Religious leaders team up on porn

NEW YORK (NC) — An interfaith campaign against pornography has been launched by a group of U.S. religious leaders who said the U.S. attorney general's recent report on the issue prompted their effort.

The group of more than 24 clerics, which met in the residence of Cardinal John J. O'Connor of New York, said it proposes to recruit religious leaders nationwide to fight "hard-core and child pornography."

In a post-meeting statement, the clerics credited the recently released report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography with spurring their New York conference. It said the group is "in unanimous agreement that hard-core and child pornography, which is not protected by the Constitution, is an evil which must be eliminated."

The statement was read by Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago at a press conference on the steps of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The meeting was convened by the National Coalition Against Pornography, a predominantly Protestant group based in Cincinnati.

Among the other Catholic participants were Cardinal O'Connor, Bishop James Malone of Youngstown, Ohio, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, Bishop James Rodriguez-Soto of the Diocese of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Auxiliary Bishop Robert Banks of Boston.

The group included two pornography commission members — Francis Mugavero of Brooklyn and James Malone, head of the Covenant House youth ministry, and James Dobson, head of an agency called Focus on the Family.

However, Rabbi Henry Michelman, executive vice president of the Synagogue Council of America, stressed in an interview after the press conference that the group's statement did not endorse the pornography commission report.

The Rev. Jerry Kirk, co-pastor of College Hill Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati and president of the National Coalition Against Pornography...

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Natural Family Planning

Expert says Church should push it more

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto

Voice News Editor

John Kippley has a problem. For the past 15 years, he has been promoting a method of birth control that, among other benefits, poses no threat to a woman's health; has an effectiveness rate "right up there" with the pill; and enjoys the Church's blessing.

So why is natural family planning (NFP) still a mystery to most Catholics? Why are many, according to national polls, turning to artificial methods of birth control which the Church specifically forbids?

Kippley says it's ignorance, and he adds that it's the Church's fault.

"The Church is simply not evangelizing its own people," says the founder of the Couple to Couple League, a nationwide organization dedicated to teaching and promoting the sympto-thermal method of natural family planning — which is NOT the old calendar rhythm method but does require abstinence during the fertile part of the woman's cycle. (See accompanying story, page 10).

Kippley spent a weekend in Miami recently, conducting a class on the method and doing some work on a Spanish-language teaching video.

A lay theologian, married and the father of five "naturally planned" children, Kippley from the beginning staunchly supported "Humanae Vitae," the 1968 encyclical which reiterated the Church's longstanding opposition to abortion and artificial means of birth control. He founded the League to help couples live according to the Church's teachings.

But he maintains that the battle over

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**1985 was peak year for CRS**

**By Tracy Early**

NEW YORK (NC) — Response to the drought in Ethiopia and other parts of Africa broadened Catholic Relief Services activity to its highest level in history last year, according to the 1985 annual report released in July.

It reported total income of $499 million, and disbursements totaling $471 million.

The difference between receipts and expenditures in the two years led to a large buildup of CRS's general fund balances, reaching $90 million at the end of 1985.

During 1985, CRS came under criticism for not using more of its $300 million in U.S. funds to buy war relief. But the agency said it was carrying out as much relief work as was possible in the circumstances, and that some funds needed to be set aside for long-term development projects.

The annual report noted that the bishops set up an investigative committee under the chairmanship of Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, and stated that it “completely vindicated CRS.”

Of the $499 million received in 1985, about half, or $248 million, came in the form of food aid from the U.S. Food for Peace program, totaling $320 million in 1984. In addition the U.S. government provided $85 million in reimbursement for the cost of overseas freight and $44 million in technical assistance.

The 1985 contribution by the bishops was $9,618,000, up 10 percent from $8,774,000 in Operation Rice Bowl, which encourages families to mail gifts as part of their Lenten observance, brought in $15,000,000.

Other private U.S. sources contributed $50 million. This was an increase from $38 million in 1984 and represented the extraordinary public effort to help the starving in Ethiopia.

**Chicago council votes down gay civil rights proposal**

CHICAGO (NC) — The Chicago City Council voted down a proposal which would have changed its civil rights ordinance to forbid discrimination “because of ‘sexual orientation.’” The defeat of the proposal was attributed in part to widespread criticism of it among Cardinal JosephBernardin of Chicago. The council issued a public statement saying he backed civil rights for homosexuals because the Chicago ordinance was not as good as the proposal as it was worded. Because “sexual orientation” was not defined in the proposal, he said, it “may be interpreted to imply a lack of respect for the traditions of a particular cultural group or group of people.”

