ALSO CONCERNED FOR VICTIMS

Why bishops intervened

Archbishop's statement, PG 3

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy said this week that the Florida Bishops are far more concerned for the victims of crime such as murder than are the criminals, that they are not for the criminals, but that once a murder is committed the victim cannot be saved by speaking out. He said he felt that killing even a heinous criminal was not the "Christ-like" way to handle crime.

The Archbishop was reacting to criticism of the bishops' urging of Gov. Bob Graham to grant a stay of execution of convicted murderer Robert Sullivan.

Archbishop McCarthy pointed out that he has spent "much of my time" in the past two years working to prevent crime and reduce victims through the Miami Citizens Against Crime.

He said he had no knowledge as to what prompted the pope's interest in this case. He said he received a call from another Florida bishop saying that the Pope had indicated he would like his appeal against capital punishment relayed to the Governor only after every other legal means had been exhausted.

Archbishop McCarthy pointed out that much of the apparent exaggerated concern for Sullivan, as compared to the victim, was due to the fact that the media besieged the bishops with calls asking for their reactions to developments in the case.

BESTOWS HIGH AWARDS

Pope honors South Floridians

Two judges, a Hispanic newspaper publisher, the owner of the Miami Dolphins and the founder of an organization dedicated to feeding the poor are among 18 Catholic laymen from the Archdiocese of Miami honored as Knights of St. Gregory by Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy announced this week.

In addition, two men and 16 women, including a "Stop-EKA" and right-to-life activist, the founder of a league which prays for vocations, a clinical psychologist who developed the Archdiocese's lay ministry program and a veteran Catholic journalist, will receive the papal "Pro-Ecclesia et Pontifice" Medal, awarded in recognition of service to the Church and papacy.

A total of 61 Catholic lay men and women will receive the Archdiocese of Miami's "Premium Regnum Dei" Medal, in recognition of "meritorious service" to South Florida's Church.

Archbishop McCarthy will recognize the recipients of all the awards during tonight's 25th anniversary celebration in the Orange Bowl.

This pontifical order of knighthood is conferred on persons who are distinguished for personal character and reputation, and for notable accomplishments.

FRANK MACKLE

Mackle is one of the leading Catholics of South Florida, who greatly assisted the Archdiocese of Miami in its early years. As a land developer, he has assisted in the acquisition of land and personally donated the land for St. Agnes Parish, Key Biscayne. He has been known for his generosity to the Church and

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Canada accused of aiding arms race

By Stan Koma

TORONTO (NC)—Increasing militarization, the arms race and the “disastrous consequences” of militarization on North-South relations, the statement said. North-South relations refer to talks between developed and underdeveloped countries. The agency is the official Catholic over Canadian development organization for Catholic newspapers. The statement criticized “all actions taken by the Catholic Organization for Development and Peace.”

Indonesia losing East Timor

UNITED NATIONS (NC)—Indonesia is failing in its efforts to control East Timor after the bloody invasion of 1975, according to Msgr. Martiano da Costa Lopes, former apostolic administrator of the Diocese of Dili, the only Catholic jurisdiction in East Timor. “When the Indonesians invaded, this was the start of a period of massacres, torture, capturing people, arresting any suspect in the middle of the night,” he said in an interview distributed by the United Nations. Despite the violence and current presence of 20,000 Indonesian troops, “Indonesian efforts at annexation have failed completely,” he said.

Auxiliary bishops named

WASHINGTON (NC)—Father James Terry Steib, provincial of the Southwest Province of the Divine Word Fathers, and Msgr. Edward J. O’Donnell, vicar general of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, have been named auxiliary bishops of St. Louis. Pope John Paul II made the appointments, which were announced Dec. 6 by Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate in the United States. The new auxiliaries will assist Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis. There are two other auxiliary bishops in the See, Bishops Charles R. Koester and George L. Gottwald.

Vatican news decries Lebanon conflict

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The escalation of fighting in Lebanon is “a most serious blow to the cause of peace” that risks drawing the superpowers into conflict, said a front-page editorial in the Vatican newspaper Dec. 5. The newspaper, L’Osservatore Romano, also praised the decision Dec. 4 by the Lebanese Druze leader, Walid Jumblatt, to lift the siege of Deir el Kamar, a Lebanese town where 25,000 Christians have been trapped since September. The “bombardment by American planes, the Syrian response, the counter-offensive by U.S. Marines, and the new tragic bombing in Beirut” are a worrisome chain of events because they invite further military moves, said the editorial signed by the paper’s editor, Gianfranco Siviero.

Pope calls laity ‘priority’

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Pope John Paul II has called the religious formation of the laity “one of the most urgent priorities in the Church.” In a letter to the Pontifical Council for the Laity meeting in Hong Kong, the pope emphasized the role of the family in developing vocations and the role of the laity in evangelization.

News at a Glance

Fr. Reedy, Catholic columnist dies

NOTRE DAME, Ind. (NC)—Holy Cross Father John Reedy, 58, Catholic press columnist and publisher of Ave Maria Press for 30 years, died Dec. 2. He had been hospitalized for several weeks in South Bend, Ind., suffering from a bone marrow disease.

Father Reedy was widely known for his syndicated opinion column in Catholic newspapers. One of the most widely published columns, it was estimated to reach more than 2 million readers.

In 1967, he received the CPA St. Francis de Sales award, given to cite an outstanding contribution to Catholic journalism, for his 1966 position paper on the revitalization of the Catholic press.

Nation recalls Maryknoll deaths

(UNDATED) (NC)—People across the United States gathered for memorial services on the third anniversary of the deaths in El Salvador of Maryknoll Sisters Ida Ford and Maaura Clark, Ursuline Sister Dorothy Kazy and lay missionary Jean Donovan. Many services included calls for a halt to U.S. aid to the Salvadoran government.

Jesuits vow loyalty to pope

ROME (NC)—At his first press conference as superior general of the Society of Jesus, Father Peter-Hans Kolvenbach reaffirmed the Jesuits’ loyalty to the pope and agreed with Pope John Paul II that the order has “defects” resulting in too much secular activity. “The Society of Jesus has no meaning and loses its very existence if it lacks distinctive fidelity to the holy father and a special dedication to the Lord’s church in its actual apostolic embodiments,” he said Nov. 25 at a press conference at Jesuit headquarters in Rome.

Kidnapped baby safe at home

VATICAN CITY (NC)—The safe return of an 18-month-old Italian baby girl 40 days after she had been kidnapped from her parent’s home is “the victory of prayer,” said L’Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper. “This news is not only good news, happy news, it is also a victory of prayer and hope, a victory of life that touches deep within and testifies that God’s loves does not abandon us,” said the newspaper. Pope John Paul II had prayed publicly for the safe return of the girl, Elena Citti Luisi.

DEADLY DISARMING—An army technician unpacks a nerve gas shell filled with an alcohol substance and prepares it for disassembly during a demonstration for journalists in Tooele, Utah. The workshop and the one the next day for United Nations representatives were staged to show that chemical weapons can be destroyed safely and the procedure can be verified. (NC photo by Tim Kelly).
We do care for victims

By dearly beloved:

In an address of our Holy Father last September to a group of visiting American Bishops, His Holiness said, "The Bishop, as a living sign of Jesus Christ, must vindicate to himself the title and accept the consequences of the fact that he is, with Jesus Christ, a sign of contradiction. Despite every dutiful effort to pursue the dialogue of salvation, the Bishop must announce to the young and old, to the rich and poor, to the powerful and weak the fullness of truth, which sometimes irritates and offends, if it is always liberates."

Last week some of the Florida Bishops had an experience that helped them better understand what His Holiness was saying. We appealed that the life of a convicted murderer, Robert Sullivan, be spared.

While we had expressed ourselves in other occasions and communicated our position to Governor Graham in days earlier, actually our position only received great publicity when the Holy Father sent a message to support it. Father sent a message to Bishop Snyder or Bishop of St. Augustine, the Bishop where the prison is located, saying he had received a message from the office of the Apostolic Delegate (representative of the Holy See) in Washington saying that the Holy Father authorized Bishop Snyder or Bishop to communicate to the Governor his appeal that, for humanitarian reasons, the execution of Robert Sullivan be stayed. We were told that the message should be transmitted only as effort to save the man’s life had been exhausted.

On Monday afternoon, when I learned that the appeal had been rejected by the Court in Atlanta, I realized that the execution was scheduled for 7:00 a.m. the following morning. I decided it was time to attempt to reach the Governor. I was told that the Governor actually was planning to call me and, later in the afternoon, I did receive a call. I told the Governor I realized what grave pressure he was under and that I was praying for him.

He said he called to indicate to me that, after the intervention of the Florida Bishops, he had had a staff member make further investigations and, upon receiving the report, felt he was not justified in changing his position. He then communicated to the Governor the message that I was authorized to give him from the Holy Father. He listened respectfully and asked me to communicate to the Holy Father his gratitude for his interest, but he indicated he could not change his position.

The media was greatly interested in the Holy Father’s intervention and I spent much of the following two days meeting with local and national newspaper and television reporters and answering long distance phone calls from the press.

