactive priests.

There is no doubt there are among these priests men who would have been happy to serve the Church again as active priests and who could do so ably if they could only be relieved of the consequences of their latter decision. But this involves something totally outside the tradition of the Church and it would be a decision that would surely bring an end to celibacy, which is to be a wonderful universe.

The example of the ordination of married men in the Eastern Rites or of married clergymen who have entered the Church simply has no relevance to the situation of priests who have been laicized, married and now wish to return to the active ministry of the priesthood.

There is a tradition of the ordination of married men, there is no such tradition of priests who were allowed to marry after ordination.

THEIR SITUATION is not that of married men who would be priests but of priests who married — something entirely different. It is without precedent and the return of priests who had pledged themselves to celibacy and then in conscience decided they could no longer accept this obligation would effectively destroy the very concept of celibacy.

Some would say celibacy should be optional. It is in some of the Rites of the Church but those who do not choose celibacy are not ordained until they are married. Those who are ordained as celibates remain celibate. If celibacy meant only that a priest accepted it until he decided to marry then obviously that would not be celibacy at all.

It may seem those who raise the question of the return of laicized priests to the active ministry of the Church for the utilization of their years of service who had made a choice to leave the active ministry now wish to return, but it concerns principles far too important to sacrifice for sake of expediency.

Love yourself

Q. I have a weight problem. As a result, I have a bad self-image. What can I do to improve my self-image? (Minnesota)

A. The fact that you are unhappy about your weight problem doesn't mean that you have a bad self-image.

What comes across in your question is that you are recognizing something that you consider a problem for yourself. And it's always a healthy sign when we honestly recognize our problems.

It sounds as though you're on the verge of taking steps to solve the difficulty you find in being overweight. Consult your physician about a sensible diet that will produce long-lasting results.

By Tom Lennon
Dear Dr. Kenny: Both my husband and I work full time. We have two children, ages 10 and 8. These ages could be termed middle and we pick them up after work. I am often tired and irritable and fear I am neglecting them. I want to be a better parent.

Please don't tell me to stop working. I need to work. We need the extra money. I also need to have a career of my own. I think I was a worse parent when I wasn't working. Please help me. -- Illinois.

By Dr. James and Mary Kenny

You are not alone in having limited time to be with your children. The non-custodial parent in a divorce or separation and the single parent who must work face similar problems. The first suggestion is a caution. Be careful of your tired times. It is very easy to view the children as inconsiderate nuisances.

"I don't have any homework." Since I wrote a column on this a couple of years back, I won't do more than re-suggest that every child has some kind of homework every week night, even if it's only a book he or she is supposed to be reading. A good parental reaction for the child who never has homework is to provide some (spell the states, learn the capitals, write a letter to Grandma). Read this book, or practice your math tables. We found our homeworkless children soon discovered they did have homework after all.

"But I can study in front of TV." Television and homework don't mix, according to over 100 teachers who responded to a research survey for my upcoming book on healthy families. Parental control over the quality of TV during the week is foundational to academic success. I know it's an endless battle but if parents stick to their rule of an hour or two of TV during week nights, the kids soon get the idea that they are not going to be allowed to work their homework in around a heavy TV schedule.

"I can't miss practice." Overscheduled kids don't make good scholars or good family members. We have to teach them to prioritize and that means they can't do everything. If football, band, a part-time job, and geometry are priorities, then school and family become secondary and even resented for taking time away from a child's activity. Sometimes parents have to exercise divine-right authority and say no for the sake of their child's and family health.

"I was only one point away from a B." I never realized there were so many C's given that were only one point away from a B until my children pleaded for mercy after some privilege was taken away. If it's the "but I got better grades than he did" debate. Maybe so, but I want to talk with her and hear her side before I make a judgement. Maybe she has a reason for not liking you, like lack of respect or attention on your part. Maybe she wants to like you but you aren't making it possible.

Maybe she likes you a lot but you're using it as an excuse for failing that test. Whatever it is, let's you and I and the teacher get together and talk about it. (Amazing how often this plaint disappears once the child experiences a parent-teacher conference.)

"You know, school isn't so bad." This usually comes after all of the above rules, tears and techniques have been involved. Our real hope is for children to be happy while educated but teachers and children can't do it alone. They need us as caring parents who plan to remain interested and involved beyond the first two weeks of school.

By Dolores Curran

OPENING PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, if there is anything you want for us it is clearly the gift of peace. You wished us peace over and over again during your life here on earth. You showed us how to be peace makers and to be makers of peace. Help us to have the courage to make peace. Amen.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

War, violence, anger, fighting do not provide the atmosphere for happiness. Jesus tells us that if we want to be happy we have to be at peace, at peace with ourselves and with others.

This Family Night can be well spent if we look at ourselves as peacemakers. A familiar song says, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." ACTIVITY IDEAS

Young Families. PEACE BANNER. Materials: poster paper, scissors, and glue. Talk about war and peace, fighting and making up, friends and enemies. Choose a peace symbol or an Indian peace pipe, an olive branch, the circle with a "Y" in the center, the peace word "Shalom," or another peace symbol you create. Make a banner using your symbol to hang in your home as a reminder that we all want to be peacemakers. Middle and Adults. PEACE FAMILIES. Have a discussion based on the following questions: How are disputes settled in your family? Between children? b. Between parents? How are disputes settled between you and your friends? Can you remember an incident which made you so angry that you used violence? Could that dispute have been settled in any other way?

CLOSING PRAYER:

St. Francis' Prayer for Peace — Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me bring joy; where there is darkness, let me bring light; where there is doubt, faith; where there is injury, pardon. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consolled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

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**Scriptural Insights**

**CHANGE—FROM THE HEART**

Readings: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-24

By Fr. Richard Murphy, O.P.