**Bishop urges striking miners to settle year-old dispute**

GOUVERNEUR, N.Y. (NC) — At a reconciliation Mass in Gooford, Bishop John Brzana of Ogdensburg urged striking zinc miners to end their three-month-old strike and settle their year-old dispute with the management of St. Joe Resources Company.

Brzana succeed earlier this year of the United Farm Workers of America, said Bishop Donald Pelotte, president of the United Farm Workers of America.

“Pesticides on grapes is the biggest issue facing farmworkers today,” Chavez said in a television interview, “The Catholic Review, newspaper of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. ‘It’s bigger than wages and benefits. I ask people to help workers and themselves by being aware of the danger and boycotting grapes.’”

**New York parish stricken by vandals and fire**

GATES, N.Y. (NC) — Lightning may not strike twice but misfortune certainly has at St. Theodore’s Church in northern New York community. He said the church was taking no sides in the dispute but was concerned pastorally about the strike. The strike was causing on both sides. “I’m here as a pastor, as an American, and as an American, fairness and reasonableness,” the bishop said.

**Religious groups oppose Vatican-U.S. diplomatic ties**

WASHINGTON (RNS) — A coalition of 20 religious organizations, including leading conservative and liberal Protestant associations, have asked the Supreme Court to halt diplomatic ties between the United States and the Vatican. In a brief filed with the high court the religious groups, led by the Washington-based American United for Separation of Church and State, appealed lower court rulings which upheld President Reagan’s 1984 agreement of an ambassador to the Holy See. The group argued in the brief that the diplomatic arrangement violated the Constitution by granting special status to one religious faith, Catholicism, and entangles the government in church affairs.

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WASHINGTON (NC) — The ghost of the Supreme Court's Bob Jones University decision stalked the chief justice nomination hearings of William H. Rehnquist — old specters of racial discrimination and limits on religious freedom.

In the debate over the Bob Jones case, the Supreme Court voted 8-1 to permit the Internal Revenue Service to strip Bob Jones University of its tax-exempt status, because of alleged sexual discrimination against blacks. As a result, the Court left open the question of whether an educational institution's religious powers, doctrine, the principle that the executive, legislative and judicial branches of federal government have their own exclusive roles.

Congress, not the IRS, was the only branch permitted to revoke the tax exemption. The majority, however, left open the possibility that if Congress had been permitted to act, it would have been able to continue to subsidize a private institution that segregated.

While the issue of racial discrimination and tax exemptions may have been settled in the Bob Jones case, the court left open the possibility of religious discrimination on the basis of the Supreme Court's ruling — although not the constitutional right, the court said, it could still come before the court.

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O'Connor advised the bishops in 1984, "it was an appropriate expression of the mission the bishops had a right to hold or run for leadership positions, including the presidency, national leadership or control."

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**World Briefs**

**USCC secretary: Impose sanctions on South Africa**

WASHINGTON (NC) — Msgr. Daniel Hoye, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, the U.S. bishops' public policy arm, has expressed support for economic sanctions against the South African government.

In a letter to members of the Senate, Msgr. Hoye said that concerted action by the international community "might be a spur to eventual peace and reconciliation in South Africa."

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee Aug. 1 voted 15-2 for a package of moderate and diplomatic sanctions against South Africa, but the measure stopped short of a bill passed by the House in July that would virtually sever all U.S. trade and investment ties.

He said that a "policy of moral and political appeasement of those who promote and acquiesce in human rights violations is not a solution to the sidelines in the worldwide struggle for human rights."

Msgr. Hoye suggested several specific actions, which he called a "minimum acceptable starting point." They include:

- Legislative affirmation of President Reagan's executive order of mid-1985 in which he called for limited economic sanctions.
- The appropriation of funds for educational assistance to blacks.
- The imposition of economic sanctions if significant progress in dismantling apartheid has not been clearly undertaken by Jan. 1, 1988.

He said the sanctions should include a ban on new commercial investment, a denial of most favored nation status, a ban on the importation of coal, uranium ore and uranium oxide and continued prohibition on the importation of South African gold coins.