The following day, after Sullivan was executed, I was equally deluged with requests for interviews. I did have no information as to what actually prompted the sending of the message. I received a call from Bishop Snyder, Bishop of St. Augustine, the diocese where the prison is located, saying he had received a message from the office of the Apostolic Delegate (representative of the Holy See) in Washington saying that the Holy Father authorized Bishop Snyder or Bishop to communicate to the Governor his appeal that, for humanitarian reasons, the execution of Robert Sullivan be stayed. We were told that the message should be transmitted only as effort to save the man’s life had been exhausted.

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The concern of the Bishops and other religious leaders as well has been that the taking of a life, for whatever reason, runs counter to respect for life. For the state to engage in this business sets a very bad example. We see objection to capital punishment as being consistent with objection to euthanasia or to abortion. It is generally agreed that it has not been proven that capital punishment is a deterrent to crime.

Bishop Snyder had visited Mr. Sullivan and corresponded with him. They were convinced that he was a faith-filled man who had become quite spiritual through the experience. They were convinced of his innocence. He was permitted to attend Mass the morning of his execution. It was only the second time he was permitted to attend Mass during the ten years of his imprisonment. At that Mass, he prayed specifically for the Holy Father, for Bishop Snyder and for myself, and he remarked how wonderful the Church is that the Pope and the Bishops would be concerned over a man who had become part of the drags of society.

We Bishops were concerned over a rumor circulating that a priest had revealed someone in confession had admitted he was a witness who could exonerate Sullivan. This, of course, was not and could not be true since no priest is permitted to reveal any confidences of the confessional.

There were a number of angry and emotional calls that reached the Pastoral Center and the Cathedral, protesting the involvement of the Holy Father and of the Bishops in the case. They were called based on sympathy for the victim and anger over the rising crime rate in our state. They asked why we did not plead as vigorously for the victims.

Of course, as best we can we reply that, with them, we fully loathe murder as a heinous crime and we profoundly sympathize with the victims and their families. We would be far more outspoken pleading for the lives of innocent victims if that were possible, but murders are fait accompli. Much of my time in the past two years has been occupied in participating in the activities of the Miami Citizens Against Crime. I also joined a party from Miami going to Puerto Rico for the funeral of an officer who was murdered in the line of duty.

Another reason why the voice of the Holy Father and the Bishops is heard so loudly at a time such as the execution of a criminal is that it is then that the media asks for and publicizes reactions. The media is less inclined to report protests over the execution of an innocent victim’s family.

What troubles me, and I am sure troubles the Holy Father and the other Bishops, is the question: How Christian-like, how faithful to the Gospel, is the condemnation and the violating of the sacredness of the human life by murdering the murderer? Surely we cannot be soft on crime. Punishment for serious crimes must be severe, but it must fall short of taking another human life. In the hysteria that results from reactions to heinous crimes and from the prevailing high crime rate the blood lust is understandable, but is it Christian?

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami
Transmit values, Vatican urges...

In documents on family, sex education

By NC News Service

Two recent Vatican documents focused attention on the unique qualifications and rights of the family to transmit Christian values, especially those concerning sexuality, to its members.

The Vatican documents are the "Charter on the Rights of the Family," released Nov. 24, and "Educational Guidance in Human Love—Outlines for Sex Education," issued by the Congregation for Catholic Education Dec. 1. Both documents state explicitly that parents have the right to oversee the sex education of their children.

THE CHARTER said that "parents have the right to ensure that their children are not compelled to attend classes which are not in agreement with their own moral and religious convictions." In particular, sex education is a basic right of the parents and must always be carried out under their close supervision, whether at home or in educational centers chosen or controlled by them.

The sex education guidelines said sex education belongs in the first place, to parents because moral values seen in the family are transmitted to the children more easily.

The guidelines said the role of the school "should be to assist the parents and called individual instruction the preferred method of teaching sex education.

The charter repudiated governmental interference in the rights of persons to marry freely, to have children and to educate them according to their moral and religious beliefs.

The guidelines on sex education said that although the family is the preferential place for the education of young people in chastity "the difficulties which sex education often encounters within the bosom of the family solicits a major commitment on the part of the Christian community and, in particular, of priests to collaborate in the education of the baptized. In this field, the Catholic school, the parish and other ecclesial institutions are called to collaborate with the family.

Catechesis must "illustrate the positive values of sexuality, integrating them with those of virginity and marriage in the light of the mystery of Christ and of the church," the guidelines said. This catechesis should be "oriented toward the realization of positive values of sexuality and respect for the differences of the individual and is a moral duty.

SEXUALITY is achieved in the full expression on the physical level of the communion of love of the married." Divorced from this context, it loses its significance, exposes the selfishness of the individual and is a moral disorder.

THE GUIDELINES

VATICAN CITY (NC)—Here is a brief summary of the major points of "Educational Guidance in Human Love—Outlines for Sex Education," issued by the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education Dec. 1.

A fundamental objective of sex education is an adequate knowledge of the nature and importance of sexuality and of "the harmonious and integral development of the person towards psychological maturity, with full spiritual maturity in view to which all believers are called." FAMILIES have the primary role in educating young people about sex. The family is the preferred place to educate young people in chastity "because moral values seen in the family are transmitted to the children more easily."

Parents, educators and the Christian community should be united in educating young people so that their sexuality "grows harmoniously" and is manifested "in selfless love and in the total gift of self."

The role of the school should be that of assisting and completing the work of the parents.

TEACHERS are urged not to separate knowledge from corresponding values. Catechesis must illustrate the positive values of sexuality, integrating them with those of virginity and marriage.

Individual education is preferred and it should not be entrusted "in a indiscriminately to just any member of the school community." Group education, especially groups of both boys and girls, requires special precautions and teachers should allow time for individual consultation. Bishops should establish guidelines for sex education in groups, especially for mixed groups.

PROBLEMS such as premarital relations, masturbation, homosexuality and drug abuse call for the preventive action of love and care from the Christian community.

It is the responsibility of the state to safeguard its citizens against the abuse of minors, sexual violence, perversionism and pornography. Civil authority should regulate the media to protect public morality.

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Church-related causes and has actively supported vocational education.

JOSEPH ROBBIE

Robbie, owner of the Miami Dolphins professional football team, is a distinguished community leader with a high Catholic viability. He has been most generous with his financial resources and has personally been identified with and involved in many charitable programs. He has been an active supporter of Catholic higher education and has actively worked in the promotion of vocations.

JOSEPH FOGARTY

Fogarty has been a major contributor to the Archdiocese of Miami. In addition, through his own business and associates, he has provided temporary employment to several priests on leave of absence and has assisted them in returning to full-time active ministry.

EUGENIO ABELLO

Abello is an outstanding Catholic, who has served to bridge the cultural differences in the Archdiocese of Miami. In addition to generous support and involvement in his own parish, he has been active in many archdiocesan projects, most notably as a member and officer in the Serra Club.

JAMES KINDELAN

Kindelan has been most active in his parish since its inception in 1948. On a volunteer basis, he devised the system of accounting for the Archdiocesan schools and made the same contribution in Catholic Community Services, Inc. In addition, he is one of the moving forces of the Dade County Parish Council of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

DONALD MYERS

Myers is a Catholic businessman who has distinguished himself for generosity to the Church. As a building contractor, he has made serious efforts to reduce costs to the Archdiocese and parishes in the construction of Church facilities.

FRANCIS J. MCDONOUGH

McDonough, in addition to his active parish involvement, has served as General Chairman for the Archdiocesan Charities Drive, the Board of Directors of St. John’s Center for Counseling and Rehabilitation, and the Archdiocesan Realty Board. He also has done extensive work in the promotion of vocations.

FERDINAND MAHFOOD

Mahfood has devoted himself over the years for his devotion to the spiritual and physical well-being of the migratory farmworkers. In addition to financial support of the apostolate, he has actively been involved with programs of catechesis and relief.

THE HONORABLE PETER FAY

Judge Fay currently sits in the Eleventh Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. Over the years he has been very active in a number of civic projects, which have given him a visibility that has brought honor and dignity to the Church.

JAMES WARD

Ward is the former Mayor of Plantation, Florida. He is very active in many charitable programs of the Archdiocese and has served as Chairman of the Archdiocesan Charities Drive. He also serves his parish as a lector, usher and Eucharistic Minister and coordinates the visitation to several nursing homes and hospitals.

EARL QUATTLEBAUM

Quattlebaum is a distinguished Catholic Funeral Director. In addition to his professional associations, he has been active in supporting Catholic education and has served as President of the Serra Club, Deputy Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus, and is known for his charitable works throughout South Florida.

JAMES MCCAUGHAN

McCaughan, as an attorney, has served the Archdiocese of Miami in an extraordinary manner since its inception. He has distinguished himself through his generosity of spirit and finances. He has also been, over the years, a major supporter of Catholic education and has worked extensively in the promotion of vocations.

DAVID WALTERS

Walters is the former Representative of the U.S., Government to the Vatican. He has also been a generous contributor to the various projects of the Archdiocese of Miami and has worked extensively in the promotion of vocations.