The readings for Mass sometimes appear to be out of touch with reality, but when we take a second look at them, we find that the Word of God, like a two-edged sword, penetrates deep into the heart of man. God's word constantly reminds us that we live on two different levels.

In the book of Deuteronomy, Moses speaks eloquently about the necessity of keeping the laws and customs given to the people by God, and James in his letter takes up the same theme. The Father of all light has bestowed many gifts on His children who should do away with anything, any evil habit, that stands between them and the light. "Do what the word tells you, do not just listen to it."

Jesus ran headlong into an ancient, narrow and mechanical attitude toward tradition, and would again and again insist that what went on in a man's heart was more important than outward correctness. This brought Him into open conflict with the scribes and Pharisees who were the guardians of the Mosaic Law. For them, it was all the Law or nothing; for Jesus, the Law was good but there was something better.

Today's readings, then, touch a very sensitive nerve — we call it "change." Change involves confusion, the need for decision, things unsettled. Many people detest change, yet it is constantly changing; getting older, diversifying our interests, living a normal life. Change and perfection go together; nothing can be more stupefying than an absolute, iron rule admitting no change or adaptation.

In the midst of all human activity there are things that remain constant. I am always me; the seasons come and go; there is birth and death, pain and suffering, and good days filled with the joy and laughter of friends. Most of all, there is God. His promises hold; He is not sorry. He made them; He always approves goodness, hates evil. Jesus' two commandments are to love God and our neighbor; nothing can ever surpass these commands.

In our world, in which constant change is the rule, there is a center that holds. We have to balance these opposing forces, and that task is not always simple.

When wiser heads counsel others not to "rock the boat," they are really saying "make change slowly." Laws are not devised to make life a burden, or unhappiness a way of life. On the contrary, laws enable us to live constructively in a predictable world. Our laws and customs reflect past experience and much practical wisdom, but just the same they ought to be open-ended to allow for whatever adjustment changing conditions may require.

There is an ever-present danger that "law" can become a fetish; when that happens, legalism and externalism flourish. So repugnant is this to common sense that it provokes contempt for all law, and the seeds of anarchy begin to sprout — the opposite extreme.

Jesus observed manmade laws, and God's. He declared that when love flourishes, the aberrations of human conduct tend to disappear, for love purifies and perfects us within. It is in the heart of man, not in the laws, that the great revolution must take place, for sins are first committed in the heart, within a man. And what a rank growth the inward man produces: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, envy, slander, pride, folly.

We truly live on two levels, the one spiritual and the other earthly. Both are valid and legitimate spheres of human activity, and we must make provision for them both. We must make sure that the primacy of the spiritual is maintained in all that we do.

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CATHOLIC PLAY CAME TO BOCA

‘Mass Appeal’ too superficial

By Peter P. Fuchs, Jr.
Special to The Voice

The best of Broadway’s current slate of Catholic plays, ‘Mass Appeal,’ recently came to Boca Raton, produced independently by the Caldwell Playhouse, which should be congratulated for bringing the play to our area so soon after its initial New York run.

The recipient of several Tony Awards, ‘Mass Appeal’ concerns the relationship between an older, comfortably-set and complacent priest and a young, idealistic seminarian who each grow as they argue about the latest Catholic issues and the younger man’s impending priesthood.

THIS PRODUCTION featured Charles Welch (from the Pepperidge Farm commercials) as the older parishioner and alcohol showed a keen understanding of the Catholic Church. Osborne’s acting technique, in fact, was amateurishly simplistic.

The young-old priest relationship, moreover, was seldom believable, much less emotionally moving. When moments of affection and understanding came, the actors’ feelings never seemed real. Undoubtedly, the best moments came from Welch, but this supposed look at rectory reality generally seemed contrived.

TO MY MIND, part of the problem lies with Bill C. Davis’ play itself. Though it has earned many plaudits, it represents an essentially superficial look at modern Catholicism and at the relationship between two people. The seminarian’s character is especially one-sided: he is always angry; angry with priests, monsignors, his fellow seminarians (whom he knows drive expensive cars and have TVs in their rooms) and at the Catholic Church in general. He is even angry at the congregation, though he laments this later (rather inepitly) and says that he really loves them.

The play also leaves the impression that all seminarians are somehow sexually abnormal, since the young seminarian was formerly bisexual and two other seminarians who are often talked about are being ousted for supposed homosexual activity. This statement on all seminarians’ sexuality is implied through the omission of even a hint of the gruffness that would have been appropriate to the role. Often he played it with a noticeably inappropriate, impish quality.

Will Osborne as the younger seminarian, Mark Dolson, was well-meaning and somewhat earnest. Unfortunately, his enthusiasm was not enough to convince the viewer that he was really a young idealist filled with heartfelt concern for the Catholic Church. Osborne’s acting technique, in fact, was amateurishly simple.

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Several notable writers have waxed eclectically about this play. Frankly, this surprises me. Perhaps their glowing comments came when they compared “Mass Appeal,” to the sorry onslaught of Catholic plays that have recently hit Broadway. I, for one, find most of them tasteless and offensive. Surely it is a sign of decadence when playwrights must exploit religion for artistic fecundity.

Of course, “Mass Appeal” is better than all the other plays. It is often very funny and includes moments of truth, especially when it satirizes sleep-inducing sermons. In fact, it presents a wonderful idea which still waits to be treated with great effect. What a shame that Noel Coward or Bernard Shaw are not alive to give it a try.

The author of some 20 books including “The Day Kennedy Was Shot,” and “The Day Christ Died,” Bishop will offer advice for aspiring writers.

The program is interpreted in Sign Language by Carol Tipton.
Ministers of various religions gathered at Barry University on Thursday, August 19, for the first meeting of the school’s new inter-denominational Campus Ministry Team. Working through the Campus Ministry Office, team members will be available to counsel Barry Students of different religious backgrounds, and also to serve the community in other social matters. “This will exemplify that Barry University is Catholic, ecumenical and international,” explains Father Thomas A. Clifford, Director of Religious Affairs and campus chaplain.

