Crime: Archbishop says cause is secular society

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Ridding our community of crime requires a creation of a sense of personal moral responsibility. A sense of moral urgency or at least is enormously strengthened by genuine religion.

We are now reaching a point in our history where we are losing the influence of our religious heritage and, as the century-old influence of religion is weakened in influencing the free will judgment of men and women, less noble motivation is appealing to their selfish instincts and leading them to crime against their fellowmen and their community.

Religion sets a sense of values that transcends the unreasonable selfishness and centering on material values that tempt a person to seek gratification in illicit, immoral and illegal activities. They're simple and honest. They don't copy. And their hearts and spirits are not hampered by complicated thought. It shines right through their work," explained Sr. Lucia, executive director of the center.

Letters of congratulation have been coming in from high places. Sr. Lucia proudly showed The Voice a letter signed by President Reagan which read in part, "We want you to know how grateful we are for your kindness in sending your students' first book... we truly appreciate the time and effort devoted to creating this work and we are pleased to learn of this special achievement."

A color photograph of the President and the First Lady accompanied the message.

The Secretariat of State in Vatican City communicated the Apostolic Blessing and appreciation of Pope John Paul. Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy sent a warm letter of praise.

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Voice Staff Writer

About 100 years ago, the mentally retarded and handicapped were not only treated unkindly, but no one felt they fit into God's plan.

Attitudes have changed since then, thanks to people like St. Joseph Cottolengo, an Italian priest who devoted his life to serving the sick, destitute and abandoned members of society. His philosophy was, "one day the retarded will open the doors of heaven."

The students at the Marian Center in Opa Locka have proven that along the route to heaven, it never hurts to open a few earthly doors too. They've just completed a book about the life of St. Joseph of Cottolengo, entitled "Thanks Be To God!" which is getting national attention. It is the first book ever created by the mentally retarded, according to Sr. Lucia, executive director of the center.

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Indians still repressed, bishops say
(undated) (NC) — Repression of Guatemalan Indians by the country's military continues despite attempts to whitewash the human rights situation, according to a report by two British bishops who traveled to the Central American country. The report also recommended that the British government make re-establishment of full diplomatic relations with Guatemala dependant on the establishment of a human rights commission in that country under church auspices. Britain broke diplomatic relations with Guatemala in 1981. Bishops Maurice Taylor of Galloway, Scotland, and James O'Brien, auxiliary of Westminster, England, said that "countless thousands of widows in the country and at least 100,000 orphans" have been left in the wake of massacres of peasants.

Catholic paper tells Tamils to use arms
COCHIN, India (NC) — A southern Indian Catholic daily has said that Tamils in nearby Sri Lanka have a right to take arms against "genocidal atrocities" committed by the government. Sadvartha (Good News), one of India's three Catholic dailies, made the point in an editorial titled "Hitlerism, Of Course." The editorial appeared after Sri Lankan government troops reportedly buried — alive and dead — about 50 Tamils in a common grave. The Tamils were reportedly forced to dig the grave after being arrested as "separatist guerrillas.

Carmelite founder will be beatified
COCHIN, India (NC) — Members of the Carmelites of Mary immaculate are expecting the beatification of their founder during Pope John Paul II's visit to India next February, said Father Joseph Neelankavil, the order's general mission secretary. The Vatican announced that the Congregation for Saints' Causes declared miraculous the 1951 cure of a boy born clubfooted. Prayers had been offered for the cure through the intercession of Father Chavara Kuriakose, who founded the order in 1855. Declaring miracles is a major step in the beatification process. However, the Vatican usually does not announce approval of a beatification until an official date has been set.

'Tax the rich,' NCCC tells Senate
WASHINGTON (NC) — The National Conference of Catholic Charities has told the Senate Finance Committee that it supports aspects of President Reagan's tax plan but that it seeks further improvements, including a steeper tax rate for the rich. The NCCC urged eight changes in the Reagan tax plan now under consideration by Congress, including a fourth or fifth tax rate applicable to a larger portion of a family's income and income of the elderly, and a reduction in medical expenses; equal treatment of single-parent and two-parent families; and other provisions for non-wealthy Americans.

Venice can promote faith—Pope
VENICE, Italy (NC) — Pope John Paul II rode a gondola down Venice's Grand Canal June 16, and later told 20,000 people in St. Mark's Square to use the city's status as a tourist mecca to promote Christianity. The boat ride was part of a trip to the Veneto area during which he spoke of an eclipse of Christian values and urged priests and Religious to pursue lives distinct from the secular world. On Pope John Paul's arrival at St. Mark's Square, hundreds of the most colorful Venetian boats formed a semicircle around him and oars were raised in a sign of welcome.

Ohio bishops led Campbell boycott
COLUMBUS, Ohio (NC) — The Catholic bishops of Ohio have announced their support for a farmer's-market boycott of Campbell Soup Company. The state's bishops said that "the primary issue of the farmer struggle is centered on the fact that farmers are being denied the right to organize and bargain collectively... which all other workers have been granted." Catholic groups endorsing the boycott have sought to have Catholic institutions, such as schools and hospitals, agree to stop using Campbell products.

High-Court permits porno 'crack down'
WASHINGTON (NC) — The Supreme Court June 17 expanded police power to crack down on so-called "adult" bookstores, ruling that police do not need a warrant to purchase, rather than seize, allegedly obscene books or magazines to use as evidence. The 7-2-to-decision, written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, reversed a ruling by a Maryland appeals court and reinstated a $1 conviction of Baxter Macdon, a Maryland adult bookstore employee, for distributing obscene material.

Dr. Koop: 'Baby Does' need aid
DR. KOOP (NC) — Dr. C. Everett Koop, the U.S. Surgeon General, and two other doctors advised the U.S. Civil Rights Commission that society should help provide financial and other resources for potential "Baby Does." The Civil Rights Commission initiated three days of hearings on the legal role in "Baby Doe" situations, involving severely handicapped newborns. The cases are named after an anonymous Indiana infant, allowed to die for lack of medical treatment, food and water, after he was born with Down's Syndrome. The three physicians recommended some form of health-care "catastrophic insurance" and other aid to help severely handicapped and disease-stricken babies.

Cardinal pleas for national peace
MANAGUA, Nicaragua (NC) — Cardinal Miguel Obando Bravo of Managua called for national peace. Nicaragua has been a strong critic of the Sandinista government and U.S.-backed guerrillas fighting it. However, the government of Filipino President Ferdinand Marcos, also asked the Kitty for a "peace front" situation. Cardinal Vidal's politics in a country and state of the Catholic Church in recent years has been a strong critic of the government's human rights record.

Philippine rebel priests criticized
MANILA, Philippines (NC) — A trade union leader has asked church officials to take a public stand on priests who join guerrillas fighting to overthrow President Ferdinand Marcos. "As members of the Catholic Church, we would like to know what the church has to say on priests taking up arms," said Ernesto F. Herrera, general counsel of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines. Herrera, a member of the disbanded fact-finding board which investigated the 1983 killing of opposition leader Benigno Aquino, was reacting to news reports and interviews with guerrillas, including an interview with former Divine Word Father Conrado Balweg, a rebel leader in the mountains of northern Luzon.

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My dearly beloved: I am in the air again! So, of course, I am thinking of you. This time I am 31,000 feet over the Atlantic returning home on an Air Lingus flight from Ireland.

The highlight of my trip was ordaining a new priest for our Archdiocese at Upper Glenmary, near Cork. His name is Father John Vaughan. He is the son of outstanding Irish seminarians preparing to serve in our Archdiocese.

There were also some seminarians from Northern Ireland. There are no seminaries in Northern Ireland, so the future priests study in the Irish Republic.

Following the ceremony I was invited to a reception and dinner at a local hotel. After the meal, an Irish band arrived. I understood the festivities continued until long after I was bedded down for the night. I was a guest of the local bishop, Bishop Michael Murphy.

On the following day (June 9), there was a public Corpus Christi procession in downtown Cork. Even though there was a rain storm that was less than "soft," there were 45,000 people attending. On the first time, women and children were invited to join the men in the procession.

Jubilation

The Irish were jubilant over the victory of one of their sons, who on the previous Thursday evening had won a world boxing championship. Internal Catholic Party and the Vatican's color supplements announced the good news. There were rallies in the village squares and great celebration in the pubs.

The fighter is a local hero. He looks more like a young business-man than a pugilist. He dedicated the fight to the memory of one of his earlier opponents who had died. He was a flag into the ring — a national flag or a partisan flag but a peace flag. I was impressed by his excellent system. My cousin, Mary Murphy, and her son met me at Shannon when I arrived weary from the sleepless night of flying across the Atlantic.