THE HONORABLE EUGENE SPELLMAN

Judge Spellman, in addition to being an exemplary Catholic, has distinguished himself in his judicial...
...contributions to Archdiocese

decisions in favor of human rights, especially as they affect the Haitian refugees. His judicial decisions have consistently embodied Catholic principles, values and teachings and as such, serve as a credit to the Church and civic community.

FREDERICK KINNETT

Harrnett has devoted himself to the care of the poor for most of his adult life. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and is currently the President of the Dade County Chapter of the Society. Harrnett also serves on the Board of Directors of Catholic Community Services, Inc.

ARMANDO ALJANIE

Alejandre is a Cuban-born contractor who has served the Archdiocese well through his direct involvement with the Annual Archdiocesan Charities Drive. He has actively been a promoter of vocations and has directly supported many charitable projects and programs.

HORACIO AGUIRRE

Aguirre is a Nicaraguan-born publisher and founder of Diario Las Americas newspaper. Since the inception of the Archdiocese he has been a foremost defender of the Catholic concerns through his newspaper. He has exemplified the best qualities of journalism in placing his newspaper under the service of truth and concerns of the Church, especially as affecting our refugee Catholics.

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MARJORIE FILLIYAW DONOHUE

Donohue has been associated with Catholic journalism in South Florida for more than 40 years. Currently, she is Director of the Archdiocesan Bureau of Catholic Communications in Miami. She also serves on the Board of Directors for Catholic Community Services, Inc.

CARRIE MASTRONARDI

Mastronardi has been honored as the Outstanding Catholic of the Year by the Archdiocesan Charities Drive. As a board member of the Marion Center, St. Francis Hospital and her own parish are but few of her charities within the Archdiocese. She also contributes generously to many philanthropic projects locally and throughout the nation.

Delia Bertha Gonzalez

Gonzalez is the founder and inspiration of the Liga Orange Vocacional. Through her efforts, more than 2,000 people are engaged daily in prayer for an increase of vocations. In addition, Gonzalez is most active in the Curillo Movement and the Pro-Life Movement within the Archdiocese.

Florence Davis Hodapp

Hodapp is active in her parish life as well as being a major contributor. She is active in her support of Catholic education, especially in the establishment of Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton.

Joyce Masso

Masso is well known for her many civic and educational involvements. She was the first woman elected President of the South Dade Chamber of Commerce. In addition to her civic accomplishments, she is an officer in the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, a Board member for Catholic Community Services, Inc., and a Board member of the Family Enrichment Center.

Georgia Ulseth

Ulseth over the years has distinguished herself in service to her parish community and the Archdiocese. She has served as president of the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women as well as the Florida Council of Catholic Women. She is clear and identified Catholic presence in Palm Beach County.

Dr. Mercedesp Scopetta

Scopetta is truly a leading Catholic presence in South Florida. As a clinical psychologist, she has served on many committees aimed at resolving cultural conflicts. As a noted member of the University of Miami, she enjoys the professional respect of her colleagues. Dr. Scopetta has taken a leave of absence from her professional position, and without cost, has developed and continues to direct the Archdiocesan Office of Lay Ministries. She has also made possible, through her generosity, a House of Prayer.

Virginia Fogarty

Fogarty has distinguished herself by the quality of her Catholic faith life. She is actively involved in several charitable programs and projects and has been a generous contributor to archdiocesan projects.

Ellen Hodapp

Robbie is distinguished for her alding interests in matters which affect the Archdiocese and the Church.

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many parts of the United States. As a recognized community leader, she brings a Catholic presence to many facets of community life. She and her husband have also been very generous contributors to Church-related projects.

SUSAN BLUM
Blum is very involved with the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, and Office of Lay Ministries in the Archdiocese. In addition, due to her commitment to Evangelization, she has established a magazine entitled “The Catholic Evangelist” which now has a national circulation.

MIRI REILLY
Reilly is Co-Director of the Family Enrichment Center of the Archdiocese of Miami. She and her husband have been involved nationally as well as locally. For several years, their full time services were completely donated and only recently has there been minimal compensation. As a mother of five, she and her husband are outstanding examples of Catholic parents.

MARGARET ROBINSON
Robinson, an executive with a major airline, has distinguished herself for her care of the sick and infirm. She has also developed a stewardship program for her parish and has made substantial contributions to her parish, the Archdiocese and missionary activities in South America.

PATRICIA FAY
Fay has distinguished herself for her generous participation in charitable programs and projects within her parish and the Archdiocese of Miami. She also gives of her time to organize and host major events and celebrations in the Archdiocese. She and her husband, the Honorable Peter Fay, bring a strong Catholic presence to the judicial community of South Florida.

ALICIA MARILL
Marill is famed for her generous commitment to the poor. She is one of the founders of AMOR EN ACCION, an organization which provides assistance to persons in several impoverished countries. Through her efforts, Amor en Accion has provided housing, schools, health-care facilities as well as food and medicine to countless thousands of the poor.

LOYDINE McGUIN
McGuin has served the Archdiocese of Miami in Catholic Community Services, Inc. for 25 years. She exercised special interest in the Cuban Children’s Program and directed the emergency shelters program for unaccompanied Mariel youths. Currently she serves as Assistant to the Director for Board Affairs. As such, she is responsible for all corporate records, developing and planning workshops, liturgies and special events. Her presence within the charitable works of the Archdiocese has served as a model and source of strength and comfort for the truly needy of our community.

TERENCE REILLY
Reilly has served both the Diocese of Phoenix and the Archdiocese of Miami in exceptional fashion. He and his wife have volunteered, until most recently, their services as Family Life Directors. As parents of five children, they serve as a model for Catholic families. They have also served the Church in the United States through publishing, the establishment of Family Nights and service on national committees for the betterment of family life.

JOHN WINTERS
Winters, a victim of cerebral palsy, has distinguished himself for his care and concern for other handicapped persons. He has established and directs an organization called G.O.A.L. (Get Out And Live), which ministers to the handicapped. He is actively engaged in prison ministry, retreat work with Catholic youths and is well respected as a Catholic advocate on matters affecting the handicapped.

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Church would not boot Luther today, theologian says here

By Araceli Cantero
Local News Editor, La Voz

Protestant reformer Martin Luther, were he alive today, would not just as longingly change on the Catholic church, but he would not be excommunicated, said theologian Father Richard McBrien during a conference at Biscayne College on the 500th anniversary of Luther's birth.

A theologian at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, Fr. McBrien spoke to a full house about "Luther and the Church: 500 Years Later."

"I think we honor Martin Luther most not when we review or assess what he did, but when we attempt to do the kind of radical re-thinking he has encouraged us to do," Fr. McBrien said.

A participant in several of the recent, Vatican-sanctioned Lutheran—Catholic dialogues, Fr. McBrien pointed out that some of the reforms advocated by Luther 500 years ago were carried out later by the Council of Trent and the Second Vatican Council.

"I'D LIKE to think," he said, "that Martin Luther would have been pleased and perhaps even astonished because this turn in Catholic theology is ecclesiastical life."

Among the reforms advocate by Luther and later implemented by the Council of Trent, Fr. McBrien listed:

- The requirement that priests be educated and trained for the ministry;
- The requirement that bishops reside over only one diocese at a time and reside in the diocese;
- The acknowledgment that justification, salvation, is a result of God's grace a gift which does not depend on the number of good works performed;
- Referring to the documents of the Catholic-Lutheran dialogue, Fr. McBrien also listed areas in which the Second Vatican Council agreed with Luther's ideas:
  - the importance of sacred Scripture in the life and spirituality of the Church;
  - the definition of Church as the people of God, not only the hierarchy;
  - the affirmation that the Church, though Holy, is always in need of renewal;
  - the importance for individuals within the Church to personally confess their faith in the redeeming cross of Jesus Christ;
  - the defense of religious liberty;
  - the use of the vernacular in the liturgy and distribution of Communion under both species.

Calling himself a Catholic theologian, not a Lutheran scholar, Fr. McBrien devoted the rest of his talk to enumerating the principles of sacramentality, mediation and communion in which "Roman Catholicism is distinguished from other traditions and churches."

"The Catholic sacramental vision sees God in and through all things, other people, communities, movements, events, places, objects," he said. "The visible, tangible, finite, the historical, all these are actual or potential carriers of the divine presence... It is only in and through these material realities that we can encounter the invisible God."

"THE ABIDING Protestant Par is that the Catholic will take the sacramental principle to the point where we are short of, if not fully, immersed in idolatry," Fr. McBrien said.

For Catholics, he added, "grace—that is the divine presence—actually enters and transforms nature from within... The dichotomy between nature and grace is eliminated..."

As a result, "for the Catholic, the struggle for human justice, peace, is an integral part of the movement toward the Kingdom," Fr. McBrien said.

"The Catholic, unlike Luther, espouses no doctrine of the two kingdoms, one temporal, one spiritual... (For Catholics) the world is not radically evil... though it is thought though fallen, it is redeemable..."

"THE WORLD," Fr. McBrien continued, "has been radically altered by what was done by Jesus Christ (and) though fractioned and fragmented is capable of ultimate unity because of the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit."