**Disidient archbishop plans to open major seminary**

FLAVIGNY-SUR-OZERAIN, France (NC) — Dissident French Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre plans to open a major seminary in southern France during Pope John Paul II's trip to the region next October, an official of the seminary said.

The school at changes of the Second Vatican Council, was to accommodate 120 orders. The seminary will accommodate 120; today the pope is expected to visit neighboring towns to open a major seminary in southern France during H's trip to the region next October, John Paul II.

**Carmelites freed**

A new 22-volume history of European ecumenism. The Rev. Glen Garfield, other representatives from churches throughout Europe.

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**Israel Museum now holds oldest inter-faith scrolls**

NEW YORK (RNS) — Two silver scrolls with the oldest biblical inscription ever found — predating the Dead Sea Scrolls by more than 400 years — are now on display at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem. They were discovered along with about 1,000 other items in a cave in Israel in 1979, and were deciphered only this year. The scrolls contain the priestly benediction from Numbers 6:24-26, which is widely used in both Jewish and Christian religious services.

**Cardinal, age 93, dies after lengthy illness**

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Cardinal Carlo Confalonieri, personal secretary of Pope Pius XI and former head of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops, died after a long illness Aug. 1 at age 93, the Vatican announced. "During his long earthly existence he gave extraordinary witness of an intense love for the church and an absolute fidelity to the Holy See," said Pope John Paul II in a statement released by the Vatican press office. Cardinal Confalonieri's death reduces the number of known cardinals to 146. He had been a cardinal since 1958.

**European churchman says Irish conflict hurts ecumenism**

EDINBURGH, Scotland (NC) — A leading European churchman said misunderstanding about the nature of the conflict in Northern Ireland hurts European ecumenism. The Rev. Glen Garfield Williams, general secretary of the Conference of European Churches, said that ecumenism in Roman Catholic countries such as Spain, Italy and Belgium has deteriorated because the north Irish troubles are "paled off" as a religious war between Catholics and Protestants. The major Christian traditions are scheduled to be represented at a major European church conference assembly, which will meet in Britain for the first time in its 27-year history. It is expected to attract 400 delegates and other representatives from churches throughout Europe.

**Case of murdered black Catholic botched, says Namibian church**

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Fr. Ritter: All porn is harmful

WASHINGTON (NC) — Even sexual exploitation, normally considered to be either violent or degrading is harmful to society, Franciscan Father Bruce Riter says in a personal statement included in the final report of the Attorney General's Commission on Pornography. Father Ritter, founder of the Newman Center Movement, said he would affirm that all pornography is harmful to society and ultimately to the individuals that comprise society.

One of the commission's most controversial conclusions is that there is a link between pornography which is violent or degrading and anti-social or violent behavior. The commission, however, became deadlocked on whether non-violent, non-degrading pornography should be considered harmful, a fact Father Ritter said represents a major failure of the commission.

Father Ritter said the commission's declaration that all pornography explicitly material had drawbacks.

The weakess of our approach...
**Vatican: Nukes stopped World War III**

TURIN, Italy (NC) — Without nuclear deterrence there might have been a third world war, the Vatican's chief U.N. representative said.

Archbishop Giovanni Chelli also said the nuclear disaster at the Chernobyl power plant in the Soviet Union showed nothing new about the dangers of nuclear power. Nuclear power can be “disinvented,” he said, describing calls for its abolition as “united.”

Archbishop Chelli is head of the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations, where he has served since 1973.

His comments were part of an interview published Aug. 4 in the Turin newspaper La Stampa.

While expressing concern about the arms race, Archbishop Chelli said everyone is convinced that no one wins a nuclear war.

“The reciprocal deterrent exercised until now by the two greatest nuclear arsenals has served, good or bad, to avoid a third world war: an affirmation that one may not like, but is absolutely realistic,” he said.

If the world was armed only with conventional weapons, he added, “probably the strongest would have already taken the initiative” of attacking its rival.

The debate over the morality of deterrence has engaged Catholic leaders in the Vatican and in the United States for several years.

In a 1982 message to the U.N. special session on disarmament, Pope John Paul II said, “in current conditions of ‘deterrence,’ he added, ‘we are looking for balance, certainly not as an end in itself, but as a step on the way toward a progressive disarmament, may still be judged morally acceptable.”