The team, organized by Barry President Sister Jeanne O’Laughlin, and Father Clifford, will be composed of resident and adjunct (or outside) ministers. All participants have been appointed by Sister Jeanne. Campus members are Father Clifford (who is also Team Coordinator), Father Oscar Mendez, Father Cyril Burke, Father Dan Madden, Sister M. Adelaide, Sister Marie Carole Hurley, and Sister Agnes Louise Stechschulte.

Adjacent campus ministers are Rev. Timothy Croft, from the Miami Shores Presbyterian Church, Rev. Clifford Horvath, from the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, and Rev. Elwood Lodge, from the Miami Shores Baptist Church. Also, Rev. Thomas Price, of the Rader Memorial United Methodist Church, Rev. Jim Wesson, from the Redeemer Lutheran Church, and Mrs. Nancy Tobin, from the Hill Jewish Student Union.

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By Neil Parent
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Apathetic corner of where I work lies a palm reader. Each time I pass by her place, I become slightly intrigued to know what she would say if I went in for a reading.

Now, mind you, I don’t really believe palm readers have any special power. But, on occasion, I have a playful interest in hearing what she might say about my future. I smile to myself and wonder if she would predict fame and fortune for me.

We humans have always been more than a little interested in trying to figure out the future. In ancient Greece, the famous Oracle of Delphi uttered predictions while in a semi-conscious trance.

EASTERN ASTROLOGERS

‘Pathways of the Spirit’ next week

Faith is connected to all of life, but sometimes the connection is overlooked or simply not discovered. The 1982-83 ‘Know Your Faith’ series which began next week makes that connection.

Entitled “Pathways of the Spirit,” it probes the ways faith is linked to every aspect of the life of people by exploring the role of God’s Holy Spirit in moral decision-making, history, the sacraments and our efforts toward justice. Father John Castelot also continues his series on the Scriptures by studying some of the great themes of the Bible and their relationship to Christian living.

Catch the Spirit’ next week in The Voice.

An artist’s conception of a futuristic outerspace satellite service station depicts the future as some people imagine it. Thoughts of tomorrow can instill fear in anyone but as followers of Jesus we have a legitimate concern and responsibility for the future. How we live our lives today will affect the future that will one day be the present for our children and for successive generations.

TOO FREQUENTLY, we look upon God’s creation of the world as a finished product. We tend to feel that, at some point in time, God finished the work of creation.

However, a more dynamic and perhaps a more correct way of looking at creation is to view it as never finished and still in progress. Creation belongs essentially to God, but he invites us to join him in the work where we can. He offers us a significant role in molding the world in which we live. He also expects us to take a hand in molding ourselves as well.

This idea should not seem so strange. After all, parents are co-creators with God of their own children. This is true in a physical sense and in an emotional and spiritual sense as well.

One of our tasks, then, as Christians is to strive to see that the future becomes more reflective of God. We should seek to make a world in which evil in all its forms is vanquished; in which there is no disease or poverty; a world in which all people see each other as brothers and sisters; in which justice and peace are abiding qualities of life.

The Kind of world we live in today, and what the world will become in the future, will be due at least in part to the decisions that we make in the present. The future is today’s decisions played out tomorrow.

Our present was created out of the deeds of the past. It represents the combined efforts — for good or ill — of all those who came before us.

Personally, I stand in silent admiration and gratitude to all those down through the eons of time who labored to make this world a better place to live, especially where peace and justice are concerned. I would hate to think of what our present would be like today without their efforts.

The future is a mystery and will always remain so. Still, our responsibility as Christians is not to sit back and let the future come to us. Our responsibility is to mold the future in the image of Christ.

By Father John J. Castelot
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Abandoned by all his disciples, denied by Peter, mocked by the Roman soldiers, taunted by passersby, and heckled even by his fellow victims, it would seem that Jesus has experienced torment to the full. But worse is yet to come.

Mark signals the approach of the climax as darkness falls over the countryside, a symbol of the power of evil. Engulfed in this darkness for three hours, apparently crushed by the powers he came to destroy, Jesus finally screams: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34).

There is no point trying to explain away this cry of abandonment, by appealing, for instance, to the fact that the words are the opening line of Psalm 22, which goes on to conclude in a cry of victory. True though it is, it is not necessarily true of Mark’s intention. He quotes only the terrible opening words, and means them to express Jesus’ utter desolation.

VARIATIONS on the theme of the cross have been met from the beginning of the Gospel. Mark is not about to reverse that theme in the final moment. No, he is bringing it to a crashing climax, showing what the cross really cost Jesus.

Yet, when Jesus cries out to God, he calls him “my” God. God is still...
Christians face tomorrow together

By Neil Parent
NC News Service

A number of years ago, while teaching religion to a group of teen-agers, I began to describe the ways things were in the church before the Second Vatican Council which opened in 1962. As I mentioned some obvious differences, such as the Mass in Latin and the priest facing away from the people, the students' eyes began to widen in amazement.

Their reactions of near disbelief, together with their enthusiastic questions about church life way back then, made me realize just how much the church had changed in a few years. I realized then that a whole new generation knew nothing of the ways of the pre-Vatican II church.

CHANGE HAS come fast in the past 20 years — not just in the church, but in many other areas of life as well.

Daniel Yankelovich, a social psychologist, highlights some of the changes in his book, "New Rules." He cites the women's movement; the expansion of the consumer, environmental and quality-of-life movements; the emphasis on self-help; the hospice movement and its treatment of "those who are dying; and the question- ing of the scientific-technological worldview.

Yankelovich also pointed to changed attitudes within society about sexuality; a new preoccupa- tion with the body and physical fitness; and a revival of interest in nature and the natural.