Answering questions from the audience, Fr. McBrien shared his vision of the unity of Christian churches, a unity characterized by pluralism of rites—Anglican, Lutheran, Roman Catholic—under the leadership of the Catholic Church.

Much remains to be resolved before unity with other churches becomes a reality, he said, but great advances have been made in recent times, including the unprecedented step taken by Pope John Paul II in preaching in a Lutheran church in Rome Dec. 11.

"Before Vatican II," Fr. McBrien said, "we thought we knew what our Protestant brothers and sisters were thinking, but our leaders were the ones telling us what the Protestants thought.

"AFTER VATICAN II, we've begun to dialogue with Protestants, and we realize there are many areas where we agree, many of our problems are also their problems..."

—Fr. Richard McBrien

Local News Editor, La Voz

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- A minor may undergo an abortion without her parent's knowledge, advice or consent. (U.S. Supreme Court, July 1, 1976)
- A woman (whether married or unmarried) can undergo an abortion without the knowledge or consent of the child's father. (U.S. Supreme Court, July 1, 1976)
- In some states, living aborted babies are forced to spend their final days and hours as human experimental subjects.

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If there is one event which brings out people it is the dedication of a new church. Even the "one-a-yearers" come out for the occasion.

The parish is growing so fast that it has been necessary to convert the rectory into offices...

St. Andrew Parish in Coral Springs is on exception. More than 1,700 people came to participate in the dedication of its new edifice recently. The crowds around the church doors made it difficult for Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy to bless and declare the church open.

Fr. Brendan Grogan, pastor, and more than 20 visiting priests assisted the Archbishop in the dedication. Also present were members of the Knights of Columbus, resplendent in cockades, cloaks and swords, a fitting tribute to the occasion.

The church, with its spacious interior, looks like a modern building, but it is still semi-traditional in appearance. One is immediately impressed with the spaciousness of the interior. And space is what was needed, desperately.

During the dedication Mass, Archbishop McCarthy stressed the need for unity and cohesion within the parish. He referred to the spirit of teamwork so needed in parishes.

"God gave all Catholics the job of bringing the Good News to the world," the Archbishop said. "The parish is where it starts."

The church also has a small chapel behind the main altar which will seat about 1,100 people for Mass, a relief from the confines of the original church, which held only 500 people, forcing the parish to pitch a huge tent at times to accommodate the overflow.

St. Andrew has grown now to 3,300 families, which means the parish is providing services for approximately 13,500 people in Coral Springs.

The church also has a ready-made parish hall to better serve the many programs and events going on in the parish. The old church will lend itself to this need admirably.

According to Dotty Brown, parish plant supervisor and formerly secretary to Fr. Grogan for more than 13 years, "the parish is growing so fast, that it has been necessary to convert the rectory into offices... The rooms the priests used to sleep in are now offices. We have had to rent a house to use as a rectory."

One of the eye-catching facets of the new church is a fine statue of the Blessed Mother, named "The Lady with a Smile." She must be smiling with pride at the accomplishments of St. Andrew's.

During Saint Mark School's annual Thanksgiving liturgy, the student body brought their gifts of food to the altar. These donations will be given to Hope Rural School in Indiantown to be distributed by Sister Carol Putnam to their needy migrant families.

It has become an annual tradition for the Boynton Beach school's students to remember the children and families of Hope Rural School by offering their gifts in a spirit of love and concern, in thanksgiving for all that God has given them.
Holy Year '83

Hundreds of South Floridians and priests experience the mysteries of the Holy Land and holy places in Rome.

Outdoor Mass celebrated at the Church of the Primacy near Capernaum on shore of Sea of Galilee.

(The following report was written by Father Vincent Sheehy, retracing the Archdiocese of Miami pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome in October. Father Sheehy retraces the spiritual significance of the places visited.)

By Fr. Vincent J. Sheehy
Archdiocese Director, Ministry of Temporalities

HOLY LAND

Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv was crowded as usual when our pilgrim group of priests led by Archbishop McCarthy arrived in the Holy Land. We were noticeably tired after a long trip that began at Miami on our Eastern Airlines flight to New York City with a connecting Alitalia flight to Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport (Fiumicino).

At Ben Gurion Airport, Tel Aviv, we encountered no major problems with the strict security check except that Father Navarro was detained and interrogated. The Israelis thought he was an Arab.

We relaxed on the tour bus during the fifty minute drive from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem where we were anxious to get a good rest after our long journey from Miami.

Archbishop McCarthy as our Spiritual Director set the tone for our Pilgrimage by reading from the Sacred Scriptures and meditating on the mysteries of the Cross and our Redemption.

Finally we arrived at the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre. It is ancient and a combination of a few distinct styles of architecture resulting from the long history of this Basilica. The site of Calvary and the Tomb of Christ were a place of special devotion and pilgrimage in the first Century. In 70 A.D. Titus, the Roman General, destroyed the City of Jerusalem fulfilling the prophecy of Christ that "not a stone would be left upon a stone." In 135 A.D., the Emperor Hadrian rebuilt the City of Jerusalem as a Roman City and erected temples of Venus and Jupiter on the site of Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre in an effort to obliterate this holy site. For two hundred years the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Roman Empire was severely persecuted.

Liberated Church

In 313 A.D., the Emperor Constantine, the first Christian Emperor, proclaimed the Edict of Milan, that liberated the Church so that public worship could be offered rather than the secret worship in the catacombs. The Edict of Milan proclaimed religious freedom and initiated the age of impressive church buildings known as Constantinian Churches (4th Century). The mother of Constantine, Empress Helena (St. Helen), went to Jerusalem and ordered the demolition of the pagan temples of Venus and Jupiter. Ironically these pagan temples identified the exact site of Calvary and the Holy Sepulchre. Helena commissioned the excavations of this holy site and discovered the True Cross, the Nails and the Lance that pierced Christ's side. These sacred relics were authenticated by miraculous cures. Helena divided the True Cross in three parts and deposited them in special reliquaries to be venerated in Jerusalem, Rome and Constantinople (Istanbul). Helena commissioned the design and construction of the Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem and the Church at the Mount of Olives (Gethseman). But it was her son, Emperor Constantine, who ordered in 335 A.D. the design and construction of the original Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre.

In 614 A.D. this Basilica was destroyed by the Persians (Iranians) who ravaged the Holy Land slaughtering literally thousands of monks and nuns and destroying all places of Christian worship. The Iranians have been creating problems for Christians ever since. (It is this same fanaticism that kept American hostages at our Embassy in Tehran in 1980 and possibly it also caused the slaughter of our Marines in Beirut, Lebanon last month).

Spared Basilica

Provendentially the Persians spared the Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem because the mosaics on the Church walls depicted the Magi (Wise Men) as Persian astrologers. The Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre was rebuilt several times since it was destroyed again by the Moslems in 1009 A.D. The present Basilica was built by the Crusaders (12th Century) which enclosed the Tomb of Christ (Sepulchre) and Calvary under one roof with connecting corridors.

I mention this historical chronology because the various reconstructions of the Basilica affect, to some extent, the present floor plan. What exists today is a labyrinth of corridors and chapels designed to accommodate the six separate Christian groups that administer the Basilica (Latin Rite-Catholics, Greek Orthodox, Armenians, Coptics, Jacobites (Syrians), Abyssinians (Ethiopians)). On Sundays all the Christian groups participate in the Liturgy of St. James (17th Century).

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Church donated by Canadian Catholics and staffed by the Franciscans. The Cave-Chapel is an authentic enclosure used by shepherds as a shelter from the cold December winds on the first Christmas Night. We entered the Mass of the Nativity and sang Christmas Carols. In the distance we saw a shepherd grazing a flock of sheep. There is very little change after two thousand years.

Bethlehem

We drove into Bethlehem to Manger Square, which was crowded with tourists. Bethlehem was the busiest of the holy shrines that we visited. We entered the small entrance of the Basilica of the Nativity of Our Lord. The entrance was deliberately designed with a five foot high opening to prevent the Moslems from riding their horses into the ancient Basilica. This is a Constantinian Chapel, commissioned by the Empress Helen (St. Helen), Mother of Constantine (4th Century). It is the oldest existing Church because, as previously noted, it was spared the devastation of the Persians. 614 A.D. We entered the sacred crypt of the Nativity where a silver star marks the site of Christ’s birth. We prayed silently amid the crowds filing through the crypt.

The Greek Orthodox Clergy have jurisdiction over the main altar but there’s a small Latin Altar (Roman Catholic) at which Pope Paul VI offered Mass on his historic visit to the Holy Land (January 1964).

The Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria is adjacent to the Basilica. In this crypt of this Church is the Chapel of St. Jerome where he translated the Bible into Latin ( Vulgate ) which was the language of the Roman Empire. We offered a Holy Hour of Prayer in this Chapel of St. Jerome, reading the Scriptures and meditating on the Incarnation (God becoming Man).

On our return to Jerusalem, we stopped at the village of Ain Karim, the birthplace of St. John the Baptist. It is like a preserved village with only a few Christian Arab families still there. The pilgrims and tourists give donations to maintain the Church of St. John the Baptist and the Basilica of the Visitation where Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to prepare for the birth of St. John the Baptist.