The U.S. bishops’ 1983 pastoral letter on war and peace, while adopting a “deterrence” strategy justifiable only in conjunction with resolute determination to pursue arms control and disarmament.

A new commission of U.S. bishops headed by Chicago Cardinal Joseph Bernardini is re-examining the concept of deterrence in the light of recent arms control efforts.

Concerning the peaceful use of nuclear power, Archbishop Chelli said the Chernobyl nuclear accident “added nothing to what we already knew about the dangers and benefits of atomic energy.”

Calling the possible abolition of nuclear energy “an unreal hypothesis,” the archbishop said it is a discovery that cannot be “disinvented.”

He said he hoped, however, that the “cleaner” process of fusion energy will be made available as an alternative to present forms of nuclear power.

**Mother Teresa to open mission in Cuba Oct. 7**

MILAN, Italy (NC) — Mother Teresa of Calcutta, founder of the Missionaries of Charity, said her order will open a mission in Cuba in October.

Mother Teresa said her recent meeting with Cuban President Fidel Castro convinced her that “he loves the poor.” She said the communist leader respected her order because of its lack of political involvement.

The 1979 Nobel Peace Prize winner also said she hopes to be able to open a mission in China soon.

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Evangelization college

St. Thomas to offer first ever degree in evangelization

Two South Florida organizations have teamed up to offer the first-ever college degree in Catholic evangelization.

St. Thomas University in Miami, aided by a grant from Food for the Poor, and the Paulist Fathers have announced the establishment of a Center for Catholic Evangelism as part of its graduate program in Pastoral Ministries.

Studies at the new center will lead to Master of Arts degrees with specialization in Catholic evangelization or to a 15-credit Academic Certificate.

"We believe that this is the first Catholic university in the country to develop a degree program in evangelization," said Father Robert Deshaies, who, along with Susan Blum has been appointed Director of the Center.

"The new Center for Catholic Evangelism is very good news for Catholic evangelization in America," added Father Alvin Illig, CSP, director of the Paulist's National Catholic Evangelization Association.

"We are desperately in need of professional training programs for Catholic evangelization," said Blum, "and St. Thomas University is filling a great need by initiating this pioneer effort.

Future plans call for accreditation of the Center's program on the undergraduate and graduate level offering Continuing Education Units on a national level. The first course will be offered in January, a week-long extensive three-credit class.

Current plans call for the entire academic curricula to be operational and available in the Fall of 1987.

Speakers' bureau

In addition to designing the courses and developing the curricula, the new Directors will establish a national clearing house for speakers' bureaus for Catholic evangelization and continue their research in the area of conversion theory.

As a direct service to parishes and dioceses throughout the United States, they also will continue to offer the Isaiah 43 Spiritual Awakening Process, which combines the traditional Parish Mission with follow-up training in evangelization and personal spiritual renewal. (See box).

LaSalle High School adjacent to Vizcaya

Sr. Maureen McGurran, the new vicar of religious for the Miami Archdiocese, and other who encouraged them to strengthen their own spiritual and emotional lives as a prelude to ministering to others.

"People are very ready to recognize when you're just going through the motions of being a priest," Sr. Maureen told them.

"The days of priests being on the pedestal are over!"

The vicar emphasized the importance of having a positive attitude which enables a person to be open to the good happening around them while not being overly affected by negative things.

Part of having a good attitude is realizing and appreciating your own best qualities.

"Write down your gifts and take ownership of them," she said.

"If you concentrate on your deficits you may drift into a 'functionalism' that is a great hindrance to your ministry.

"Your life somehow will be clutered with meetings... somehow you will have no quality time for anyone."

"There is often a gap between the realization of being made in the image of God and our own self image.

"The gap is closed by listening to and experiencing the love of God and our own self image.

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Champion dancer

Winning gold in international competitions
won't separate Eddie Stierle from God

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

The glitter of two gold medals for his ability as a ballet dancer hasn’t blinded Eddie Stierle to what is really important in his life.

The 18-year-old Hollywood Catholic says that no matter how involved he becomes in his career, his relationship with God will always be in the center spotlight.

"Without prayer — and reliance on Him, I wouldn’t even be able to withstand the stress of competition," he said in a phone conversation from New York where he is attending classes.