One conclusion Yankelovich reaches is that people today are involved in a "search for a full rich life, ripe with leisure, new experience, and enjoyment, as a replacement for the orderly, work-centered attitude of earlier decades."

Twenty years ago, who could have predicted what the future had in store for us as a church and a society? Yet, as Alvin Toffler, Herman Kahn and other futurologists have indicated, there is no reason to believe that during the next 20 years we will see any slowing up in the pro- cess of social change.

Indeed, all prospects are that change will oc- cur at even a quicker rate, bringing with it both challenges and opportunities.

WHATEVER THE FUTURE brings, it will have implications for our faith. We live our faith not in a vacuum, but in historical and cultural conditions which can either enhance and support our faith or threaten what we believe and value.

Take, for example, the efforts to work for justice and peace that were so pervasive in the 1960s. The promotion of justice and peace has deep roots in our faith. Indeed, many Christians have been leaders in these efforts. This is a type of concern that can help to focus beliefs around specific gospel values and serve as a catalyst for action.

On the other hand, some developments in contemporary society conflict with traditional Christian values. While Christians could support and encourage the interest in self-development and self-fulfillment, at times these concerns about the self worked against the development of community or fell over into selfishness. Like- wise, some of the emphasis within society on sexuality violated Christian norms.

The Christian is fortunate in living a faith which provides values and a sense of direction in life. These are so important in times when a rapid succession of changes are experienced.

How does one sort through all of this? How does one determine which changes produce growth, which are healthy, which are ultimately poisonous to life and faith?

THE CHURCH, in my view, can be of con- siderable support to its members during periods of change and uncertainty. The Christian need not face the future alone.

As a member of a community, a church, the Christian enjoys the help of other believers in assessing the meaning and value of change.

There is a great deal of wisdom and experience in the body of believers.

Faith, then, is both a frame of reference for judging what the future has to offer and a means of stability and support for coping with change.

We might view faith as the rudder and keel of a sailing vessel. Without these two important stabilizing devices, the ship is tossed about by every current and gust of wind. However, with them, the ship can adjust to the changes and still proceed to its destination.

People of faith, like the fully-equipped ship, have a vision and a destination; they also have the means to make the most of the changes the journey brings.

The journey is not without its hazards, of course, but Christians can have confidence in God's abiding presence and help during its more difficult moments.
Whole again

Catholic Charities program helps abused children

LAREDO, Texas (NC) — Since April, 5-year-old Maria has been learning how to overcome her fear of men.

At that time the child witnessed the terrifying scene of her mother being raped and then tumbling down a flight of stairs where she lay bleeding from the chin and ears.

Now, after some therapy, when a man enters the room, Maria barely takes notice and can even be playing with her dolls and blocks.

Maria (not her real name) is one of over 100 children who have been helped to overcome emotional problems through testing and counseling in the Child Development Project sponsored by Catholic Charities.

THE PROGRAM was developed by Dr. Rafael and Carol Castorena when they answered an advertisement for a director of youth counseling.

"When there is violence in the family, children have psychological problems and they don't function in school because they are distracted," said Castorena, a psychiatrist and special education teacher. "They need help overcoming these problems.

Although the Castorenas also offer counseling for parents of troubled children, most of their attention is directed toward youngsters who are mistreated or who may be in an atmosphere in which parents are alcoholics or where one spouse batters the other.

The counselors say it is difficult to estimate how many children need their help in this border town of 92,000 residents. However, one indicative of the seriousness of the problem is that 100 cases of child abuse and neglect are reported to the Texas Department of Human Resources each month.

"We are advocates for the child," said Mrs. Castorena, a psychologist for the migrant program in the Laredo Independent School District.

"We have to identify what's urgent with the child — either a behavioral, educational or emotional problem," Castorena said. "Then we know where to start working with the parents and teachers.

The team works closely with Laredo's 23 public and five Catholic elementary schools. They provide children with transportation from school grounds to the testing centers. Then, based on results from the tests, the Castorenas make recommendations to teachers and parents on how to work with a child's problem.

THE TOOLS of the counseling trade are as numerous as the problems they attempt to remedy.

In Maria's case, having the child draw pictures of a man may be helpful in showing the counselors what her feelings are about adult males.

The counselors may also ask a child to draw himself or a tree.

"If they draw themselves very small, we try to work up their self concept," Mrs. Castorena said. "Or if they draw a tree with no leaves or roots, it may suggest the child feels he lives in a cold environment."

Another tool is a dollhouse, with which the counselors can learn how a child acts out family roles and relationships in what they call "play therapy."

"If the child hides the smallest member of the doll family or spans it a lot, it indicates he is angry inside," Mrs. Castorena said.

It may also show the child is mimicking familiar family scenes, so the counselors help the child deal with his frustrations and guilt.

"When Dad comes home drunk, we try to show them they're not to blame," Castorena said. "Once they're over the guilt from thinking they cause the problem, we can help them by ready psychologically for the next time."

The Castorenas also aid parents in finding jobs, paying bills, buying food and obtaining security benefits.

The Child Development Project also helps place parents in Labor Pro-\-grams, a halfway house for alcoholic mothers and in the battered women's shelter, two other services offered by Catholic Charities.

If I had it to do over

By Hilda Young
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When your youngest has only just turned 4, it might sound silly to be asking, "If I had my child rearing to do again, how would I do it differently?"

Still, when your oldest is saving money to buy a car, you find yourself reflecting on more than killer insurance rates.

I think the first thing I'd do is listen better — less head nodding and fewer "Uh huh" answers. I'd stop chopping onions or scraping burned-on cheese off the oven rack and listen.

As I think back, some of the most precious times I've spent with my oldest son and daughter have taken place in the middle of a pile of clothes, sorting socks and sharing secrets.