During our travels in the Holy Land we were fortunate to have as a guide a Trappist Monk, Father Howard Curris, OCSO, a native of Colorado Springs and now a member of the Latrun Monastery located near Tel Aviv. We also had an Israeli Guide, Mehi, who kept us informed on the ancient and contemporary history of Israel. Our bus driver, Moses, wasn’t able to part the Red Sea but he did admirably well in getting us through the traffic in Jerusalem.

Nazareth

Early in the morning we left for Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee. En route we passed through Jericho, then oldest existing city in the world (1500 B.C.) and an oasis in the Judean Desert. It is a market town with many vegetable and fruit shops because of the abundance of underground springs of water in the locale. We passed through part of the Judean Desert where they did not have rain for months. We metaphorically arrived.

We drove near the Jordan River and north to Galilee which is the cradle of the three great religions. It is a beautiful and scenic area of Israel. We ascended Mount Tabor (site of the Transfiguration of Our Lord) by taxi since the road is too narrow and steep for a tour bus.

The Church of the Transfiguration of Our Lord at the Top of Mount Tabor has a commanding view of the valley which leads to Nazareth. We read the scriptures on the Transfiguration and meditated on the Ascension.

Our arrival in Nazareth at the noon hour reminded us that pilgrims have a great appetite and there was a great increase the appetite. We had a great Italian meal at the Casonova Hospice under the custodianship of the Franciscans. We also allowed some time for shopping. Some of our group purchased gifts items to stock a gift shop.

Nazareth is a busy commercial town of approximately 10,000 inhabitants but in many ways it has not changed much in two thousand years. The merriment still have narrow streets and announcing their sale items, shouting "one dollah, one dollah", to the passing American tourists.

Holy Year

By Father Vincent J. Sheekey

Pope John Paul II made the formal announcement last year that 1983 would be the Jubilee Year of the Redemption commemorating the 1590th Anniversary of the Death of Our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. This announcement came as a surprise to the news media and to the city officials of Rome who were concerned about the required preparations for the millions of pilgrims expected to visit Rome. By happy coincidence 1983 was also the 25th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Miami (1958).

Archbishop McCarthy later announced a Special Pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land to celebrate both the Holy Year of Redemption and the 25th Anniversary. The Pilgrimage to Rome and the Holy Land was open to all with separate departures for the Clergy and the Laity bus with a combined reunion in Rome. Archbishop McCarthy appointed Father Bob Lynch, Rector of St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, as coordinator of the Pilgrimage. Father Lynch did an outstanding job.

The priest on this Pilgrimage was Archdiocese, Spiritual Director of the Pilgrimage; Bishop John Nevin; Brother Michael McKenna, Brother Norbert McCarthy (Cincinnati); Brother of Archdiocese McCarthy; Monsignor Arcadib Marinas (St. John Bosco); Monsignor Dan Harrigan (St. Sebastian—Retired from Butte, Montana); Father Bob Lynch (Rector, St. John Vianney Seminary and Co-ordinator of our Pilgrimage); Father Pablo Navarro (Pastoral Center-Archdiocese); Father Frank Guinan (Captain of the King); Father Mike Hickey (St. John Neumann).
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quest of his mother to please a newly married couple and to bless the covenant of marriage.

Tiberias

We arrived at Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee which would be our overnight stay. Tiberias was named in honor of The Emperor Tiberius Caesar. It was built as a Roman City at the time of the Emperor Herod the Great. A small Chapel there commemorating the Place of the Beatitudes no longer exists. We viewed the remains of the town, and a very old Roman Ruin where we prayed and meditated in the holy shrines and the beautiful Basilica. We offered Mass at many sacred shrines. We met many people — Christians, Arabs, Israelis, Moslem — and saw the image of Christ reflected in their semitic features. We prayed for peace in the war- weary part of the Near East. The peace that only Christ and His Teachings can bring to the World.

ROME

St. Peter's Basilica

Our return flight to Rome gave us time to reflect on our great spiritual experiences in the Holy Land. In Rome, a terrestrial rain hit us. "Archbishop, welcome to Rome!"

Our first full day in Rome began with a Concelebrated Mass in the Cappella Paolina below St. Peter's Basilica near the Tomb of St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome. The Archbishop preached a beautiful sermon in the Church and the Vicar of Christ. We renewed our loyalty to Christ and His Teachers. We offered a Mass at the beautiful Monastery of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, the center of Catholicism.

The original Church of St. Peter at this site was built by the Emperor Constantine in 336 A.D. Over the Centuries it was re-built several times. Some of the greatest creative geniuses were involved in the design and construction of this impressive edifice. Construction began in 1506 and progressed slowly until the dedication of this Basilica by Pope Urban VIII in 1665. It was during this period that the Protestant revolt occurred.

St. Peter's Basilica is massive. It is the largest Church in Christendom. The altars, statues and mosaics are of heroic size. The magnitude of its size is surpassed only by its grandeur. It is a Medieval masterpiece fashioned by the genius of Michelangelo, Bramante, Madero and Bernini. Michelangelo and Bramante designed the general plan. Madero designed the beautiful facade with the loggia and the impressive statues of Christ, the Apostles, and 140 Saints extended along the loggia. Bernini designed the beautiful colonnades and the bronze Baldacchino (canopy) over the high altar.

We entered the Holy Door (Porta Sancta) of the Jubilee Year of Redemption (as we will at each of the four major Basilicas) and prayed for the intentions of our Holy Father. On the right side of the main entrance is the Chapel of the Pius (now protected by unnoticeable plexiglas). The Pius (the Dead Christ in the arms of his sorrowful Mother) is the most impressive sculpture in Christendom and a tribute to the creative genius of Michelangelo.

A visit to St. Peter's Basilica requires at least several hours to view and study the mosaics and frescos (art) in the Nave, transepts, chapels and crypts. Also a visit to the Sistine Chapel (Pope Sixtus IV commissioned its construction, hence the name Sistine) and the Vatican Museum and Library are required for their beauty and historical significance.

Sistine

The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel is the Masterpiece of Michelangelo. It depicts the Creation, Fall from Grace, the Redemption and the Last Judgment. It is of heroic proportions and painted in great detail. It is in the Sistine Chapel where Papal Elections are held.

The Fall from Grace depicted on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel ceiling reminds me that we are all subject to human weakness. In a moment of human weakness a few of us remit a car in Rome for a few days. Driving a car in Rome is the most challenging experience. You never really get accustomed to it, and the last experience is usually the worst. I had driven in Rome a few times before but it seemed like this time was the most challenging experience. You can definitely become paranoid. "These Romans are out to get me." When the Archbishop heard that I intended to rent a car, he reminded me of the salutation that the pagan Gladiators gave to the Emperor before engaging in the duel: "We, who are about to die, salute you.

You are not merely the volume of cars. What is more threatening is the way the Romans drive. We saw motorcycles use..."
St. John Lateran

St. John Lateran is one of the four major Basilicas of Rome, and like the others it has a long history dating from the Roman Emperor Constantine (4th Century), who acquired the site from the Laterani Family, hence the name St. John Lateran. It has special significance as the Cloister of the Basilica (chair of Jurisdiction of the Bishop of Rome). The Pope also is the Bishop of Rome and as such presides over a Cathedral Church distinct from St. Peter's Basilica (which is not a Cathedral). Bishop Roman preached a beautiful homily on the significance of St. John Lateran and the fact that it was a Cathedral Church consecrated by St. Peter himself.

The Most Holy Door of St. John Lateran was opened for the first time in 1983 as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. We enter the Holy Door and view the large Nave with its splendid mosaics and frescoes, many of which date from Medieval times.

Some of our pilgrims took a bus trip to Sorrento and Capri (with missioners) to entreat the tourists.

St. Mary Major

St. Mary Major (St. Mary the Great) is the fourth of the Major Basilicas of Rome. It is called St. Mary Major to emphasize that it is the primary Church dedicated to Our Lady in Rome and to distinguish it from over fifty other Churches in Rome honoring the Blessed Virgin under various titles. The original St. Mary Major was a Constantinian Church dating from the 4th Century (360 A.D.) and commissioned by Pope Liborius. According to tradition, the Virgin Mary is also the site of the impressive Memorial to the Tragedy of War. Net-tuneno is also the site of the impressive Memorial to the Tragedy of War. Net-tuneno is also the site of the impressive Memorial to the Tragedy of War. Net-tuneno. It is a sad but beautiful place, fittingly maintained by the U.S. Government but a silent shrine.

The car did give us an opportunity to take a spin around some of Rome's most remote and inconspicuous creations while singers (minstrels) entertained us with Irish Classics so a few of the boys fortified with vino gave the group a medley of Irish favorites.