Stierle returned to Miami to star in a production May 17 at Barry University which benefited campus ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami.

His mother, Rose Stierle, who lives in Hollywood and attends Annunciation parish with her husband William, says she is just as pleased with her son’s commitment to his faith as she is with his gifts as a dancer.

“What’s so inspiring about Eddie is that no matter what city he travels to, no matter how far from home, he doesn’t leave his faith behind. He always finds friends who share his beliefs and they attend Mass together. And he takes time to pray before a performance...I’m always grateful for that.”

Rose Stierle also believes it was God’s intervention that enabled her son to recover from serious surgery for removal of a bone in his foot in time to win his most recent victory at the International Ballet Competition in Jackson, Mississippi.

"The doctors were amazed that he was able to return to practice so soon after the surgery...and one of them said that the damaged bone he removed was the largest he had ever seen in a dancer's foot. Without God, I just don’t think he could have happened.”

Stierle went from crutches to dance studio in just a few months’ time. At the International Ballet competition, he outranked more than 53 juniors in his class. With his partner, 14-year-old Jennifer Gelfand, he performed a French/Russian dance classic, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, which drew three standing ovations. A Russian dance troupe later invited him to visit their country.

For his solo presentation, Stierle took the opportunity to express his faith for the audience. He choreographed Mozart’s “Lacrimosa” (Tears), a piece about God’s forgiveness, of sins. He dedicated the Respect life organization to the memory of the seven space shuttle victims.

Sister said his quiet moments before the curtains opened gave him a sense of confidence.

"By the time my solo came around...I was ready to show the audience that God gave me joy."

When he wrote his thank you notes to sponsors, he penned, “With God’s help, I was able to perform with excellence...I will always be grateful for that.”

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Fr. Nolan, ministry cut short by accident

By Marjorie L. Donohue

In 1969, Father Thomas K. Nolan was ordained in his native Ireland for the Archdiocese of Miami, but his ministry abruptly ended less than three years later when he was seriously injured by an automobile. On Aug. 1 of this year he died after 15 years of suffering, at the age of 66.

The third member of his family to become a priest, Father Nolan was a native of County Carlow whose brother, Father Peter J. Nolan came to the Archdiocese of Miami in 1965 and was stationed at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, Fort Lauderdale. It was his brother, Father Peter, then serving at St. Lawrence Church, Miami Beach, who accompanied Father Thomas on a brief stroll, on the evening of Dec. 15, 1971, from St. Thomas the Apostle rectory in South Miami toward the parish church, where the priest was an assistant.

As the two brothers walked along a sidewalk on the street on SW 61 St. toward SW 72 Ave., Father Nolan was struck from behind by an auto and thrown into the air. His head slammed against the windshield of the car and his body landed on the roof of the auto which skidded to a stop in the driveway of a house a few yards ahead.

After an ambulance rushed him to South Miami Hospital, neurosurgeons worked for four hours to save his life, treating the injuries to his head, severe damage to his left eye and numerous broken bones. For weeks he hovered between consciousness and unconsciousness while his other priest-brother, Father Joseph Nolan, C.S.S.P. of St. Jerome parish, Fort Lauderdale, joined Father Peter at his bedside.

Although no report of the accident appeared in the daily newspapers, St. Thomas the Apostle parishioners learned of it from each other and gathered each night in their church to pray the Rosary for the priest whose custom it was to conduct weekly recitation of the Rosary during October and December. The injured priest subsequently returned to Ireland.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy visited Father Thomas when he traveled to Ireland as well as Father Peter Nolan, who left South Florida several years ago to assist in caring for his brother. Their brother, Father Joseph, died in Ireland while at St. John the Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale.

FCC petition NOT based on fact

Rumors concerning a petition reportedly authored by atheist Madalyn Murray O’Hair, are being circulated throughout South Florida, advising citizens to write to the Federal Communications Commission protesting petition No. 2493 and a hearing on same by the FCC.

The false rumor has been circulated for more than 10 years and has resulted in millions of letters to the FCC. According to the Archdiocese of Miami Bureau of Information and the National Catholic News Service no such petition was ever sent to the FCC by O’Hair and in favor of a ban on religious programming.

It is believed to have been initiated in 1974 when two persons did petition the FCC to deny channels reserved for educational programs to religious groups. That petition was denied by the FCC.