You eat your way halfway across the ocean, then a movie keeps you awake until early daylight. You then have breakfast and land at 8 a.m. Irish time (3 a.m. U.S. time). I recovered sleeping at Mary's in Bolteen, Castlemaine, County Kerry.

Next day, after Mass in the village church that my grandfather attended, the Grice family, Father Vaughan and his brother met me and brought me to Cork, where I was the house guest of His Lordship.

I had the joy of ordaining a new priest for our Archdiocese...

His name is Father John Vaughan. Yes, we now have two John Vaughts.

The Bishop shared some interesting ideas on the parish renewal programs he has introduced. He explained what like ours, but the structure of Irish dioceses is quite different than that of American dioceses.

As I understood the Bishop, he has a religious obligation to meet the needs of our priests. We would have about 150!

Of course, many of the educational and social services in Ireland would be the responsibility of the state, religious communities or church agencies not directly affiliated with the diocese.

Cork reminded me of my first visit as a young priest. One of my priest companions had been stationed in Chicago at the parish of the sister of Cork's Lord Mayor and war hero, Mickey Sheehan. We were given a royal Irish welcome.

As a matter of fact, the Lord Mayor called an evening session of his Council. Their wives thought they were on official business but actually, they were escorting their American guests to a running of the Irish Greyhounds!

Ex-Miami priests

One of our Irish seminarians, Anthony O'Brien, brought me from Cork to my next stop, the home of Father P. J. Nolan, who had served in our Archdiocese but returned to Ireland with his priest brother, Thomas, who was permanently disabled when hit by a car while serving at St. Timothy's Parish.

Father P. J. and his housekeepers, Mary and Margaret, are most gracious hosts. Father has a hobby of bee-keeping, honey-making and peacock-raising.

Together, we visited father Thomas in a nearby Irish nursing home. Having had a brain injury, he has difficulty speaking or walking and suffers nervous tremors. But he understands well and was interested in news about his friends in Miami, to whom he sends greetings.

I had, thanks to Monsignor Delaney's schedule, an opportunity to visit the seminaries of Kilkeny, Waterford, All Hallows and Maynooth. Making the rounds gave me an opportunity to visit with the seminary rectors as well as some of our students and even to meet with their families and the families of some of our Irish priests. We also met with some prospective seminarians.

An unexpected pleasant experience was having lunch with some of the Irish bishops, including those of Northern Ireland, who were having a meeting at Maynooth, the national seminary in Dublin. Several of them, including the Cardinal, have visited Miami and send greetings to their friends.

Now, as I am flying home, two thoughts are predominant. First of all, I am thinking of the immense gratitude we owe the priests who have come from Ireland to be the founders of the Church in Florida and who continue to serve us so faithfully.

Visiting their homes, meeting their lovely families, impressed on me our indebtedness to them for being willing to come such great distance, at great personal sacrifice, from the Emerald Isle to minister to us in Florida.

These recruitment trips also cause me to ask whether we are doing enough at home to promote vocations. Can we take the help from Ireland for granted in the future?

Actually, there are fewer vocations in Ireland today. Even this island of saints is being affected by world-wide secularism fed by the showing of American TV shows, including "Miami Vice" and "Dallas."

There are new needs in Ireland.

Dublin is growing rapidly and experiencing unheard of problems in certain areas where only 10 percent of the Irish attend Sunday Mass and where the teenagers are becoming unruly as they steal automobiles for joy riding and taunting the police.

We must strengthen our efforts to promote vocations at home. I think every priest — every Catholic should be a promoter of vocations.

Young people say at times no one has ever asked them whether they consider a vocation. We all know young people who impress us by their qualities and personalities.

An adequate number of clergy and religious leaders with church leaders, is of critical importance for the quality of the Faith in the Archdiocese.

During the coming year, we will be emphasizing the challenging each of us has to promote the Kingdom. I am asking parents, friends, teachers, especially by prayer and encouragement of prospects, to the need and the rich possibility we have to increase the number of vocations.

It is imperative that we respond to the enormous potential of the Church to serve our mixed up world of today.

Devotedly yours in Christ

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

USCC fights chemical weapons

WASHINGTON (NC) — The U.S. Catholic Conference has told members of Congress it opposes a proposed $105 million appropriation for the production of binary nerve gas. Instead the USCC called for "multilateral reductions and, ultimately, the abolition of chemical weapons."
Bishops: Shorten economy pastoral

The relationship between apostolate and consecrated life in apostolic orders.
The importance of each religious order’s special charism in determining its lifestyle.

Religious cite tension causes

Among key issues the six said are sources of tension for U.S. Religious orders today were:
- The role of community in religious orders founded for apostolic work.
- The meaning of religious obedience.
- The exercise of authority in religious orders.

Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, chairman of the writing committee which issued a first draft of the proposed pastoral economy last November, told more than 230 bishops attending the meeting that his committee thinks it can cut 20,000 words from the pastoral without sacrificing content. The second draft is to be issued in September.

Archbishop Weakland also said that if the bishops agreed, the committee would like to write a "relatively short" separate pastoral message to "address our people in a more accessible way."

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Child abuse problem studied by bishops

From religious news service

A committee of U.S. bishops is studying the problem of priests who sexually abuse children, said the president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, a spokesman for the group refused to describe the problem as an "epidemic."

Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, NCCB president, said at a press conference in Collegeville, MN, that information is being gathered on such things as the "psychological profile" of sexual molesters of children and the "sociological setting" in which such activities take place, "so that we can give the bishops the information needed to understand these aberrations and to deal with them in an effective, pastoral way."

The question was prompted by articles in the June 7 edition of the National Catholic Reporter.

The Reporter charged that local bishops have often "disgarded" complaints by parents, have shown "little concern" for the victims, and in some cases merely have re-assigned priests to other parishes.

In Washington, Russell Shaw, director of the NCCB's Office of Public Information, said the bishops and "authorities of the Church are profoundly concerned about" the cases.

"We feel nothing but the most profound compassion for the victims and their families. The most important point is that even one case like this is too many, That's the bottom line," said Shaw.

But the bishops "reject out of hand any notion that there is some kind of epidemic of child abuse among the clergy," Shaw said. There is "no indication" that "instances of behavioral problems among clergy have increased, diminished, or even stayed the same. The data is just not there. Our common sense is that the problem among clergy is remarkably low."

He attributed the new attention surrounding the incidents to the "heightened awareness" nationally of sexual abuse of children.

Shaw added that he disputes, "up to a point," allegations by the Reporter that bishops have failed to set up formal guidelines for dealing with complaints about sexual abuse. He said some dioceses in New Jersey, for instance, have specific policy guidelines regarding allegations of this sort and that "many dioceses" have similar guidelines.

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Immigration reform meets opposition

WASHINGTON (NC) — The U.S. Catholic Conference opposes a new immigration policy bill in Congress because its bad features outweigh the good, a USCC official told a Senate subcommittee.

The USCC is particularly concerned about aspects of the bill, S. 1200, in involving amnesty for illegal aliens, sanctions against employers who hire undocumented workers and provisions for temporary farmworkers permitted to enter the United States for seasonal jobs, said Father Nicholas DiMarzio, executive director of USCC Migration and Refugee Services.

"Our previous willingness to accept sanctions (against employers), with a concurrent fair and generous legalization program, cannot be repeated in the case of the present bill," Father DiMarzio said.

He noted that the current bill contains a "limited legalization" program contingent upon verification that employment of illegal aliens substantially has ended. "This is an unacceptable proposal," the MRS director said.

"Legalization is the only acceptable alternative that an open democratic society has to the Draconian measures and the enforcement nightmares attendant to a policy of mass roundups and deportations," the testimony stated. It added that "legalization has become the litmus test on whether any immigration legislation could be supported by the USCC."

Application of sanctions, or penalties, against employers who hire illegal aliens also poses real problems, Father DiMarzio said.

End anti-Christian bias, TV warned

By Cindy Liebhart
NC News Service

Nearly 600 U.S. religious leaders, including some of the nation's most popular Catholic broadcasters, have signed a statement urging television networks to air more programs that accurately portray Judeo-Christian faith, values and people.

"That would be a lot of food and literature for Africa, and the Congregation of the Holy Ghost.

Artists expected to participate in the project are: Grayson Warren Brown; Tom Conn; Daniel Congie; Rory Cooney; The Dameans; Father Foley, the recording will be produced by the Sacred Heart Radio Network.

"We are concerned because those who control television are using this public medium to impose their anti-Christian, secular views on society under the guise of entertainment," it said.