Papal Audience

The final day of our pilgrimage in Rome was one of the most unforgettable that we will ever experience. Our private audience with the Pope was scheduled at 1:00 p.m. We were met at the huge bronze doors under the Bernini Columnas where Swiss Guards stood in attention. Father Bob Lynch, who had coordinated the Pilgrimage, met us and slowly we ascended the long stairs. The Pope, as is his custom, gave the group a medley of Irish Classics while he sang a Siesta (no ulcers, no tensions). We averted the Pope to visit Miami. The Pope addressed us with his allocutio (prepared spiritual text). The Pope reminded us that we must always be firm in our Faith and loyal to Christ and His Church. We are grateful for our visit with Pope John Paul II and we visit to the four Major Basilicas of Rome and a safe and happy journey of Faith. Praise the Lord!
We soon will celebrate that miraculous event in which the original God broke into human history, 2,000 years ago by sending the Son, Jesus, into our midst. The topic of this article is a question: Does God continue today to break into human history, specifically by being present, watching over and guiding our personal lives? The topic has some practical consequences and leads to other questions.

Is it appropriate to pray for a job, a cure or a spouse? When we receive a positive answer to such prayers and locate employment, learn the cancer is gone, or make it rain until we move him back into the room, is it possible that He allows random good fortune and random evil to happen in our imperfect world?

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The Old Testament surely reveals God regularly entering into human lives in very concrete ways. The New Testament is the miracle mystery of God coming to earth and becoming one of us. The New Testament shows the early Church reflecting in a belief in God’s personal concern and intervention in the everyday life of that community. The Church’s liturgical practice from the beginning until today simply assumes Christ’s real and actual presence in sacramental rites. The Church has always manifested in its practical attitudes and prayer patterns a belief, sense or acceptance of the truth that God hear petitions and responds to them. How, when and why God answers our prayers is a different issue. But that He/She does break into our individual histories and touch our lives personally in response to prayer seems very much to be the long and rich tradition, quite evident to me.

The people and the Holy days

When I learned the bishops were going to be considering the question of holy days of obligation and that a committee had recommended that they be reduced to three, I knew the defense of the holy days was going to start up among the people again. You’d think the bishops would have learned this in the last 20 years. You talk about cutting down on the number of holy days of obligation and the people are going to rise up in protest. It wasn’t any surprise then that before this fall’s meeting of the bishops there was a great deal in the newspapers, letters from the people, all telling the bishops not to cut down on the number of holy days. In Chicago, however, the Chicago Daily News, warned of a “potential public relations disaster” if the bishops acted without preparing the people. The products of some term fate and not the result of divine interventions? It is only to suggest that in the ordinary course of human events God does not act as a puppeteer, rewarding some and punishing others, but that He allows random good fortune and random evil to happen in our imperfect world."

The same author also appears impressed with something we don’t know. But the people in a time when people lived and worked near their parish churches, there was a celebration of holy days. Today, when millions of people live in suburban communities, far from their place of work, which they must reach on crowded highways or in crowded public transportation, it is virtually impossible to get to Mass or get to Mass in hurried participation, not really joining in celebration. The bishops want only to help the people and to allow a real celebration of the feast day. THEN WHY don’t the people respond to what is intended to be in their best interests? Any answer I give to that is going to be my own guess, what is not a guess is that the people are opposed. I think it has nothing to do with a rational response to what the bishops have in mind in proposing decreasing the number of holy days. But this response, rational or not, needs to be understood by the bishops. Everything has been made easier for the people, there is less and less they are asked to do to show their faith. So when they hear that something more is going to be done to make things easier for them, they resist it. They resist it because they have the feeling they should be doing more rather than less. They know, of course, that what once was required they can now do as mature Catholics by choice but that doesn’t answer the question, they want things done by all together.

Observe Ash Wednesday. There is no requirement that Catholics go to Mass but they all do because it is something they feel they should do, something they want to do. Is this what the people say about holy days is really something more. It is important the bishops understand that. (Dale Francis a nationally syndicated columnist). Some sundae

Before Bishop Swihit of Winchester, England died in 862, he laid out his burial plot in the churchyard. But his devoted followers thought he showed more reverence to bury him in the church. At this, the spirit of the saint became vexed and made it rain until they moved him back into the churchyard again. Today the legend still persists that if it rains on the day of St. Swihit’s death, July 15th, it will rain for forty more days.

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Opinion

Does God answer our prayers?

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

Another question is: who really knows, except God who is postulate that He is not the worker of miracles. It is not to say that God is all-powerful, but it is a
Respect for food

Much attention has been directed to the problem of world hunger in the past few years. We've set aside a Food Day each year to focus on the fact that many people in the world go to sleep hungry every day. Hunger is a problem in our own country, increasingly so in the past two years because of the recession. This is particularly true for people suffering from the devastating effects of long-term unemployment, the cutback in food stamps and child nutrition programs under the Reagan administration.

In fact, recently a number of physicians told a House agricultural subcommittee that their research shows a need to reverse the massive budget reductions imposed during Reagan's first two years in office.

J. Larry Brown of the Harvard School of Public Health, Victor Sidel of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York and Agnes Lattimeri of Cook County Hospital, Chicago, did studies on nutrition in Massachusetts, New York and the city of Chicago. The doctors found serious increases in the number of people, especially children and the elderly, suffering from inadequate diets since the Reagan nutrition cuts. They said there was decided evidence that the health of these people is being affected.

While legislation has been proposed to restore many of the reductions imposed over the past two years, these attempts are opposed by the administration. However, the president has appointed a special task force to look into the issue of hunger. A report from this group is expected by the end of the year.

When I heard about the task force, I was reminded of a comment made in the 1960s when we were working on programs to fight poverty. Paraphrasing the Bible, someone came up with, "I was hungry—and you formed a committee to study the problem."

Recently, however, I heard of a study on food that deserves applause. It aims at educating children so they will come to understand and respect where food comes from and its importance for life.

A former teacher, a farmer who grows crops organically in the county I live in, invites classes of children to come and "see the food grow and touch the animals" on his farm. He believes that respect for nature and how we survive because of the food we get from nature is best learned by tots. They come to his farm as young as 4 years old.

On the national level, an "Agriculture in the Classroom" project has been in existence for several years now. The leaders say, "It is time to spread the word... in this time when so few of us feel so many. It is important to help people understand where their food and fiber begins and the importance of agriculture to society and to the economy as a whole."

The place to begin, they say, is in the schools.

Maybe we can develop a greater respect for food by going back to basics, remembering its origins instead of thinking of it as a supermarket commodity. If we begin developing this respect in children, perhaps we will develop a stronger feeling in the coming decades for how food should be distributed and the tragedy in its being wasted.

Food is essential for the continuation of life. It deserves all the attention we can possibly give it.

President Reagan's committee on hunger has a moral responsibility not to just study the problem but to get the food back on the tables of the hungry.

(antoinette bosco)

On the surface of life

Q. In school it seems the popular girls always go for the cooler guys, even though some of them are failures in school and think they're Mr. Tough and Macho Man and don't care for what the girl is. They go with the girls for how they look. I don't understand why you go to these choices. (Michigan)

BY TOM LENNON

A. This somewhat obscure question deals, it seems to me, with outward appearances and what really lies beneath the surface.

It reminds me of Ted, who is 26-and-long out of high school. But in some ways he is not much wiser than when he was very young.

Ted spends lots of money on clothes, a body permanent, a car and "all those things you have to have to attract the really good lookin' chicks."

One gets the impression that the girls he is after also spend lots of money on clothes and "all those things you have to have to attract the really good lookin' hunks."

And so go the shallow values that seem prevalent not only in some areas of our high schools but throughout too much of our society.

Your parents may have heard these values summed up in one brief sentence: "Clothes make the man." Outward appearance seems to be everything. Popularity, not essential worth, is what counts.

Let me suggest some important issues for you to ponder:

What kind of friends do you want to have over the long run?

What kind of persons will stick by you when the going gets tough?

What kind of persons are nice—really wonderful—to have around?

What is it that makes the true worth of an individual?

What qualities do you like about yourself and what qualities would you like to find in the people you hang around with much of the time?

You also might like to consider the following true story with fictitious names inserted.

Quite a few years ago Jerry was at a party where he met Diane—and thought only that she was very plain. He'd never ask her for a date.

But work on a committee in a youth club brought them together frequently. Jerry began to find her very interesting to talk to and to be with.

He started seeing her more and more often. Little by little he found her to be loving and caring and fun.

Today Jerry can't remember when he first began to find her physically attractive, but he did. And on their wedding day he thought her the loveliest woman in the world.

Why do you think Jerry's viewpoint changed?

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Family finances: the elderly

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Rejoice! The Lord is with us.

READINGS: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10. James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

BACKGROUND:
The readings for the Third Sunday of Advent present a markedly different theme from those of previous Sundays. In the midst of the Advent season, the Church looked ahead to the Lord’s coming with a sense of joyful anticipation.

An earlier name for this Sunday was “Rejoice!” Sunday. Even in the midst of a penitential season, the Church can hardly restrain her joy at the salvation promised by the coming Lord.

In the first reading, Isaiah spoke of a glorious future in which his people would be restored to their homeland, and in which God would be with his people once again. Nature itself could not resist joining in the celebration.

Several biblical commentaries indicate that the passage probably refers to the return of the Hebrews from their Exile in Babylon.

In the gospel reading, Jesus reminded John’s disciples of the joy he had brought to others during his ministry: the blind could see, the deaf could hear, the lame could walk.

Most people wondered just who Jesus was. The passage implies that the disciples were to decide for themselves, based upon what Jesus had said and done.