Can a non-Catholic be buried in a Catholic Cemetery?

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Devotedly yours in Christ,

—Edward A. McCarthy
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-John Kippley, founder, Couple to Couple League

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How NFP works

The sympto-thermal method of natural family planning (NFP) is the general term for methods of birth control based on the concept of the woman's natural body processes. These methods do not involve the use of any artificial devices or medications, but instead rely on the woman's body to determine whether or not she is fertile. NFP methods are based on the observation that certain physical symptoms and changes in a woman's body occur during her menstrual cycle. These symptoms are triggered by changes in the levels of hormones in the bloodstream. Women who use NFP are able to achieve pregnancy or avoid it, depending on their choices.

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Currently, there are two widely recognized and accepted methods of natural family planning: the sympto-thermal method and the naturally infertile time method. The sympto-thermal method, developed by Billings, an Australian physician.

In both methods, couples pin point the time of ovulation, the moment when the egg is released from the ovary. This is determined by tracking changes in the cervical mucus and body temperature. When a woman ovulates, her body temperature increases and her cervical mucus changes to become thin and stretchy.

Scientists have shown repeatedly that couples who follow the rules of the sympto-thermal method risk only one unplanned pregnancy per 100 women-years of exposure — about the failure rate with the pill, Kippley says. Using another way, among every 100 women who use the method for three years only one will get pregnant by accident.

Taking into account that a percentage of couples will "start cycling" in the first period, he says, a "real life" statistic is 15 pregnancies per 100 couples. Natural methods of birth control, in addition to being safe, are also proven to be effective.

"When they talk about user rates [take them into account] they'll be looking at not following the rules: they'll be looking at anywhere from 30 to 40 percent failure rate with the pill," Kippley says.

In natural family planning, couples choose when to have sex — they control their own reproduction. NFP is a method that allows couples to take charge of their own reproduction.

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Family feuds

Psychologist offers 10 steps for ending them

What does it mean when it's 'Kosher'?

It means something that has been ritually approved, and it describes not only the food itself but the process by which the foods are made, says Conservative Rabbi Joel Meyers, associate director of B'nai B'rith International. He notes that kosher foods with leaven, known as "chometz," must be removed from the household or destroyed during Passover. "To facilitate the removal of chometz, each Jew is obligated to conduct a diligent search in all places where it can be found," he said.

Despite these success stories, reconciling after a quarrel won't always be easy. Here are 10 steps or rules which can help.

1. Initiate. Someone must. Put your pride and hurt feelings on hold and make the effort.

2. Seek a wise counselor. Other family members, friends and professionals can help you sort out your own feelings and prepare to take that important first step.

3. Use ordinary means. Routine birthday and holiday cards can be innocuous starters. Two or three letters reconciled over a drink after work. Be cautious. Again, the after-hours drink was a good idea. Cards, short breezy notes, a brief inquiry on a matter of current common concern—these serve to keep the pressure off that initial contact.

4. Be brief. Don't hurry to do everything in the first meeting. Two to 10 years of silence will not be remedied in one meeting. Keep the first contact short.

5. Be personal. Tell your friend how you feel about the silence, and what you want. Accept negative feelings. This is not the time to defend yourself or set the record straight.

6. Stay positive. Look for good issues you have in common. In the first two stories, the grandchildren offered a common focus ("what criteria").

7. Focus on the present. In each story, the "hero" spoke of the silence, not the original disagreement as the problem.

8. Keep trying. Don't push but don't quit either. Remember how each of you had to make two or three attempts before breaking down the wall. Success came from patient and humble persistence.

9. True love may be measured, not by how we respond to the good times but how we cope with our hurts...

'The whole object is not to tie yourself up in knots, but to link oneself with the Exodus... The transcendent purpose is that everything you do is a gift from God.'

According to Rabbi Meyers, "It sounds like it's a huge amount, but it real because all natural foods are okay, anything that grows on a tree. Most Jews will say things in their frozen state are okay, like frozen broccoli." But some standards differ. Rabbi Meyers cites the Orthodox Union's statement that "the Conservative movement in the United States has generally said that all foods which are natural - salt, pepper, coffee - don't need special supervision but, that processed foods do. The Orthodox would not agree." Indeed, the Orthodox Union urges Jews to "be familiar with the rabbi or organization giving the Passover endorsement," and warns that "the mere mention of kosher for Passover on the label is not a sufficient guarantee of the product's acceptability for Passover use.