In buying products from companies which sponsor offensive programs, Christians "make this attack on Christian faith, values and people possible," the statement said.

KCs fund facelift of St. Peter's

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The marble facade of St. Peter's Basilica is undergoing the first extensive restoration in its 350-year history with financial support from the Knights of Columbus.

The project involves repairs to the facade's surface, the 13 statues ar- ranged along its top, two marble frescoes over large clocks on either side, and the 12 supporting columns. It will take more than a year to complete the work, said Archbishop Lino Zanini, head of the Vatican office overseeing the renovation. He declined to estimate the cost of the project, which began in mid-April, although it would be high in labor and materials.

Plans call for replacing the statues' iron supports with stainless steel bands, strengthening the holding around windows, and sealing cracks in the marble with special chemicals.
Eastem-rite priests resume work

TORONTO (NC) — The Vatican has lifted its suspension of three married Eastern-rite priests who it said, were ordained illegally in Canada in 1975. Fathers Andrew Kormaniki, Terry Lozynsky and John Girhiny have received letters from the Vatican Congregation for Eastern Rite churches ending their restrictions with the Jews, in a document that "Christians are invited to reject any form of anti-Semitism in Catholic-Jewish commission, said that "from an American view, a lot of what we have already been doing in this country," he said. "It validates, from my point of view, a lot of what we have already been doing in this country," he said.

The Vatican document sharply renews the one-common Christian view of the Jews in Jesus "sad," as St. Paul did, "because it is from there that division and conflict are rooted." The document called disbelief by many "jewish witness."

The document immediately drew a sharp response from the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consultations. The agency, formally allowing them to resume their duties. They had contin-

cated for 28 years in the modern state of Israel has in Jewish spiritual patrimony," said the document. "It is a community service of

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VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Vatican has asked that pilgrimages to the Yugoslavian site of reported visions be stopped pending completion of a study of the situation by local church authorities.

This was the first time the Vatican spoke publicly about the controversy that has shaken Yugoslavia. The Vatican decision supports calls by local church authorities that the pilgrimages be halted. The decision came in a letter sent to the heads of the Catholic Church in Cuba.

The letter does not take a position on the validity of the apparitions but discourages pilgrimages so as to avoid confusing people until a Yugoslavian church commission completes its investigation of the case, said Navarro-Valls. The apparitions to six young people were purported to have begun in front of the cathedral in Medjugorje.

The commission repeated the call last October, after pilgrimages continued, saying it found "disciplinary and theological difficulties in the messages of Medjugorje."

The letter said that "the genocide being carried out by the fighting and asked the WCC to "involve their government in helping find "a creative and positive" solution to the fighting in Lebanon. Christians should "support the cause of peace, quiet, and stability." Christians should "support the work of the World Council of Churches in Lebanon," said the WCC secretary general, the Rev. Emilio Castro, in a letter to member churches.

There are more than 300 Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox churches in the WCC, encompassing 450 million people. The letter was sent June 4 from WCC headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Catholic, a Methodist, asked each WCC member "to intervene with your government so that it works in a constructive and positive direction, with the aim of ending all the suffering and conflict which has shaken Lebanon for such a long time."

The letter said that "cases of presumed healings have been publicized, without adopting the scientific documentation about the health of subjects before and after the healing."

The Yugoslavian Communist government has opposed pilgrimages and has said local priests are using them to foment political opposition to the government.

Supporting the validity of the visions has been Archbishop Franke of Split-Makarska, Yugoslavia. He said he based his conclusions on the prayer, petition and conversions" produced by the apparitions. According to supporters, the young people continue to see, hear and touch Mary during regular visions in the chapel. The young people are also given secret "messages" which forestall great world events and urge peace through conversion, say supporters.

Providing humanitarian aid to Lebanon.

Lebanon's 3 million people are about evenly divided between Christians and Moslems. For the past decade Christian-led and Moslem-led paramilitary political factions have fought for control of sections of the Lebanese borders Yugoslavia.

A statement issued by the Catholic Center for Information in Lebanon said that "the genocide being perpetrated against Christians in Lebanon is still going on."

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Noted Cuban priest to be remembered

By Jane Quinn

ST. AUGUSTINE, FL — Bicentennial plans to honor the birth of Cuban patriot and philosopher Fr. Felix Varela began recently in the Oldest City in the United States.

Fr. Varela, who stood for the independence of Cuba from Spain and the abolition of slavery in Spanish America, died in St. Augustine in 1835.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Miami in 1982 introduced the cause of Fr. Felix Varela for beatification, and the process of study has begun at Vatican City.

This past Memorial holiday, seminarists from Miami and Palm Beach dioceses joined church and civic leaders in St. Augustine to discuss plans for the bicentennial (1885). The National Historic Preservation Act of 1980 has mandated that any proposed action affecting the Oldest City in the United States is subject to review by the National Park Service.

The bells of St. Mary Cathedral will ring out at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM through Sunday, June 30, featuring special sermons and prayers in houses of worship throughout the Greater Miami community directed at combating crime. The religious leaders' message is that "we need to indulge with caution the thought that our democracy can survive, unless it is founded on a sense of morality based on religion."

Thus the national motto, 'In God we trust.' Reliance on Divine guidance is the underpinnings of the battle against crime.

We believe it is now time to again remind ourselves and our congregations of the importance of God's help in any struggle - be it to deter criminal behavior, or to motivate the campaign against Cuban independence.

The observance will continue through Sunday, June 30, featuring special sermons and prayers in houses of worship throughout Dade County.

While in New York, the bishop named him pastor of St. Monica Church, Opa Locka, effective September 2, 1985.

Fr. Estevez, whose doctoral study in Rome was on Fr. Varela, said that the advocacy of Cuban rights marked him for exile by Spain after the return of the absolute monarchy under Ferdinand VII.

F. Varela fled first to Philadelphia and then settled in New York, working as a priest, teacher, philosopher and Cuban patriot.

"In previous years, a special Sabbath was observed throughout our Greater Miami community directed at focusing on the moral and religious underpinnings of the battle against crime. We believe it is now time to again remind ourselves and our congregations of the importance of God's help in any struggle - be it to deter criminal behavior, or to motivate the campaign against Cuban independence."

Fr. Estevez said that if Felix Varela is made a saint, he will bring pilgrims from the Universal Church to St. Augustine.

The bells of St. Mary Cathedral will ring out at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM through Sunday, June 30, featuring special sermons and prayers in houses of worship throughout the Greater Miami community directed at combating crime. The religious leaders' message is that "we need to indulge with caution the thought that our democracy can survive, unless it is founded on a sense of morality based on religion."

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While in New York, the bishop named him pastor of St. Monica Church, Opa Locka, effective September 2, 1985.
Buying pro-life ads

Anyone interested in donating to Florida Right-to-Life's Media Impact Campaign, which will pursue air time throughout Florida for pro-life television commercials, can send tax-deductible contributions to:

Florida Right-to-Life Education Fund
710A East Colonial Drive, Orlando, FL 32803

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By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

The power of prayer is being tested in South Florida. And the Broward woman who started it all describes its effects as miraculous.

Carmen Monaco, a parishioner at St. Coleman's in Fort Lauderdale, has been busy enlisting "soldiers" in her Children's Crusade for Prayer since 1975.

On this its 10th anniversary, with more than 25,000 youngsters on the rolls, 12,000 scapulars and 75,000 rosaries given out, and the loyal support of more than 100 mostly elderly volunteers, Monaco says she isn't about to stop yet.

In fact, she's planning to expand the Crusade to Latin America and to other countries. "God needs help," she tells the volunteers who make up the Crusaders.

Along with the rosaries, scapulars and pictures of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Crusade distributes red, white and blue T-shirts promoting peace and love. "But it's no good to make a commitment to pray if you're not going to act on it," Monaco says. So she stresses to the children, who actually range from kindergarten to college age, "Go out and witness."

Some help senior citizens with tasks around the house, others pray with them or drive them places; others pledge to be free of sins. "God made us free and we must be free," she said as the standing-room-only crowd inside St. Michael Church burst into applause.

Despite the cardinal's and organizers' stated intentions of keeping politics out of the Mass, the jubilant mood of the crowd, the many exile leaders who attended and the prelate's own presence combined to give the event political overtones.

Cardinal Obando y Bravo is one of the most vocal critics of Nicaragua's Marxist-led Sandinista government, although in the late '70s he also voiced strong opposition to the regime of the late Anastasio Somoza.

In recent months the Cardinal frequently has called for a dialogue between the Sandinistas and the armed rebels, known as "contras," who, with U.S. support, oppose them. The Sandinistas have rejected all proposals for peace talks with the rebels.