I think I would enjoy them more — less stonewalling and more candor. I'm increasingly realizing that admitting mistakes and apologizing to my children nurtures a need they have to love their own humanness, and it doesn't hurt my image or authority.

Next time I snap at little Marie because I'm uptight about the checkbook not balancing, I hope I remember it's not that serious.

I think I'd be more real about God and the church — less impatient about the children's boredom at Mass and more in tune with helping them see God in their new puppy's growth, in rain and in camp fires, in baking cookies together, in watering the garden.

Don't show this column to my oldest son, though. The first thing he'll want to do is have a heart-to-heart talk about driver education classes.
Protestan ataques a la Iglesia en Nicaragua

Masaya, Nicaragua — Estudiantes de seis escuelas Católicas de esta ciudad de Managua demostraron públicamente protestando por los arrestos de algunos estudiantes y otros civiles por la policía sandinista en previa demostración por los abusos cometidos contra el Padre Bismarc Carballo, director de Comunicaciones de la Arquidiócesis de Managua.

Durante los choques de la semana pasada tres personas murieron y seis fueron heridas en una confrontación con la policía y grupos de sandinistas que arremetieron contra los demostradores frente a la Escuela Superior de los Salesianos. Estudiantes de la Escuela Superior Sta. Teresita también se unieron a la protesta.

Un vehículo no identificado se abalanzó contra la multitud lesionando a algunos, dándose después a la fuga mientras la policía disparaba al aire para dispersar a más de 400 personas que marchaban por las calles de la población. Después del inesperado ataque del auto, algunos de los demostradores incendiaron una oficina local del Comité de Vigilancia y una estación de policía.

Dos sacerdotes salesianos, los Padre José Morataya y José María Pacheco, del personal educativo salesiano, tuvieron que buscar asilo en las embajadas de España y Costa Rica, países de origen de los clérigos.

Managua también fue teatro de un choque entre estudiantes Católicos y grupos sandinistas, que se produjo cuando éstos últimos atacaron a los Católicos que protestaban desde las escuelas los abusos cometidos contra el Padre Carballo. Similares demostraciones han tenido lugar en varias partes del país.

Típicos de los gobiernos comunistas son las infamias preparadas de antemano contra quienes desean desacreditar presentándolos como enemigos. Este es el caso del Padre Carballo. Cautelesos en sus ataques a la Iglesia no agredieron abiertamente al Arzobispo sino a quien es el vocero de la Arquidiócesis como Director de Comunicaciones. Y como es costumbre, la prensa controlada por ellos estaba allí presente, con cámaras y personal, esperando que los sucesos ocurrieran. El gobierno, como es natural, negó responsabilidades y hasta prohibió la publicación de las fotos en que aparecen desunidos el Padre Carballo y la señora María Castillo "porque herían la moral y la fe popular", según palabras del gobierno sandinista a través de uno de sus voceros, el Nuevo Diario.

La radio y TV controladas dieron otras versiones indicando que todo comenzó cuando el esposo de la dama en cuestión, celoso atacó al sacerdote. Por contraste, declaraciones de otras personas coinciden con las del Padre Carballo. Uno o dos individuos previamente escondidos dentro del hogar de la Sra. Castillo, una dirigente carismática, donde había sido invitado a almorcarse atacaron y entonces la policía les empujó a la calle, desnudándole antes de salir, arrastrándole a él por la calle. Llevado a la cárcel le mantuvieron desnudo por varias horas hasta que dos comandantes sandinistas conocidos del Padre Carballo hicieron acto de presencia en la prisión. Veinte minutos después fue liberado bajo custodia del Nuncio Apostólico. Padre Carballo presentaba señales de maltrato.

Típicos también de los comunistas fueron las acusaciones, a título de aclaración, del Ministro del Interior sandinista Tomás Borge durante el entierro de las tres personas muertas durante las protestas. Dijo Borges que "elementos derechistas tratan de explotar la fe religiosa del pueblo para desestabilizar al gobierno revolucionario". Culpó de los hechos al gobierno americano y a la CIA.

Ataques a la Iglesia se han venido sucediendo en Nicaragua desde hace algunos meses, pero hasta ahora sólo aparecían envueltos "ciudadanos leales a las conquistas de la revolución, quienes en su celo revolucionario han visto como traciones algunas actitudes o palabras de algunos clérigos católicos". Y estos "fieles defensores de la revolución", dos meses atrás corrieron las lantas del automóvil del Arzobispo Miguel Obando Bravo cuando oficiaba en una parroquia en visita pastoral. Al salir fue agredido y corrió a cubrirse en la parroquia escapando sin lesiones.

El Obispo Salvador Schlaefer, natural de EE.UU., con muchos años de servicios en Nicaragua, en tres ocasiones fue impedido de regresar a su diócesis, el Vicariato Apostólico de Bluefields, centro de mucha oposición al gobierno por parte de los trabajadores. El obispo Pablo A. Vega, de Juigalpa también ha sufrido ataque anticanónicos en su prelatura.

Mas ayer fue la agresión contra el Obispo Bosco Vivas que fue golpeado por una turba de "celescos ciudadanos". Y un ataque que no lo es sólo contra la Iglesia sino contra la libertad de expresión y de la prensa fue la prohibición de dar publicidad a la Carta del Papa Juan Pablo II a los Obispos de Nicaragua donde expresa su crítica contra la "Iglesia Popular" independiente de la jerarquía y en cuya "iglesia" hay algunos sacerdotes y religiosos simpatizantes con el régimen dictatorial de la Junta Sandinista.

Monsenor Obando Bravo ha hecho público su respaldo al Padre Carballo y denunciado el alevoso hecho declarando: "Creemos en la declaración del Padre Carballo, confiamos en su integridad. El ha sido víctima de una atroz calumnia. Creo que detrás de las alegaciones (de las autoridades policiales) hay un intención de desestabilizar a la Iglesia, manchar su imagen y obstaculizar su función evangelizadora en Nicaragua."