Why so many different standards and certifiers? Rabbi Yitzchak Rosenbaum, director of alumni affairs at Yeshiva University, notes that "America really has no central religious authority." As a result, he says, there are both real and "fake" criteria, and some rabbis "have no standards" for giving certification.

Rabbi Meyers explains that "rabbits are basically interpreters. I can read and interpret something in one way, and someone else may view it in a totally different light. The reason the subject of kosher is such a contentious one is that Judaism is a very democratic religion."
Fundamentalism—growing concern

The fundamentalists are coming! The fundamentalists are coming!

More and more these days you are likely to see articles and TV documentaries on the fundamentalist phenomenon, the rise in this group's self-awareness and political militancy. Fundamentalists may be loosely described as Christians who interpret the Bible literally, are very conservative in their moral views, are right wing politically, and are not uncomfortable with conspicuous allegiance to God's blessing on their righteousness.

One of the fundamentalist TV evangelists, Pat Robertson, is apparently making a serious attempt at the presidency, while other kindred spirits such as Jerry Falwell, Jimmy Swaggert, et al., continue to promote not only old fashioned preaching themes but a kind of political agenda as well, including more missiles to fight the evil empire of communism.

—Voice editorial

The reason some people are getting concerned is that this group makes up about twenty percent of the voting public and would likely vote in a dedicated bloc in local as well as national elections. They would swing a considerable clout in many areas of the country and could definitely swing a presidential election, if not for Pat Robertson or the major candidate of their choice.

This is not necessarily all bad. Catholics would agree with many fundamentalist values, their dedication to worship, pro-life beliefs, anti-pornography stands and patriotism, to name a few. Many fundamentalists are simply good people following the simple ideas of earth and home.

What scares some is the inflexibility and simplistic views of the fundamentalist leaders which are well and good for those who want to adopt them but are feared by moderates when such views become militant in the political arena. As one such yuppie/fundamentalist said on a TV documentary this week, "It is our duty to take control."

Such are the downright chilling when viewed in the light of Iran, whose own fundamentalism, though more extreme, nevertheless illustrates the potential horror of rigidly and self-righteous militancy.

While we welcome a turn toward old-fashioned values of discipline based on religious values, we are concerned that an avenging-sword mentality not become a major power in the country. Yet, many American leaders who dread fundamentalist power have no choice but to blame. The politicians and journalists who have taken a benign attitude toward the sl ease in our entertainment media, toward the cold security of our public schools, toward the virtual homogenization displayed in many of our institutions these leaders should not cry too loudly when large numbers of Americans find appealing the simple answers and simplistic theology of fundamentalists.

Catholic crusade against drugs

Editor:

In my opinion the Catholic Church must lead a crusade to halt the use of drugs among the American people, especially the young people. Everyone in the community looks up to the Catholic Church, that is why the church should provide the leadership needed to halt the use of drugs among our young people.

The Church should start this first, by having all of our clergy preach a sermon once a month on the evils of drugs.

This great nation that we all love must start somewhere to turn the tide against the evils of drugs. What better place to start than the Catholic Church.

—John J. Mackel Homestead

Peter Jennings did not profane

Editor:

A letter in the June 27 issue by a man from Buffalo, N.Y., stated that on May 20th when ABC was taping their broadcast in Miami, Peter Jennings, in my estimation, did not profane the Blessed Virgin, the Virgin of Fatima. Jennings did misinterpret the remark.

—Don Boylan Miami Shores

Fatima warning

Editor:

Our Lady of Fatima warned us that the Russian agent Russia will cause a war so far back as that country's revolutionary overthrow of its own Czarist government Oct. 1917 (69 years ago).

She (the Blessed Mother) has persevered doing so in many varied places ever since, throughout the world. "Pray the rosary," she says, "that Russia may not from the heart of the entire world toward the antagonistic behaviour of its violent movement, contrary to peace and love (Her Immaculate Heart).

How, indeed, can a nation (dedicated, for the most part, to Christianity) expect the promised blessings of life, which is in Christ, when its very own militant revolutionary ideology deals persecution, conquest and literally, death?