According to published reports, the Sandinistas were angered by Cardinal Obando y Bravo's decision to celebrate his first Mass as cardinal for Nicaraguans in Miami instead of in Managua.

Not so the exiles here. It took the Cardinal almost 20 minutes to walk into the church from the adjacent rectory, as people crowd- ed around him and photographers and cameramen struggled to shoot their pictures.

Some 30 priests from the Archdiocese of Miami led the procession, followed by half a dozen burly Miami policemen in plainclothes who barely managed to keep the crowds away from the prelate.

Security was tight during the whole Mass and Communion had to be cancelled because the priests were unable to move through the packed church. In addition to those inside, about 2,000 people followed the ceremony through loudspeakers outside.

They broke into applause when they heard the cardinal end his homily with the words, "I remind you that it is unity which makes for strength."

Among the political figures present at the Mass were anti-Sandinista leaders Adolfo Calero and rebel military leader Eden Pastora.

Although they head opposing factions of anti-Sandinistas, Calero and Pastora sat next to each other and exchanged a greeting of peace during the Mass.

Cardinal Obando y Bravo did not grant interviews to the press, but did speak with La Prensa, Spanish-language paper of the Archdiocese, taking the opportunity to ask exiled Nicaraguans to integrate themselves in the pastoral work.

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Trappist monk says ‘centering’ on God can lead us to eradicate poverty

By Betty Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

So what is a Trappist monk doing in a checkered shirt, casual slacks and a Florida sunburn, and talking about things like EST self-improvement, centering prayer and the need for the Church to raise its consciousness?

Although he fulfills the monastic vows of his order to spend most of the year in solitude, prayer and manual labor, Fr. Basil Pennington, O.C.S.O., is permitted a specific “exit” time each year from the remote abbey in Spencer, Mass., to teach centering prayer as he was instructed to do by Pope John Paul VI in 1971.

The gifted author of several widely read books on prayer spent a week on campus at Thomas University to present a public retreat and two lectures. He also taught a course to seminarians and pastoral ministers. Proceeds from the public events went to Food for the Poor, Inc., a charity based in Pompano Beach which evangelizes, feeds and clothes the poor in Haiti and Jamaica.

In an interview with The Voice, he spoke of the power of centering prayer.

“Once we are empowered by God’s love through centering prayer, we can find not only personal freedom but the freedom to help others,” he said.

Although he had always planned on following the religious path, Fr. Pennington said he did not fully realize his own potential to serve humanity until he began the study of centering prayer in high school. Later, when a novice master at the monastery tried to teach him a more complicated form of prayer, he resisted and asked permission from the Abbot to continue his work with centering prayer.

Urban life

Fr. Pennington refined and popularized the ancient form of Christian meditation in the 70s, along with Fr. William Menninger, to spread its spiritual healing and its ability to rekindle the intimacy of prayer.

It is a simple form of prayer which can be practiced even by people who are burdened by the obligations, distractions and stresses of urban life, said the monk.

The only requirements are “dedication and the awareness through faith, that God is always within us.”

No “guided images” or special environment are necessary for the practice of centering prayer.

Fr. Pennington suggests using a dimly lit room without any music or other noise to interfere. It can be done in 20 minutes per day, once in the morning and again in the evening, or for longer periods of personal desire. But there are no set rules because “where the spirit is, there is freedom.”

A prayer word such as ABBA, or Father, can be used to precipitate a meditation by leaps and bounds up the corporate ladder in the Chicago business world. After he discovered centering prayer, he left all behind to become a deacon in San Diego, and started a successful self-help program for the poor called St. Paul Shuart, which has spread to other cities.

Feeling unfocused despite his work with a loving family and a challenging business, Ferdinand Mahfood, founder of Food for the Poor of Pompano Beach had never known a close relationship with God. All of that changed after a dramatic spiritual conversion — and he began using centering prayer in his daily life.

And there is a more famous personage who attributes to the values of centering prayer.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago made this statement: “I came to understand that the pace of my life and the direction of my activity were unfocused, uncentered in a specific way... I realized that I had to make some changes in my life and chief among these was a renewal of personal prayer... when we speak of the renewal of prayer in our lives we are speaking of reconnecting ourselves with the larger mystery of life and our common existence. This implies becoming disciplined in our use of time and in the use of centering prayer... as we begin to experience healing, integration, wholeness and development and to improve his relationships with others, Fr. Pennington also took EST training, a once controversial self-improvement course created by businessman Werner Erhart in the 70s.

Critic of EST accused Erhart of using beratement, food deprivation and dangerous psychological manipulation to bring people to an emotional catharsis. Fr. Pennington said that although some verbal abuse was used in the weekend long sessions, people were carefully watched in the session by trained counselors to prevent any serious emotional problems.

Also, participants in EST were carefully screened and anyone who had a history of psychological problems was required to present a medical release by a certified psychiatrist or psychologist he said.

The few lawsuits that were filed against EST were lost because in each case, the person had a prior history of mental disorders, he added.

“It helped people shed their minds of fears, memories, neurosis. It is a good disposition for Christian prayer and opens one up to life itself,” said Fr. Pennington.

Since EST waned in popularity, Erhart has developed a new self-improvement technique called the Forum, which is offered once a month in Boston.

“Forum enables people to free themselves of hang-ups and brings about a shift in consciousness. Also emerged from the EST training techniques, is the Mastery Foundation, Fr. Pennington has taken an active involvement in establishing the Mastery courses.

“It carries the basic EST training and centering prayer to those in ministry.”

The foundation is funded by contributions and the fees which are charged to take the course. It is offered in various cities as a seminar for 5 days to the clergy.

Brothers, sisters

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Special kids make special book

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for the students, it was also a special gift for the teachers. The four Italian-born sisters who serve at the facility have degrees in education from universities in America as well as their homeland. Other staff teachers come from such prestigious schools as Harvard and FIU.

"Working with the mentally retarded is very rewarding, but it is also a hard job," said Sr. Lucia.

The entire faculty at the center was enthusiastic about the book, yet no one anticipated how costly it would become. The order of the sisters of St. Joseph of Cottolengo in Italy financed most of the production costs, although other sources contributed to the almost $10,000 that was needed. Sr. Lucia insisted on using only the finest color reproduction available.

The biggest problem, however, was in finding a suitable publisher.

"No publishing company would accept us, so we ended up doing it ourselves. It took courage to get me through, but my courage comes from my deep faith and trust in divine providence," said Sr. Lucia.

She first arranged for 1,000 books to be printed in Italian and shipped to her order in Italy just prior to the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Another 2,000 were printed in English for distribution to parents, educators, the church community and the public.

She doesn’t anticipate enough requests to come in for the books to require a second printing, although they are offered at a modest cost of $5 each. But judging from the letters and checks that have already arrived, the book is making an important impact.

"People are just amazed at what our children can do."

"When it comes to creative expression, the retarded are uncontaminated by society. They’re simple and honest. They don’t copy."

On her way to showing a visitor around the Marian Center, Sr. Lucia stopped in to say hello to a few of the pint-sized artists who contributed to the book. One blonde head was bowled over a poster and magic markers were squeaking with a fury.

"Come back and see my picture when it’s finished..." she called to the sister.

"Picasso couldn’t have had more pride," said Sr. Lucia, beaming.

Copies of "Thanks Be To God!" are available for $5 postpaid by writing the Marian Center, 15701 N.W. 37 Ave., Opa Locka, 33054, or calling 625-8354.

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Religious News Service

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Family preys in Rome at the tomb of Msgr. Jose Maria Escriva de Balaguer, founder of Opus Dei. (NC photo)

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Hijacking is a link in chain of suffering

The taking of hostages by Shiite terrorists and the murder of one American is clearly a lawless and immoral act, and should be viewed that way by our government and the world. However, when it comes to morality on the international level, and especially in the Middle East, we ought not to leap too quickly to a stance of self-righteousness.

As bad as the hijacking is, it is but one link in a chain of pain and counter-pain, killing and counter-killing, raid and counter-raid. It has, as we all know, been going on for decades in that region of competent religious factions and governments.

Innocent women and children and elderly, simple workers, families, religious—all groups have had members killed or wounded in the explosive flow of hatred from one source or another. The Middle East is caught in a cycle of hate in which killing—or hostage taking—is justified in the minds of extremists by some previous grievance.

Only a matter of days prior to the hijacking, some 80 people were killed by a bombing by "counter-terrorists" believed trained by our CIA. It is speculated by informed people that these terrorists may have been intended by the U.S. to counter "their" terrorists, perhaps the ones who killed our 250 Marines. But, of course, the fanatics who kamakazied our Marines saw that action as justified because of the death of hundreds of Arabs during the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, which was supported by U.S. dollars and opinion. And the chain of events goes all the way back to the founding of Israel and, further, to Biblical times.