Radio Vaticano y L’Osservatore Romano han criticado severamente las "crecientes tensiones" entre el estado y la Iglesia de Nicaragua, donde según los reportajes de la prensa internacional "la Iglesia y sus instituciones han sido blanco de ofensas y violencias por grupos sandinistas, situación que nunca antes sucedió en un país de fe y tradiciones Católicas tan vivas y enraizadas", dijeron las dos fuentes informativas del Vaticano con palabras similares.

Además de los dos sacerdotes salesianos internados en las embajadas de España y Costa Rica, se reportó que dos Hermanos Cristianos y una tercera persona vinculada a la Iglesia habían sido detenidas por la policía, pero puestas en libertad poco tiempo después según informes de un vocero de la Iglesia en Managua.

En las últimas declaraciones el Padre Bismar Carballo de que su posición es que la policía está respaldando los ataques contra la Iglesia. No es una coincidencia que ellos estuvieran en la casa y me manipularan". También resulta llamativo que la prensa estuviera en las cercanías del hogar de la Sra. Castillo para reportar sobre una demostración de grupos sandinistas contra los "contrarrevolucionarios apoyados por los imperialistas americanos" y que al suceder los hechos mencionados volvieron su atención a la "aventura del Padre Carballo".

Radio Vaticano y L’Osservatore Romano expresan que los reportes del conflicto Iglesia — Estado en Nicaragua "ya una causa de pena y preocupación en sí mismo, legitima subsiguiente aprehensión . . . ."
San José de Calazans

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José de Calazans nació en Aragón, España, en 1556. Tenía sólo cinco años cuando, según leyendas, formó una tropa de muchachos y salieron a la calle a “buscar y matar a Satanás”. Joven aún el celoso cuidador de lo bueno y noble fue ordenado sacerdote. Se cuenta que tuvo una visión en la cual veía muchachitos desnudos a quienes él enseñaba junto con un número de ángeles. Algun tiempo después partió hacia Roma y fundó la Orden de Clérigos Regulars de las Escuelas Pías (Escolapios). Muchos pron- to tuvo 1,000 niños bajo su cuidado sin recibir pago alguno. Cada lección comenzaba con una plegaria y hacia el fin del día instruían a los niños en Doctrina Cristiana.

Algun enemigo del P. José lo acusó falsamente y a la edad de 86 años an- duvo las calles haciendo la pícaro. Su orden fue reducida a congregación y no fue restaurada a sus originales privilegios hasta después de su muerte. Pero San José de Calazans murió lleno de esperanzas en el futuro de su orden diciendo: “Mi trabajo fue realizado sólo por amor a Dios”.

Actos en honor de Ntra. Sra. de la Caridad en Hialeah

La Parroquia de St. John The Apostle, 452 E. 4 St., Hialeah, se propone celebrar con un triduo y rosario que culminará con la Eucaristía después de la Misa de las 3 y el sábado 4, habrá el rezo del Santo Rosario con proyección, meditación y ofrecimiento de flores en cada misterio bajo la dirección del Sr. Cesar Alonso, este acto será en la Iglesia.

El domingo 5, inmediatamente después de la Misa, saldrá la pro- cesión con la imagen de la Virgen de la Caridad por las calles adyacentes a la parroquia.

AVISO: Para reservar asientos en los omnibus, que saldrán del patio del Colegio el Miercoles 8 de Setiembre para asistir a la Misa del Marine N.J. y la cena famosa orquesta de Chirino y la cena del Auditorio y parking gratis.

El Rev. Padre Jorge García ofrecerá un estudio sobre el Evangelio de San Marcos a partir del 31 de Agosto, de 8 a 9 de la noche, en el auditorio de la Parroquia Sts. Peter and Paul, 900 S.W. 26 Rd.

Este estudio comprende seis clases que ayudarán a los fieles a conocer más en la Palabra de Dios. Todos están invitados y pueden traer a familiares y amigos.

Baile y Cena del Colegio de Belén

El Centro Intercultural Jesuita del Colegio de Belén ha organizado una Cena Bailable de Gala conmemorando su 128 aniversario en el Hotel Omni, Biscayne Boulevard y Calle 16, Miami, para el día 2 de Octubre del corriente año.

El Baile estará animado por la famosa orquesta de Chirino y la cena será digna de satisfacer los más exi- gentes gustos. Todo por lo alto.

La recaudación de este señalo evento será usada para amortizar la deuda de construcción del nuevo Colegio de Belén, orgullo de Miami.

Aunque aparentemente está llegando a su fin la buena fortuna, en los últimos meses se habían sentido en Miami los beneficios efectos de la batida que el gobierno diera contra los narcotraficantes, tratando de me- jorar la mala imagen que nuestra ciudad había conquistado ante el país y el mundo.

Tanto se logró que parece que algunos comerciantes llegaron a que- jarse de que sus negocios habrían sufrido una merma de casi el cuat- renta por ciento.

Esa es la terrible realidad: hasta in- dividuos que no tienen la menor idea lo que es el narcotráfico, se quejan de que se les impide ganar dinero. Pero San José de Calazans tendría la misma opinión que nuestras autoridades: el narcotráfico está matando a nuestro pueblo.

También se ha demostrado que no sólo los narcotraficantes, sino todos los que se relacionan con ellos y con los que los apoyan, están perdiendo dinero. Es un negocio en el que sólo ganan los peores elementos.

En las operaciones contra los narcotraficantes se han sacado muchos de ellos fuera de la ciudad. Pero esto no ha terminado. Muchos de ellos están todavía en las carcelas, y muchos otros se han ido y han estado guardándolos ganados al riesgo de desafiar la ley.