The second reading comes from the letter of James. He reminded the early Church to be patient until the Lord returned. The reading demonstrates the belief of the early Church that the Lord would return soon.

REFLECTION:
Advent is a busy season for most people. There’s all the Christmas shopping to do for the family and friends. The process of getting Christmas cards in the mail seems to take longer every year. There are less of parties and social events to attend.

The kids will be getting out of school soon for their Christmas vacation. There’s cooking and baking to be done.

All of these joyous events—and countless others—show an anticipation of Christmas. Almost everything we do points toward the last day in which we celebrate the Lord’s birth.

But in all the anticipation, it’s easy to forget an important reality: the Lord is here right now.

He’s here in our relatives and friends. He’s here in our co-workers in the office. He’s present in the many gestures of kindness during this season. He’s present in the poor, for whom we prepare those food baskets. He’s present in the person on the street who seeks a handout. Do we recognize him?

Let’s not get so busy during this season that we neglect an important truth. As we seek the Lord’s coming, don’t forget that he’s already here in our midst.

Lutherans and Catholics—
Is intercommunion possible?

Q. I am a Catholic married to a Lutheran. Our 3-year-old son was baptized in the Lutheran Church. I attend Mass every Sunday, and my husband and son attend the Lutheran Church regularly.

I realize that when I married I affirmed that I would do everything in my power to see that my children be raised Catholic. Many discussions and prayers later we are trying to do what is best for all of us.

I pray often that someday we will all be able to worship together, I need to know if the Catholic Church recognizes our son’s baptism. As guilt overwhelms me I wonder whether I stand with the church. Also, some time ago, I read that it’s possible within 10 years Catholics and Lutherans may have intercommunion. Could this be true? (Pennsylvania).

A. First, let’s talk about your son. There’s no reason whatsoever for you to be concerned whether or not he is really baptized. As a Catholic you wonder what our church’s position is on this. It is quite clear.

The Catholic Church recognizes the validity of baptisms in many other Christian churches. There’s nothing new about this. Vatican Council II often refers to baptism as one of the sacramental bonds that link us with other Christian churches.

"Man is a “being on the way to death” states a German existentialist. Man is a “being on the way to glory” claimed the One who was born in a stable and died on the cross like a slave."

In one place, the council says, “The Christian way of life of these (Protestant) brethren is nourished by faith in Christ. It is strengthened by the grace of baptism and the bearing of God’s word.”

(Decree on Ecumenism, No.23).

Long before that, the church explicitly mentioned Lutherans, along with Presbyterians, Baptists, Methodists, Congregationalists, and Disciples of Christ as among those who should not receive even conditional baptism if they convert to the Catholic faith, since there is no reason to doubt the validity of the baptism they received in the church they belonged to before.

As your letter implies, the promise or affirmation made when you were married adds nothing to the responsibilities any believing and committed Catholic has as he or she enters marriage.

Those who take their religious commitments seriously (and for Catholics this would include certainly their beliefs concerning the church, the Eucharist, the sacraments, etc.) have a grave responsibility to do everything possible to provide their children an opportunity for that same relationship to God.

However, sometimes even with the best intentions what one would wish to do is found to be impossible. This is why the affirmation made by a Catholic before an interfaith marriage is worded precisely as you stated: I will do everything within my power to share the faith that I have with our children by having them baptized and raised as Catholics.

From your letter, it seems you have taken this responsibility seriously but, because of gross and tragic misunderstandings between you and your husband and the strengths of your personal religious convictions, things have not worked out.

Please try not to feel guilty about this. Whatever mistakes may have been made in the past, you did, and are doing, the best you could, which is all God asks of us.

Be faithful to your own convictions and live your Catholic faith as fully as you can. If you do that as charitably as possibly God will certainly bless your efforts in his own way.

No one today is able to foretell the future of the ecumenical movements of our age. In spite of the misunderstanding between Lutherans and Roman Catholics, however, there is no evidence that the intercommunion you speak of is likely in the foreseeable future.
TV's sex hang-up

Please, no more dirty pictures

Here's an old joke:
A MAN goes to see a psychiatrist who shows him ink blots. To each blot, the patient says, "That reminds me of sex." Finally, the doctor says, "You certainly are obsessed with sex." To which the man replies, "Me? I'm not the one with all the dirty pictures."

That's how I feel about television. I get tired writing columns about TV's treatment of sex, but I'm not the only one who keeps holding up dirty pictures in my living room.

How many dirty pictures? Consider some things I have collected in just the last few weeks:

- LETTERS from readers objecting to "Princess Daisy," a mini-series on NBC which included incest among its plot lines.
- Network press releases about the last few weeks: "The Haunting Mother and Daughter" (CBS) about a college freshman who falls in love with a student. She works in a massage parlor... "First Affair" (CBS) about a college freshman who falls in love with an older, married man... "Secrets of a Mother and Daughter" (CBS) about a mother and daughter who fall in love with the same man... "The Haunting Passion" (NBC) about a woman who is raped by a ghost... "Sessions" about a woman who keeps holding up dirty pictures in her love boat, check into hotels, prostitutes or murder victims. Is that how you ladies like being portrayed? TV seems especially fascinated with prostitutes. This make me worried when I consider the old adage about "writers write what they know." In television plots, prostitutes take cruises on the love boat, check into hotels, move in next door, become business executives—in fact, they're everywhere.

Another reason I object to TV's sex drive is that the medium so often gives a bad name to sex. The joy of married love, the thrill of chaste relationships, the fulfillment of virginity, the satisfaction of mutual respect between a man and a woman—don't those sound like really odd notions? How come? Would it be because TV has taken over the sex education of society?

WHEN WAS the last time you saw a major character on a regular series say "no" to a sexual encounter? On "Bay City Blues" earlier this season, a married woman (frustrated, of course; they always are) tried to tempt a main character. He held out—for one episode. Who was the last major character in a series to admit his or her virginity proudly? I almost faint when one of the doctors on "St. Elsewhere" said he was. He is the doctor from India, and he proudly noted that he and his wife had waited until their upcoming marriage. What was the reaction of the other characters? Ridicule, disbelief, sarcasm and, finally, the lockerroom offer from one of the women to end the doctor's apparently disgusting state of life.

TV sneers at sex, devalues women, satirizes marriage and has all but relegated chastity to the garbage dump. Those are attitudes which are strongly opposed by women everywhere.

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COOK & PEARY Rod Steiger stars as Robert E. Peary, the ambitious explorer who claimed to be the first to reach the North Pole. Richard Chamberlain also stars as Frederick A. Cook, a physician-turned-explorer and rival of Peary in "Cook and Peary: The Race to the Pole," the Dec. 13 ITT Theatre Special at 9 p.m. on CBS.

Lee Remick, one of television and film's most respected actresses, stars in "The Gift of Love: A Christmas Story," a story of how a family's love for one another helps them to triumph over adversities. (NC Photo).

In case you miss the 25th Anniversary celebration of the Archbishop of Miami at the Orange Bowl, you can enjoy a special two-hour tape of the event on WTVJ, Channel 23 on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Five cameras and 12 camera and sound personnel will be taping the celebration live Dec. 9 for re-broadcast the next day. Fr. Jose P. Nickse and Sr. Bertha Penabad will co-anchor the show and provide bilingual commentaries throughout.

As directed.
Cong. Pepper to deliver Barry Commencement address

MIAMI SHORES, Dec. 5—Congressman Claude Pepper will deliver the commencement address to 246 graduates at Barry University on Saturday, December 17, in the auditorium at 8 p.m.

Comedian Jerry Seinfeld, Congressman and Mrs. William Lehman, a noted sculptress, and State Rep. Edaline Gordon will also be among the speakers.

Holy Cross University is the second most recent developments in the art

Teens to hear about Respect Life at Mass

More than 1,600 teenagers from Catholic elementary and high schools in the Archdiocese of Miami are expected to attend a right-to-life Mass which will be held Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Cathedral in Miami.

Organized by the South Florida Chapter of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, the purpose of the Mass is to bring the right-to-life issue to the forefront of young people's minds.

"We hope that it will spur them to become more active in right-to-life," said Henry Ferro, president of the League.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, Auxiliary Bishop John Nevin and priests from the Archdiocese will consecrate the liturgy. Father John W. Wooley, from the Archdiocese of New York, will give the homily.

Mercy news

Mercy Medicine, a clinical journal published by the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, has been recognized with an award judged by the prestigious MacEachern Foundation Awards of the Academy of Hospital Public Relations for the nation of a hospital for over 400 beds, after just one year of publication. Judges called the journal "a national 'creative,' " a "professional presentation," as well as "a well written publication that is helpful to the medical profession."

Published quarterly, Mercy Medicine is edited and produced by Herb Kelly Associates, a Miami public relations firm which represents Mercy Hospital. The journal is distributed to doctors in South Florida, the Caribbean and Latin America, and to other physicians on request as well as to libraries and medical schools.

The Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital has been awarded a two-year reaccreditation by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation by the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on results of a recent on-site inspection.