These matters are far too complex to analyze in detail here. But the point is that no faction or government is without some fault. All sides suffered deaths. All sides have reacted at times beyond the level of an eye for an eye.

In such situations it is inevitable that fanatics will rise to the surface. We must pray that our hostages will be freed and reunited with their families.

And if any retribution must be sought afterward by our government as a deterrent, we must pray that it is precise and just by our worldly standards, a goal difficult to obtain in the complex Middle East.

But more important for this Nation Under God, we must be ever more conscious of the need for justice, for all, and humble in our comfortable surroundings here at home in forming our attitudes toward the peoples of the Middle East, be they Christian, Arab or Jew.

That region has enough hatred already. It doesn't need any more.

Letters

To the Editor:

In response to the challenge by Archbishop Oscar Lipscomb Mobile, Ala., that advocates of women's ordination present arguments that would persuade him: "from history, theology and Scripture that this (women's ordination) is something we can bear," (Voice, 5/30/85), I would like to offer the following.

Regarding God's impartiality, Acts 10:34-35 states, "Peter proceeded to address them these words: 'I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality. Rather, the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.' (New American Bible).

In case someone argues that the word "man" refers to the male gender alone (though, of course, "mankind" does not refer to males only), I'll quote the same Scriptural verse from another translation:

"And Peter opened his mouth and said: 'Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality, but in every nation any one who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.' (Revised Standard Version).

The argument that Jesus did not intend women to become priests because he did not choose any woman apostle is untenable because Jesus did not choose any Gentile, black or Oriental for apostles either, yet we certainly have non-Jews, blacks and Orientals as priests today.

Considering the harsh, hostile and/or brutal environment the original apostles were destined to face, I think it's understandable why Jesus did not choose any woman, and certainly not his beloved mother, for an apostle. Besides, the child-bearing capacity of women and their vulnerability to rape must have also been on the Lord's mind in deciding whom to choose for apostles.

Also, in Jesus' time, women were not even allowed to speak in church. As Paul himself stated, "... the women should keep quiet in the churches. They are not allowed to speak; as the Jewish Law says, they must not be in charge... It is a disgraceful thing for a woman to speak in a church meeting." (1 Corinthians 14:34-35, Today's English Version).

Of course, times have changed. We now have women readers in church. We now even have women rabbis!

In conclusion, I would like to quote another Scriptural verse denoting the change of the times and the change in the role of women, though this verse seems to be an enigmatic one and has different interpretations: Jeremiah 31:22b states:

"The Lord has created a new thing upon the earth: The woman must encompass the man "with devotion." (New American Bible)

Susan Talana Harris
Miami

Defense of Masons

I am 14 years old. Today, as I was reading your newspaper, I was overcome by two strong feelings: sadness and outrage. I am talking about the article on Freemasonry (Masonry 'irreconcilable' with faith, June 14).

I am sad because a high caliber newspaper such as yours printed a story that is totally false. I am outraged because you lead others to feel the same way those blind U.S. bishops feel toward Freemasonry.

My father (a Catholic) is currently in Washington, insisted on being sworn in a lodge for persons under 18. In no way do we do or say anything that would be considered anti-Catholic.

Mr. Talana should know that Masons are better Catholics and better brothers than Catholics not involved in Masonic lodges.

Noel Alonso
Hialeah

Women's ordination and Scripture

As far as religion is concerned, Masonry does not have a stipulation that says that you have to be of a certain religion to be in a lodge. You wills till be treated the same way.

The "G" in the Masonic symbol stands for God. That's right, Masonry is centered around God. That is where we are all brothers.

I hope that you will print this letter or print a retraction because your newspaper will keep its dignity if it prints both sides of the issue.

A note of importance: The first president of the United States, George Washington, was a Mason and so were most of his successors. Washington, insisted on being sworn in with the Bible form his own lodge.

Noel Alonso
Hialeah

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A family faith community

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

The parish lives out that service for others by allocating 15 percent of its annual parish receipts for outreach efforts.

- The “Singles Never-Married” group were to gather on Monday evening to hear Annette “speak on her experiences counseling unwed mothers.”
- A section, “Youth Center News,” in the bulletin announced events for Sunday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the coming week. These featured a picnic day (“Bring lunch, frisbee and a friend”), Outreach - the Christian Challenge (“Join in a few hours of service and fun”) and Sunday noon homemade ice cream (“Bring a frisbee and a friend”).
- Parishes in the Archdiocese of Denver have commemorated the first year of Denver’s participation in typical fashion, fully participated with over 60 small groups and more than 500 meeting for 6-8 weekly sessions of Bible reading and faith sharing.
- “Peace Corner,” a section of the bulletin, reports progress toward the conversion of those from the American bishops’ pastoral letter on war and peace.
- St. Jude’s is impressive in several ways: contemporary teaching style, formal and informal, contentless and diverse activities; many parishioners. Nevertheless, there is an absence of excitement over problems or creates challenges. It can lead to a cold impersonalism and reduce the parish to a massive organization however effectively and dynamically operated.

To construct that tendency, St. Jude’s offers the “Little Parish Journey” concept. A group of 10-15 adults gather according to their own determined schedule on a monthly, twice or weekly basis during the fall, winter and spring sessions.

Based on the life of Christians in the early Church as described in Acts 2:42-47, the members form a little parish with concentration on these four areas: adult religious education, life-centered worship, positive community action and fun-filled experiences.

Groups are usually kept about family room size and made up of marrieds and singles. After orientation and meeting with the priests and staff director, the group makes up its own initiation home Mass.

Through this approach, leaders hope that the large and vital St. Jude’s parish will actually become the mass parish and the Little Parish Journey classes which sustain and enhance the bigger unit.

Reflections on an anniversary

BY DAVE FRANCIS

On June 15, 1945, I became a Catholic. This year marks the 40th anniversary of a decision that was not easy to make, for I was converted.

When I say it was not easy to make, I do not refer to a problem of acceptance of the basic teachings of the Catholic Church. My commitment to Jesus Christ preceded by nearly two decades my entrance into the Church. Before I had any knowledge of the Catholic Church, I had accepted as necessary what I was later to find in the Catholic Church.

In my long spiritual search, I had early extrapolated the necessity for the existence of the Church founded by Jesus Christ and guided, as He had said it would be, by the Holy Spirit. I did not know there was such a Church, I was to find out later. I recognized the continuity of its existence would have been meaningful — there was a theory of a hidden church — but I early determined as an article of my own faith that the Church existed.

In the early years of my conscious belief I held that I came to early, it was my belief that integral to the following of Christ was a commitment to the Body of Christ. This, my own conviction held, did not mean just receiving bread as a memorial of the last Supper, but in a parallel way of saying Jesus Christ is alive when there were among His followers some who found this too hard a saying and no longer followed him.

These were two articles of belief I reached before I ever carried my spiritual search into an investigation of the teachings of the Catholic Church. I was never a convert. My movement toward the Catholic Church was never one of conversion from former views but one of discovery that within the Catholic Church there was the realization of the fullness of my belief.

My pilgrimage was an unbroken and undeterred process. There was no excess of rejection of my past in my acceptance of the Catholic Church. I had, and still have, the greatest respect, admiration and affection for the Protestants with whom I have by extrapolation concluded the Church founded by Jesus Christ and guided by the Holy Spirit must necessarily exist. I had not found this Church, until I did I would not make my commitment to Christ. The full story of how I came to the Catholic Church is too long to relate in this limited space.

Time capsules

Bagpipeing while Rome burned?

The early Chinese believed that music had magical powers, while Pythagoras thought that music and mathematics provided the keys to the secrets of the musical universe. He believed that each note produced a different tone in harmony so that the universe itself melody sings. Thomas Fuller wrote that “Music is the speech of angels. Nothing among the utterances of man is to be taken livelier. It brings us near in faith to God in the eternal sea of light.”

Our oldest musical instrument is the drum. It expresses its instinctive love of rhythm. The harp is the oldest6strung instrument. The Bible says it is the one instrument that consisted of 32 mandolin players. While we were recording, you couldn’t get a haircut anywhere in New Jersey.