Todos sabemos que, por su posición geográfica, Miami ha sido un punto estratégico de primer orden. Operaciones importantes dentro del mundo del hampa han tenido, como muchos testigos, las paredes de aparta- mentos, hoteles u otros edificios de la ciudad.

Muchos negocios nuevos han surgido como escaparates para encubrir el narcotráfico o para “lavar dinero” adquirido ilegalmente. Otros que no tienen nada que ver con el hampa, también han in- crementado sus ganancias por el movi- miento masivo de dinero dentro de la ciudad.

En la lucha contra las drogas nunca podremos cantar victoria, ya que la ambición por el dinero es tan poderosa que muchos, por cons- ciente que sean, se ven obligados a burlar la vigilancia de los guar- dianes de la ley.

Se sabe, por ejemplo, de individuos que tragan bolsitas de plástico llenas de estupefacientes, por valor de cien- tos de miles, y así pasan tranquila- mente por las aduanas ante la mirada de los agentes.

Esta forma de contrabando re- quiere de una operación quirúrgica para sacar del estómago del portador las bolsitas que antes se había tragado, lo que supone un gravísimo riesgo, pues si una de estas bolsitas se rompiera dentro, la muerte es casi segura.

Pero, ¿cómo sabremos el por cien- to de fracasos que se han tenido al respecto? Desgraciadamente siempre aparecen muchos dispuestos a correr el riesgo a cambio de buena ganancia.

Aparte del riesgo de ser asesinado por la violencia que genera la competi- ción en el negocio, o porque aquel “quiere salirse y ya sabe demasiado”. De este tipo de asesinatos oímos todos los días.

La lucha contra las drogas enfrenta su peor dificultad en el dinero que está envuelto en su tráfico, suficiente para comprar hasta la conciencia de la gente.

La Caridad del Cobre, Ni...
**La lucha contra las drogas**

Rev. Arnaldo Bazán

muchas autoridades.

En los países de origen, con frecuencia, los encabeézqulas de la operación son dirigentes políticos o militares, que utilizan su influencia para ganar dinero a través de las drogas. Aquí mismo han sido atrapados agentes policiales que cooperaban con el hampa para obtener su parte. Es posible que otros nunca logren ser descubiertos.

Lo más preocupante no es, desde luego, el dinero, sino los terribles efectos que las drogas producen en la gente que se aficiona a usarlas. Hoy por hoy, millones de seres humanos arruinan sus vidas a cambio del placer temporal que consiguen con su escapada de, un mundo real que parece hastiarles en exceso.

Porque, en definitiva, lo que buscan los drogadictos, al igual que los suicidas, es una forma de escapar de la tragedia en que se ha convertido su vida, quizás porque nadie les enseño su verdadero significado ni nunca logren ser descubiertos.

Han sido atrapados agentes policiales que tratan de evadirse. Frente a esta realidad escasamentante no podemos menos que unirnos en la lucha contra las drogas. Tenemos que apoyar todas las medidas útiles que apliquen las autoridades para detener a los malvados que ya han causado mas daño que varias enfermedades juntas.

Si Miami tiene que deber su prosperidad al movimiento de los estupefacientes, se está condenando a sus habitantes a cometer un pecado de sangre que costará trabajo hacer pasar por gargantas agarrotadas por el miedo.

Los drogadictos son víctimas infelices del bárbaro materialista de los medios de comunicación, que vacía sus almas de todo valor auténtico. Los narcotraficantes son aves de rapiña de la peor especie a las que no podemos ofrecer la mente de los medios de comunicación, que vacía sus almas de todo valor auténtico. Los narcotraficantes son aves de rapiña de la peor especie a las que no podemos ofrecer la mente de sangre que costara trabajo hacer pasar por gargantas agarrotadas por el miedo.

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Nuestra juventud ha sido lanzada a la búsqueda desesperada de los placeres terrenales como único valor real al que pueden aspirar. Eso es lo que se aprende con toda una maquinaria montada por elementos poderosos, que utilizan las revistas, k. libros, la televisión o el cine para ganar dinero emitiendo que no vale la pena tratar de sacar otra cosa de la vida que ahora tenemos.

Cuando empleamos los años juveniles en desear única y lo que nos hace gozar se llega al hastío total y al vacío. Nad a ya podrá satisfacer a quienes lo han probado todo y han sido engañados, pues les han ofrecido lo que conocen mas importantes de la persona humana.

Lo que queda, pues, es escapar. Y ahí están las drogas ensayando. Toda una trama diabólica de un pequeño grupo que siempre se mueve en llamas. Porque sólo esa pequeña minoría poderosa es la que consigue ganar dinero a costa de millones de inocentes.

Frente a esta realidad escasamentante no podemos menos que unirnos en la lucha contra las drogas. Tenemos que apoyar todas las medidas útiles que apliquen las autoridades para detener a los malvados que ya han causado mas daño que varias enfermedades juntas.

Si Miami tiene que deber su prosperidad al movimiento de los estupefacientes, se está condenando a sus habitantes a cometer un pecado de sangre que costará trabajo hacer pasar por gargantas agarrotadas por el miedo.

Los drogadictos son víctimas infelices del bárbaro materialista de los medios de comunicación, que vacía sus almas de todo valor auténtico. Los narcotraficantes son aves de rapiña de la peor especie a las que no podemos ofrecer la mente de sangre que costara trabajo hacer pasar por gargantas agarrotadas por el miedo.

**Alcohol y marihuana, las drogas más peligrosas para la juventud**

Cincinnati (NC) — "Las claras cifras sobre muchachos que usan marihuana y alcohol hacen de esta sustancias las más peligrosas drogas para los adolescentes", declaró un funcionario del Hospital CareUnit de Cincinnati. El Hospital CareUnit se especializa en el tratamiento de los que abusan de la marihuana y del alcohol.