John K. Ditchcock, M.D. FACP, chairman of the commission, advised Dr. Jackson L. Thatcher, Laboratory Director, of this national recognition and congratulated Dr. Thatcher and his staff for its "excellence of services you are providing patients and their physicians." The Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital is one of 3,000 CAP-accredited laboratories nationwide.

Much of the electronic teaching equipment will be demonstrated at the open house, a specially produced video program will be shown in the Center's 350-seat amphitheater and visitors will be given guided tours through the facility that is unique in the southeast both in concept and in equipment.

The Sister M. Innocent Hughes Education and Conference Center is a memorial to a Sister of Mental, health, and legal services.

The Laboratory at St. Mary's Hospital is an extension of Mercy Medical Center's commitment to provide quality medical care.

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There will be reduced student rates the first three weeks of the fair beginning on May 12th.


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The Family Enrichment Center will hold a singles retreat on Dec. 28th and Jan. 25th. Varied topics will be included in the weekend stay. Variations of classs in a new method of Natural Family Planning will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 1983. The classes will be held at the Church of St. Joannes the Baptist, 5500 N.W. 73rd Ave., Miami. This meeting will include all the materials of the Church, we can be as effective as the Pill. For further information, call Shirley Hope, 491-0504.

The treasures of the Vatican will be displayed in Boca Raton which included over 80 performances both children and adult. The theme of the evening was the joy in preparing for the coming of the Lord.

Student rate offered to visit Vatican Pavilion

Organizers of the 1984 Louisiana World Exposition are announcing the planned opening of the New Orleans Vatican Pavilion, which will feature many art treasures of the Vatican.

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It's a Date

The Golden Age Club of St. Clement Church will have their Christmas Party at The Imperial Palace, Park Place - on December 06, 1983, 10 p.m. until noon, Cabana Club Event, Ft. Lauderdale, For reservations call 563-5435.

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A nun's autobiography

"totally attach" herself to life, "by manufacturing happiness." It is partly the modern message, and it comes as no shock when God is relegated to the wings, much like a snailed-door community. Throughout the book one is completely fascinated by this rigid picture of convent life, always left with this account as a colored by Miss Armstrong's deep unhappiness.

A contemporary of hers, Thomas Merton, in 1968 wrote from His Trappist monastery that "there are indeed thousands of nuns who are instructed to 'purify one's intention' and bear the cross mentally, while physically and psychologically one is more and more deeply involved in an overworked, unbalanced and irrational, yet inhuman experience."

Perhaps she was one of these. Miss Armstrong gives her own account of her convent miseries in her first autobiographical work, "Through the Narrow Gate."
As the air becomes crisp and the trees colorful, I think back to my childhood days in Michigan. I remember fondly the last weeks of November and how eagerly I looked for the first snow shower. Very often it occurred during the week of Thanksgiving. Then, in sequence, came a two or three day break from school, the purple vestments of Advent, a small gift left for me on our farm house porch by St. Nicholas, the holy day commemorating the Immaculate Conception, the rose vestments of the third Sunday of Advent, vacation from school—and finally, finally, Christmas!

YOU SEE, I really loved is our opportunity to lay plans to realize our Christmas expectations more fully.
Christmas. If there ever was a child living in expectation, it was I during those days. And the church’s Advent prayer fit my mood perfectly. The theme of expectancy, God giving the world the gift of Jesus to free us from the darkness of sin, matched my growing anticipation of gifts and the freedom from school to play in the snow.

But here I am, with another Advent and Christmas season just ahead. I wonder if it is possible to tailor such a good fit today between my personal and my religious expectations.

After some reflection, I think it depends on whether the meaning of Christmas really relates to the meaning I expect to find in my life. I see the season of Advent as an ideal time to give some thought to the connections between religion and life.

When we get right down to it, the childhood anticipation of gifts and of some free time suits the adult too. The adult, after all, has experienced gift-giving, not just of toaster-ovens and ties and fruitcakes, but also of friendships and the inner yearnings of the spirit.

THE ADULT has experienced the opposite too, the withholding of self, the breaking of confidences and the loneliness of isolation.

The adult has experienced the freedom and exhilaration of self-expression in work, of joy in families and the ability to direct one’s own affairs.

The adult has experienced the constraints of responsibility, the draining demands made by others on one’s time and energy and the frustration of coming to dead ends again and again. The adult also expects a good measure of sharing and self-expression in life.

So how do the seasons of Advent and Christmas relate to my personal expectations of life?

CHRISTMAS means that God took on the total human condition, the weakness and impotence of the child along with the child’s endearing smile. In Jesus God received the gift of humanity and humanity received the embrace of the divine.

Humility was no longer isolated from God. In Jesus God took on human destiny and man took on divine destiny. Christmas means that there is a shared love of life between God and us, and that creatures have a future of ultimate significance.

Christmas tells us that the expectations adults have to share love and to live a life of creative self-expression is well-grounded. This is our destiny, even if from time to time it may not be realized in our daily existence.

Advent gives us some time to take stock of our lives, to ask what we really want and to reflect on the promise Christianity offers. We can establish priorities in keeping with our expectations and set goals.

VERY PRACTICALLY, such plans might include: additional education for personal enrichment or for job advancement or security; making a change in lifestyle—either getting more serious about it or breaking the grips of workaholic tendencies. It may mean improving relationships with spouse and grown children, or mending a broken relationship, or doing a bit more to keep a friendship from going sour.

It’s often said that Christmas is for children and indeed it is. But Christmas is for adults too.

Christmas is a promise and an encouragement that ultimately life has meaning for each of us. Advent is our opportunity to lay plans to realize our Christmas expectations more fully.
Nun on the run
With heavenly soles, sister runs to keep fit

By Kathy Hooa Roth

LEBANON, Pa. (NC)—The lightfooted coach who sets the pace for the running club at Lebanon Catholic High School is a running nun, Sister Kathryn Narkavich of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Although Sister Narkavich, who is also a science and health teacher at the school, calls herself "one of those new gentle runners," she has her heart and soul in running.

"It is a good thing for students to be doing with their leisure when there are such options as alcohol, drugs and arcade games," Sister Narkavich said she has high expectations for the club next year. She plans to interest freshmen in joining and to adopt a regular schedule.

Although Sister Narkavich said she is a novice runner, she is an experienced biker. She and Sister Joan Melley, who heads Lebanon Catholic's English department, bike all year round.

Sister Narkavich said biking is not only good exercise but also provides time to meditate on God's creation and the change of seasons.

She started the school's running club in October and since then has been leading a pack of 10 in working up to about eight miles a day.

Most members of the club run "just to keep in shape," said Sister Narkavich, but some of the more experienced runners have entered competition. No matter what their reason, she said, "It's a good thing for students to be doing with their leisure when there are such options as alcohol, drugs and arcade games."

Sister Narkavich called Thomas Simpson, a teacher at Lebanon Catholic High School and the cross country and track coach at the larger Lancaster (Pa.) Catholic High School nearby, the driving force behind the club. Students expressed an interest in running to Simpson and he asked Sister Narkavich if she'd consider starting the club, she said.

"I said yes, knowing very little about running," she recalled. "So, I got some books from the library and read about it." Simpson also gave her advice on running.

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When the king of Portugal wanted six missionaries to preach in India, one of those chosen was Francis, in Goa, a region of India, he comforted the sick and walked through the streets ringing a bell, asking the children to come to catechism in the church. Later he preached in public and soon the whole city was converted. In the south of India he converted thousands. Francis and other missionaries sailed for Japan in 1549. His converts are estimated to have been in the hundreds of thousands; and his missionary work in the East endured for centuries. On board a ship going to China, he became ill with a high fever. The ship stopped at an island off the coast and he died in an old cabin on Dec. 3, 1552. St. Francis Xavier was patron of all foreign missions. His feast is Dec. 3.

Mass memories

When I close my eyes and think about Midnight Masses over the years, they all seem to blur together. Waking up 4-year-olds and dressing them like you'd dress a rag doll, slipping limp arms into sweaters, catching chubby chins in winter coat zippers.

(OR WAS IT being awakened as a 4-year-old for Midnight Mass?)

Jammed church parking lots, side streets filled with cars. The choir's singing drifting into the crisp night air. People standing in aisles. Persons you've never met before smiling shy "hellos." Teen-agers slouching against side walls with friends.

(Or was it slouching against a side wall as a 15-year-old?)

Babies asleep on laps, on pews, in backpacks, soft crying here and there during the homily, the sanctuary glowing in a vision of red and gold and white, a 9-year-old's sleepy head against your shoulder.

(Or was it leaning my head against my dad's shoulder?)

LONG LINES FOR Communion, but the wait not seeming to matter. Christmas song heard in your heart and in your ears. Breathing incense and not being sure if it made you feel holy or sick. Eyes filling with tears during "Silent Night." (Or was it watching my mother's eyes fill with tears during "Silent Night"?)

CARRY THE SLEEPING 5-year-old up to the nativity scene and seeing him drink in the little drama through half-open eyes. Wondering what holy little dreams God might be putting in his head.

(Or was it being held in front of the creche and almost feeling like I was one of the characters?)

The children searching the sky for Santa on our way back to the car.

(OR WAS IT searching the sky for Santa?)

The good feeling of being warm and together and family.

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