The bagpipes are another ancient musical instrument. They were used by the Persians before the time of Christ and perhaps earlier than that in Egypt. The Roman soldiers brought the bagpipes to the British Isles where it is now the national instrument. Emperor Nero, who liked to play the bagpipes, could not have fiddled while Rome was burning because he had not yet invented the violin. He played the bagpipes in a fashion that is typical to this day; the bagpipes or the pipe organ. When Nero died, his last words were, “Oh! what a great artist the world is losing in me.” And speaking of pipe organs, the outside bulletin board of a local church listed the pastor’s weekly sermon, “What is Hell?” just above the permanent words, “Come in and hear our organist.”

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The packed guitar with them to Spain during the Middle Ages. The ukulele, which in Hawaiian means “leaping fish,” was developed from a small or mandolin that was brought to the Hawaiian Islands by Portuguese laborers in the 1800’s.

Jackie Gleason once remarked, “I remember making a record with a monster that consisted of 32 mandolin players. While we were recording, you couldn’t get a haircut anywhere in New Jersey.”

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Long-lasting marriages

Every time I meet a couple married for 30 years, I am compelled to ask them "why?" Why have they stayed together in an enduring marriage when so many others have seen their marriages fail?

Over the years I've gotten a variety of responses for why marriages last: some serious, some flip. "Choose the right person," is a frequent comeback.

Other explanations have included these:

- "It wasn't within our frame of reference to consider we wouldn't stay together 'til death do us part.'"
- "I was patient in hard times to make room for the good times."
- "Remembering how to laugh — because most things shouldn't be taken seriously anyway."

A man, married 50 years, shrugged and attributed his marriage's success to "good luck."

A woman, married 58 years, shrugged and said: "Bad luck, but I was stuck. He would have killed me if I ever tried to leave him."

Because the subject of marital longevity has been fascinating to me for so long, I was pleased to see that the cover story in the June issue of Psychology Today reported the results of a study of more than 300 couples for whom "'til death do us part' is not a binding clause but a gratifying reality."

As the article brought out, almost one of two marriages ends in divorce and the average duration of a marriage in the United States today is 8.4 years.

Jeanette and Robert Lauer, researchers at the U.S. International University in San Diego, Calif., asked husbands and wives to respond individually to a questionnaire. They were to select the answers that best explained why their marriages had lasted.

The results are quite striking. The men and women showed remarkable agreement on what keeps a marriage going. In fact, there was no disparity between them for the first seven reasons rated as most important. Men and women put a priority on the following, in this order:

1. "My spouse is my best friend."
2. "I like my spouse as a person."
3. "Marriage is a long-term commitment."
4. "Marriage is sacred."
5. "We agree on aims and goals."
6. "My spouse has grown more interesting."
7. "I want the relationship to succeed."

What was evident, as the article set forth, was that men and women who stayed married have a high degree of emotional maturity for the most part. They also treat loved ones with sensitivity and see their relationship as a sacred one, however they define the term.

The researchers also noted that they did not detect any loss of individuality in people long married. "Their intense intimacy, their preference for shared rather than separate activities, seems to reflect a richness and fulfillment in the relationship rather than a loss of identity," the researchers wrote.

It was heartwarming to have a man married 30 years say of his wife: "I have watched her grow and have shared with her both the pain and the exhilaration of her journey. I find her more fascinating now than when we were first married."

Self-pity or sorrow?

Each of us is given the grace to see the world in a slightly different way. So it always helps to get an outsider's perspective on any problem, especially one that causes distress. A good spiritual director or friend can be a great help.

BY FR. JOHN CATOIR

If you are ever in a position to help someone in this way, may I offer this advice. When counseling someone who is emotionally upset, try to discern if what you are hearing is self-pity or genuine sorrow. Self-pity is a vice; sorrow is a blessing prompted by the Holy Spirit.

There are basically two paths to follow in life: the path of Jesus or the path of Judas. Jesus was a man of sorrow. Judas was a man of self-pity. Jesus had pity for others; He sought to correct abuses and liberate people from the tyranny of the Pharisees. It cost Him His life. Judas had pity only for himself. His answer to emotional hard on us, instead of going off to our bedroom and cursing ourselves or blaming others. Sorrow opens the heart and creates a desire for forgiveness, loving service, and joy. Do all you can to urge those in distress to follow Jesus, not Judas.

(One teenager's campaign

From time to time this column is given over entirely to some good news about a notable young person.

This week the good news person is Chris Kaple of Fremont, Ohio, a 17-year-old recovering alcoholic. The past four years of Chris' life, however, were mostly bad news. "I was drinking before school and after school," Chris says. "I was so preoccupied with what I was going to get drunk again my grades starting slip.

BY TOM LENNON

"It'd been carrying on for about four years. I never thought much of it until my life became unmanageable. I had a negative attitude about my family, school and myself. Everything."

In April Chris spent 20 days in a treatment center and his life took a sharp turn for the better. "Now," he says, "I'm working on staying sober and being myself."

In May he became involved in a special project that made headlines like this one: "Alcoholic, 17, seeks safe prom."

Chris announced in advance that he would stay away from the prom so he could send volunteer drivers to take his classmates safely home after the dance.

He wanted to help drunken students who might be afraid to call their parents for a ride. They could call him instead. And they would be given a free ride home anywhere in Sandusky County in northwestern Ohio, with no questions asked or lectures given.

Chris' stepfather, Mike Kingsborough, sponsored the project and provided its headquarters. Chris spent the night answering the phone and dispatching drivers, all of whom were adults.

"That's mostly for legal purposes and insurance," explained Chris, who worked in the office and contacted drivers on a CB radio.

Before the prom Chris told why he was engaged in the project. "I'm doing it because I want to help others. But being an alcoholic, recovering, I'm helping myself too."

He also plans to keep talking about the years of drinking that drained his energy and ruined his grades.

"If talking about it can help one person, it's worth it," Chris said. "There's a lot of people out there who have a problem."

There are indeed, Chris. Here's hoping many of them hear the good news you can give them. (Send questions to Tom Lennon, 1312 Mass. Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005)
Dear Dr. Kenny: I cannot get to sleep at night. Nothing I do seems to help. In fact, the harder I try, the more awake I am. Going to bed has become something I dread. Although I am tired to the point of exhaustion, my mind starts racing as soon as I hit the pillow. Friends urge me to take sleeping pills, but I'm afraid I'll get hooked. Please help me get a good night's sleep.

Insomnia is a common problem, especially among people who lead stressful lives. The task is to get your physiology to switch gears and slow down. Ordering yourself to relax usually has the opposite effect. Here are some suggestions. How about a light snack one hour before bedtime. A small helping of cheese and crackers with a glass of milk may get your stomach working in a soothing rhythm. However, avoid caffeine drinks and sugar after 6:00 p.m.

A warm drink at bedtime can also be helpful. Warm milk, tea or lemonade are good nightcaps. A glass of wine or beer may warm your soul and slow down your racing mind in another way. Speaking of warmth, a warm bath may be pleasant and relaxing. Take a few minutes to soak in the tub before climbing into bed.

Another possibility that has been known to put the brakes on a runaway mind and body is mild exercise. Try taking a brisk 20-minute walk around the neighborhood about one hour before bedtime. Escapist reading may also capture your mind and help your body rhythm to deaccelerate. I enjoy reading National Geographic and science fiction in bed for a half hour before I get sleepy. Do not do problems or homework or any reading that taxes your mind. This is the time for fun and pleasure reading.

Speaking of fun and pleasure, sex can be a good relaxer. A snuggle boil three sleeping pills and can give your body a much-needed release from tension and your soul the feeling of being loved. Yet another possibility is guided fantasy and imagery. Select a scene from your earlier life that you found peaceful and pleasant. Revive that scene, using all five senses to recall it. No matter how your mind races to grab the worrisome details of your daily troubles, keep bringing it back to the particulars of your fantasy.

Listen to music. Put on one of your favorite tapes, adjust the earphones and settle back for a bedtime concert.

Pray. Try wordless prayers. Let your mind reach out in contact with God. Make simple acts of trust and love.

Don't rule out medication. Once in a while, when nothing else has worked, you may wish to medicate yourself to a good night's sleep. You might limit yourself to no more than two sleeping pills per week, so as not to become drug-dependent. I would agree with you in using drugs as a last resort after two or three sleepless nights. Finally, if nothing works, don't lie there in bed suffering. Get up and enjoy your insomnia. Watch a late-night movie. Bake a cake. Clean house. Do something mindless that you would not waste your time on during the day.

Sleep tight!

Reader questions on family living and child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions to the Kennys, Box 872, St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.

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Serve your faith well

... and it will serve you

BACKGROUND:
The Book of Wisdom originally was composed in Greek and written in Alexandria, Egypt, about a century before Christ. The fact that it was Greek, rather than Hebrew, in composition, and written outside the Holy Land led many Jewish and later Protestant scholars to exclude it from the Scriptures. Catholic versions of the Bible, and more recently other versions as well, have included it among God's inspired writings.