Los padres tienen una tendencia a disculpar el uso del alcohol y de la marihuana entre adolescentes con la frase "Gracias a Dios, ellos no usan nada fuerte" (refiriéndose a la cocaína), dijo Conrad Foss, asistente del administrador de CareUnit. Pero por su fácil acceso a la marihuana y al alcohol, los jóvenes son más propensos a la adicción de estas drogas que a las más exóticas como la heroína o al estar envueltos en accidentes fatales para el alcohol.

"Porque los padres y maestros tienen que hacer suponer que sus acciones sean de corto alcance, ellos están siendo más predispuestos a considerar consecuencias de más largo alcance en su conducta.

La formación de las familias es esencial en el tratamiento. No podemos aceptar un muchacho, rehabilitarlo y mandarlo de nuevo a una familia "enferma" porque el joven volverá a "enfermar", afirmó el Sr. Foss. "El tratamiento en CareUnit es el primer paso de la recuperación. La oportunidad en que se da es el único momento en que se puede conseguir una recuperación total, tanto en adolescentes como en adultos, depende en mucho de su dedicada asociación con grupos como A.A. o Narcóticos Anónimos y las subsiguientes sesiones después del tratamiento."
Cada año, al terminar las clases, el teléfono de The Voice suele recibir centenares de llamadas de padres de familia interesados en conocer de algún “summer camp” Católico donde dejar a sus hijos mientras ellos trabajan. Es la gran preocupación de todas las familias al comenzar el verano.

Este verano, que ya está llegando a su fin, muchas familias pidieron ir a sus trabajos respirando con tranquilidad porque “su parroquia” les ofreció un campamento de verano. Cinco parroquias del área de Miami, efectivamente, tuvieron “summer camp”.

Una de ellas, St. Francis Xavier, en 1682 NW Calle 4, tuvo su cuarto campamento este año bajo la dirección del Hermano Paul asistido por el Hermano Alex. St. Catherine of Sienna, situada en 9200 SW 47 Avenida, repitió la experiencia del año anterior que fue el primero. Su directora, la Hermana Margarita A. Miranda, cuenta con larga experiencia en campamentos de verano. Ella fue la fundadora de Centro Mater Recreation Center y su campamento de verano allá por 1968. Se ausentó por corto tiempo de Miami y a su regreso el año pasado, el párroco de St. Catherine Rev. Cyril Hudak, la invitó a organizar el campamento de la parroquia. Ese primer año tuvieron 65 niños en el programa. Dicho sea de paso, Centro Mater no es un campamento parroquial, sino auspiciado por Catholic Community Services.

Las parroquias de St. Peter & Paul, 900 SW 26 Road y St. Brendan, 8725 SW 32 Calle tuvieron este año su primera experiencia en campamentos de verano. El primero bajo la dirección de Mario Miranda y el segundo con Jerry Streit como director. Por cierto éste contó con un sistema de “walkie-talkis” para comunicarse con su personal y así mantener absoluto control de los niños y del orden del campo.

El quinto campamento parroquial acaba de comenzar su experimento que durará dos semanas: en St. Francis Xavier registró cerca de 90 niños, St. Catherine tuvo 100 este segundo año, St. Peter & Paul 95 inscripciones y St. Brendan 83 matriculados. De St. Francis de Sales todavía no conocemos número de niños inscriptos.

El programa es similar en todos los campamentos de verano. La edad de los aceptables es de cuatro a los 14 años, aunque ésta fluctúa según la parroquia. Las horas son entre las 8 a.m. en unos y otros 8:30 a.m. hasta las cuatro o las cinco de la tarde. Los niños disfrutan de deportes interiores y exteriores. Natación dos veces a la semana y los que no tienen piscina llevan a los niños a alguna cancha.

La gran excitación de los niños son las excursiones que les dan la oportunidad de “ver cosas nuevas”; museo de ciencias, zoológico, seaurium, etc. y las películas especialmente seleccionadas, las de Walt Disney, cuentan con la aprobación general.

La enseñanza religiosa y estudios bíblicos son dirigidos por maestros de CCD parroquiales y en ellas los niños toman activa parte. Se les enseña a dirigir ellos mismos las oraciones de la mañana o las de dar gracias por los alimentos. En la Liturgia semanal también tienen participación personal: en las lecturas, en el Padre Nuestro, al dar la Paz y en la dramatización del Evangelio por un grupo de niños distinto cada semana. Cuando surge alguna discusión entre dos de ellos se les enseña a zanjar sus diferencias según los principios del Evangelio, a la Luz de la enseñanza de Cristo.

Hay otras clases opcionales, según la vocación del niño: artes manuales, dibujo y pintura, judío, artes dramáticas, etc. También charlas educativas por personalidades invitadas, ya sea un policía local que les enseña sobre seguridad personal o un experto en conducta humana que les instruye en el comportamiento cívico y social, etc.

Aunque los campamentos de verano tienen un limitado presupuesto a sueldo, cuentan con un gran número de cooperadores voluntarios: maestros de las escuelas parroquiales y de CCD, jóvenes dirigentes de los grupos parroquiales que ejercitan su primera experiencia apostólica, músicos del coro parroquial u otros, etc.

Pero con todo este programa de entretenimientos y enseñanzas las más sobresaliente es la enseñanza que adquieren por sí mismos conviviendo en una sociedad humana regida por la moral cristiana, donde aprenden a respetar el derecho de otros, la dignidad personal y a compartir con amor fraternal.

Están atentos los padres el próximo año, seguramente tendrán más campamentos parroquiales destinados a cuidar de sus hijos. Vigilen los anuncios en los boletines parroquiales cuando el verano esté cerca.

En la piscina del parque público cercano, los niños del campamento de St. Francis Xavier escuchan las instrucciones para aprender a nadar.