Wisdom's ancient author confronted defection and doubt among Alexandria's Jews. The Book of Wisdom was written to edify them and to fortify their faith. That was not easy in the great pagan city of Alexandria, then one of the principal cities on earth. This Sunday's second reading is from Paul's second epistle to the Corinthians. He had in common with the more ancient author of Wisdom, the task of encouraging a religion practiced by a few in an urban culture thoroughly at odds with that religion's basic ideals. To the few Christians in Corinth, he counseled moderation and temperance in a world of hedonism and self-interest.

St. Mark's gospel, the briefest and earliest of the Four Gospels, supplies this Sunday's third reading. The gospel concentrates upon Jesus, the messiah, the chosen, and the savior. This Sunday's passage is from a section of the gospel devoted to the miracles, and message, of Jesus.

REFLECTIONS:
A key to the understanding of this Sunday's Liturgy of the Word is to consider the author of Wisdom in ancient Alexandria, Egypt, and to think of St. Paul in the Corinthis Roman Empire days. Each served a religion completely in opposition to generally prevailing values and customs. In those ancient cities, with all their treasure, and each person's whole being, the author of Wisdom and then St. Paul wrote of the value God places upon each person. Each person is a treasure, and each person's whole life is a responsibility for every believer. Furthermore, the plan of God is that each person is imperishable -- destined to everlasting life.

This Sunday's gospel reinforces that ideal in presenting in the Liturgy of the Word the images of the woman with the hemorrhage and the dead girl.

In 1985, Christians in America seldom live in communities as hostile to their beliefs as were ancient Alexandria and Corinth -- but 1985's American culture is usually indifferent to many important Christian values and the culture's lifestyles and opportunities easily can lure believers away from the truth that service to God by serving others is the key to peace and happiness in this life and the next.

This Sunday's Liturgy of the Word reminds us all that, as was the case with Jesus, our kingdom is not of this world. "Success" often means little for the Christian truly blessed by God. We always must remember our places within the broad human community, and our responsibility to serve, and our call to heavenly life.

Can someone be confirmed twice?

Q. I have a 23-year-old daughter, partially handicapped mentally and physically, who was born with a bishop, have a Ukrainian priest. Now she wants to be confirmed again since, like baptism, this sacrament is not repeatable.

A. The Ukrainian (sometimes called the Ruthenian) Rite is among those rites in full communion with our church, under the pastoral jurisdiction of the bishop of Rome. Probably the one who confirmed your daughter was a priest of this rite. So, the confirmation she received was almost certainly a valid sacrament.

In that case, she could be confirmed again since, like baptism, this sacrament is not repeatable.

Even so, however, there are simple ways in which she could share in the solemn ceremony of confirmation. She could choose a confirmation name, which she had not the opportunity to do previously, and one close to her could serve as sponsor.

Such participation might be compared to "supplying the ceremonies" for baptism after a baby, for example, has been privately baptized in an emergency. The child may be brought to church later and the entire solemn rite of baptism is celebrated, with the sole exception of the pouring of the water.

Considering the spiritual significance such a celebration would apparently have for your daughter and your family, I feel certain your parish priest and your bishop would be anxious to work something out along these lines.

You must talk with a priest in your parish, however, first to ascertain the above facts, and then to explore possibilities appropriate for your daughter and for the parish community.

Just for the record, some branches of the Ukrainian Rite are not Roman Catholic but Orthodox. The chances that the priest who confirmed your child was from one of these branches are slim, and in any case would not change what I said above.
Dr. Ruth’s sex show is ruthless

Disguised as a cute grandmother, she tells people anything goes.

The cutest little old lady on television used to be the “where’s the beef” woman.

Now it’s Dr. Ruth.

Guess what they have in common. Answer: A view of the world which focuses on lifeless meat.

The sad thing is that Dr. Ruth is supposed to be talking about sex rather than hamburger. But, to Dr. Ruth, sex is hamburger and she handles it with relish.

By James Broeg

I suppose there are some of you who don’t know who Dr. Ruth is. If so, where have you been? Dr. Ruth is a multi-media star of TV, radio and print. Appearing nightly for an hour on the Lifetime Cable Network with a talk show about sex, Dr. Ruth Westheimer answers call-in questions concerning matters your grandparents are “nattoorall.” She says they are considered psychotic. To Dr. Ruth, they are “natural” that way because she is the Henry Kissinger of eroticism. Voically anyway. Physically, she resembles a slightly younger Yoda.

Her physical appearance is significant because it allows her to get away with more than she could otherwise. With her cute little accent and her girlish giggle and her stature (picture a squashed Joan Rivers), Dr. Ruth is the perfect package for disguising pornography. Would a fun-loving grandma like her say anything bad? Would she?

Yeah, she would.

For 60 minutes every night, Dr. Ruth gets to undo two thousand years of Christian teaching on the beauty and joy of sex.

FOUL PLAY — Cherly Chase, in his role as an investigative reporter, I.M. Fletcher, gets a chance to act out a number of sports fantasies, including a sequence with the Los Angeles Lakers, in “Fletch.” The USCC has classified the film A-ll, adults and adolescents.

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For 60 minutes every night, Dr. Ruth gets to undo two thousand years of Christian teaching on the beauty and joy of sex. That teaching has been buried fairly well by Christians, especially since the Puritans got their hands on America. But the joy of sex has been touted by believers from Old Testament days to Pope John Paul II, who recognizes the value of marital love and its expression in sexuality.

But Dr. Ruth doesn’t talk about marriage or chastity or fidelity. She tends to concentrate on plumbing. And her universal solution for problems of plumbing is onionism. She has encouraged more solo performances than Ed Sullivan.

When you first see Dr. Ruth, she’s funny. She’s got a great act. Those naughty words coming out of that mouth make such an incongruous presentation that you have to pause to check it out. It’s like watching a child preacher or a talking parrot. Then you start to pay attention to the content and you realize how filthy this lady is.

The kindest thing I could say is that Dr. Ruth is amoral. The only rule she seems to apply is, “Don’t hurt anyone.” Otherwise, anything goes. Every night, people call up to go to confession to Dr. Ruth. They just after their teachers; they can’t score with their dates; they ejaculate too soon or too late; they can’t achieve orgasm. The plumbing problems get the Ruthless solution; the moral problems get short shrift. Or a tool would have qualms about his or her sexual activities, she implies. As long as you aren’t firing pistols into someone’s bound body, you’re okay.

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With her tea-hees and her willingness to call sexual organs by the terms normally used in the engine rooms of tramp steamers, Dr. Ruth presents an image of warped innocence. You can tell me about it, she says, because I’ve heard it all and I’m still as cute as a button.

There’s room on television for talk about sexuality. People have a right to information on dysfunction. But I hardly add that Christians had better get onto the stage with something constructive to Dr. Ruth’s approach of blunt, amoral “go-ahead-ism.”

I’ve written before about TV’s sex education classes, usually conducted in the persons of fictional characters. Now the tube has its own resident sexologist, dispensing such charming bits of advice as “Do anything but use a contraceptive.”

Sex is a complicated topic with more aspects to it than the physical. Since people are not just bodies, sexuality must also involve morality, ethics, spirituality and — dare I say it? — love. Dr. Ruth knows very little of those and the result is a program which for all its frankness is just plain ignorant.

For Our Time

Father Jose Nickse, director of the radio and television center of the Archdiocese of Miami, will appear on a program focusing on the death penalty called, “For Our Time,” to be broadcast on Channel 30, June 30 on Channel 4 (WTVJ) television.

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Indian tribes to join in Tekakwitha Mass

The feast of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha will be marked in the Archdiocese of Miami with a Mass at St. Mary Cathedral on Sunday, July 14, at 11 a.m.

Archbishop Edward McCarthy will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. The Mass is sponsored by the diocese, the Native American, Indian and Alaska Native Apostleship, the Native American Indian Catholic Community, Sacred Heart Parish, and St. Vincent de Paul Regional Seminary.

Exiles cheer cardinal

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work of South Florida’s Church and
to remain united.

“The Church must form
communities,” Cardinal Osoro y Bravo
said. “If there is disunity there is no
Church.”

Asked about the Church in Nicaragua, he said: “Now we must celebrate the Eucharist and no longer live the situation of years past, when we were attacked by the ‘turbas’ (small organized mobs).”

He recalled with regret “the critical
moment of last year when 10 priests
were ousted from the country in one
day,” and he stressed his own role as
peacemaker, saying: “As shepherds we
have wanted to undertake a dialogue
with authorities.

Yet be admitted that there are still
difficulties because sometimes
enemies in the countryside are
disturbed and suffer pressure from the
Sandinista Defense Committees
(neighborhood groups appointed by
the government to guard against
counter-revolutionary activities).”

But, he added, “Christians, if they
carry the cross of Christ, must be
ready to undergo anything.”

D’Angelo elected young adult rep

Poulet D’Angelo, former president of
the North Dade Catholic Singles Club,
was recently elected the new
representative of the Southeastern region for
the Catholic Young Adult Ministry Association.

The Association prepares and educates
youth leaders for work in their diocese. As
a representative she will bring concerns reports
on issues of regional interest.

D’Angelo is the first regional
representative from Miami.

Seeking prayer petitions

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Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33138.

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at 771-4000, extension 5441, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

 Pace reunion

A combined class reunion for graduates of Pace High Classes of 1946, 1963 and 1966 is planned for August 24th. For
information please call Pam at 651-0006 or Tony at 458-1046.

S.S. Joachin and Anne Center will hold their annual Mass at St. Martha Church
at noon on July 27. Luncheon at West Shores Country Club. Tickets on sale at S.S. Joachin and Anne office. For more information call Ana O’D’Angelo at 633-2921.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 600 NW 1st St. in Hallandale, will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel July 15-18. It will be held July 12 with a Mass in honor of Our Lady followed by a procession and distribution of Scapulars. The final Mass will be July 15. Church open July 16.

St. Joseph Parish, 16050 NW 12th Ave. is sponsoring a yard and line sale on June 29-30. Hand-made items. Xmas ornaments. Dolls, Toys, Clothes. St. Joseph Church is located at 8670 Byron Ave. in Miami Beach.

The Cascade Spiritual Life Center in Lusitana will hold a Scripture Guided silent retreat August 6-12. Deepen prayer life, apply scripture
to your life. Fr. John Cowen, CM con
ductor. For more information call 352-2534.

The North Dade Catholic Singles Club presents their third annual Long Hot Summer Dance on June 8 at 6 St. James Hall located at
365 NW 133rd St. at 8:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Tickets are $5.00 in advance or $6.50 at the door. For more information call John Giosa at 769-0457 or Linda Pabla at 891-8323.

Catholic Charismatic Services and the Archdiocese Charismatic Commission will be sponsor the first Archdiocesan Life in the Spirit Seminar to be held at St. Bartholomew’s Church, 8005 Miramar Pkwy, in Miramar. An introductory workshop will be held June 28 at 8:00 p.m. and will continue Friday nights for 8
weeks at St. Bartholomew’s Church. There is a registration fee of $2 for the Seminar. For more information contact C.C.S. at 947-8524.

The St. Joachim and Anne Center for the elderly will hold a garage sale June 28-29 at 10am to 8:30 p.m. The address is 1830 NW 12 Ave., Miami, FL 33142.

St. Timothy Parish Hall will be the location of a meeting of divorced, separated, and single on July 1 at 7:30 p.m. for a covered
dish. The church is located at 500 SW 102 Ave. July 15 for a speaker at 7:30 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lakes Support Group for Separated and Divorced Catholics, 15801 NW 67 Ave., Miami Lakes. Meetings first and third Thursday of the month. 7:30 p.m. For more information call Bruce 823-5497 or Tony 823-2056.

The Franciscan Third Order will hold its regular monthly meeting of the Queen of Peace Fraternity on July 17 at Robert Parish Center, 7500 SW 125 St., Miami at 1:00 p.m. Any men or women who are professed or in any
interest in membership are invited to attend.

St. Bartholomew’s Church, 8001 Miramar Pkwy., Miramar, will be the location of the Life in the Spirit Seminar beginning June 28th and
held each Friday evening for 10 weeks from 8:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Hollywood will hold its monthly meeting on
July 1 at Nativity Parish Hall, 700 Chastain Drive, Hollywood, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and live music. Non-members, $3.
By Father Herbert Weber

I enjoy camping during the summer and early autumn months. Sometimes I get off the beaten path, but often I have pitched tent in the family sections of state parks or private campgrounds.

What always surprises me is that people forget one simple fact: The nylon or canvas that prevents one from seeing in or out of a tent does not act as a barrier to voices. Sometimes I get off the beaten path, and I enjoy camping during the summer and early autumn months.

In private practice in Rensselaer, Ind., I said in an interview.

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How to encourage a child's talents

By Katharine Bird

Two years ago James Kenny ran his first 26-mile marathon. His coach and partner for the marathon was Joe, his oldest son, the clinical psychologist said in an interview.

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The link between life and ministry

Clinical psychologist James Kenny speaks with pride about his wife Mary studying to become a certified public accountant. It took some doing on both their parts, especially during the two months of her internship when she lived with their oldest son in Indianapolis, Ind., he said in an interview.

During that period, Kenny took over the parenting of the children still at home in Rensselaer, Ind. The Kennys have 12 children.

Thinking it over

For Kenny, helping his wife pursue her dream is part and parcel of married life. He explained that while accounting might not interest him much, he thinks couples need "to be open to differences" and willing to learn from each other.

Everyone with a vocation to family life is involved in a network of relationships with others. To identify your vocation — or your ministry — it isn't always necessary to look for a new service program to add into your life. Sometimes it pays to look into the realities of your life now, and to see if you already are serving others, suggests Jean Haldane.

She is dean emeritus of the Episcopal Lay Academy in the Episcopal Diocese of California.

This includes experiences in which you feel you were ministered to but also experiences when you feel you ministered to someone else.

Haldane explained her thoughts on this during a 1984 consultation on adult ministries at the Cardinal Spellman Retreat Center in the Bronx, N.Y.

When laity go through this exercise, they often are in for a "wonderful surprise," Haldane observed. "They find they already knew something about ministry. They see that their ordinary interactions with other persons can be part of their vocation.

Haldane told, for instance, of a woman who came to a workshop apologizing for her lack of experience in ministering: 'I've never had time for ministry... I've never had time to do Altar Guild, teach in the church school, etc.'

But, Haldane continued, by the end of the day the woman came to a different conclusion: "You mean, looking after my mother for the last 20 years is part of my ministry?"

Haldane also told of a man at an adult religious education workshop who wrote about the places he saw his future ministering taking place. He said: "I want to be a friend to my teen-age son — he needs that now." He also wrote: "I intend to appreciate the gifts of my subordinates at work."

As long as..." and "If...

But conditional terms like those are heard often. An elementary teacher, who must have been having a hard day, prepared a response to the prayers of petition that her fourth-graders were to read at Mass.

The response was, "God loves us if we are good." I read her genuine surprise when I told her that I could not use that response because it would suggest that God does not love us when we are not good.

Whenever families create an environment of acceptance regardless of failures and mistakes, they have forged ahead in their response to the Christian calling. Parents, of course, will continue to have the responsibility to instruct and guide their children in values and principles for living.

But all family members need to learn that loving and being loved is not contingent on performance. Otherwise they will have a difficult time in the years ahead.

At the university parish where I presently am located, students often come for informal and short-term counseling. Many indicate they do not think others will accept them if their weaknesses become known.

Such attitudes lead to all kinds of inner turmoil and self-doubt. At the same time, these students often have unrealistic expectations of others.

When a family lives by a love without conditions, honest perceptions of self and others are fostered. There is less need to impress or be impressed.

Especially important is a growing sensitivity to persons in need. Perhaps those who have been loved
children can help parents develop an unexplored talent. Parents spend so much time encouraging children to develop different talents that it’s neat to turn the tables sometimes. It’s a kind of “quiet reciprocity,” Kenny commented.

Acid rock music is another area where youths can teach parents. Parents can learn a lot if they are willing to go beyond the “salacious words to see where the rock star is coming from,” Kenny suggested.

When children see parents respect their expertise in some area, it helps them develop self-confidence, Kenny said. Children pick up the message if “my parents listen to me I must be OK.”

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BREAKS BARRIERS — New York Governor Mario Cuomo congratulates Paul Russell, who despite being paralyzed from the neck down, earned a master's degree in theology from Fordham University without attending classes. The straight-A student says that his spiritual commitment came as a result of his accident. (NC photo from Frank English)

Hard-working coal miners get new homes thanks to a spunky nun

Centralia Crusader Dominican Sister Honor Murphy holds a 1983 newspaper which shows fire breaking out in Centralia, Pa. The 70-year old nun has been instrumental in relocating the town's citizens, forced to move because of the fire which has burned since 1962 in an underground mine shaft. (NC photo by Charles Blahusch)