—Anthony J. Fleece Waukeg., Wl

Porn report takes away others' rights

Editor:

The recent stir caused by 7-11 stores removing "men's publications" from their vendor racks, the Meese report on pornography and the media reports have riled me. I am a firm believer that morality should be taught in the home and church and should not be legislated.

What I believe is moral (or pornography) may not be what others believe. We are each entitled to make our own choice. Freedom of speech not only dictates that others, (no matter how negative their message,) may express themselves freely; but it also gives each of us the choice to listen, to read and to see what we want. The efforts to legislate all of the publications that we do not like leaves us no choice. It is this fundamental interwoven set of rights that I am defending.

I understand the zeal of those who find "porn" repugnant. I too am turned off by this material, but I have the choice to buy or not to buy these materials.

There are many side issues created by this hubbub; each should be discussed at length and separately. I offer a few short thoughts on these, with apologies for not detailing my deep feelings on each.

Child pornography should be outlawed, but not for its expression, rather because it is child abuse.

Pornography leads to sexual violence.

Baldidash! Sick minds commit sick acts. This is like saying alcohol creates alcoholics; loose women (and/or men) destroy marriages; etc. If there is any truth to this, we'd better outlaw Rambo, Patriot and all the movies depicting physical violence.

The Meese report on pornography is a comic tragedy. It is both funny and sad. We had better watch this carefully. Our fundamental freedoms of speech (and choice) are under attack.

Forget not what our Lord once said, "Give unto Caesar what is Caesar's..."

—Don Boylan Miami Shores
Prayers for those who are about the dying

Q. I would like to know more about helping the dying. How should one care for them after they have passed on? So many other religions believe that when someone dies it is too late. Where in the Bible would I find something to back our beliefs about praying for the dead?

By Fr. John Dietzen

True, some have seen hints of the validity of this beautiful Christian tradition in a few scripture passages. In the noted index of the Book of Maccabees it is a "holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead." (As one of the deuterocanonical books, incidentally, Maccabees doesn't appear in the Protestant Bible.)

In the Christian belief in the communions of saints and other beliefs following from that are not primarily based in anything in Scripture. They come out of the instincts inspired by the Holy Spirit as the church gradually reflected on what Jesus said and did and how those things should affect the way his people live and pray.

It is worth noting that not until the Protestant Reformation did people begin to expect something to appear in the Bible before it could become an important part of Christian practice. Even today most Protestants agree that the Christian approach or understanding of our Christian faith. Even those Christians who claim to hold to the Bible itself do not necessarily hold to the Bible as the church actually believe many things that are not explicitly stated in it.

Perhaps most obvious of all, where in the Bible does it ever say these should be a Bible in the first place? Nowhere in the New Testament do we have a record of Jesus writing anything (except on the ground in the event of the woman caught in adultery) or asking his disciples to write anything.

Anything contrary to those practices would be suspect at best, and not everything was believed to be in those writings. This is the way the church interpreted the Scripture when they were identified as our Christian "revelation," and this is the way the church understands them even today.

It is the same thing for our belief in the communion of saints and prayer for the dead. It is the same thing that the resurrection of Jesus, and other events related to the resurrection, told the earliest members of our faith, that it was the walls between heaven and earth are not impenetrable.

In some mysterious way of divine providence there is communication between the realms of eternity and the shadows of that life which we share in this world.

Questions for this column should be sent to Father Dietzen at Holy Trinity Church, 704 N. Main St., Bloomington, Ill: 61701.
Dear Mary: Mental illness of varying forms seems to run in my family. Although research is scant, I know heredity can be a factor.

As I begin helping children, I am unsure how to approach them about this. I am afraid they will not want to tell me about their relatives who are "different," yet I do not want to unduly alarm them about hereditary concerns—Ohio

Many things run in families—from heart disease to curly hair. If we trace our families back three or four generations, we will find problems which appear strange. In short, no family is composed of members who look and act like a television commercial.

The fact that mental illness "runs" in your family is not a matter you must explain to them before they leave the cradle. Your children are not particularly concerned with differences. It is adults who are good at putting labels on everyone who is different.

What you are concerned with is picking up the feelings of their parents. Even the youngest children have an amazing "radar" which recognizes when a parent is concerned or upset. In kind of Pavlovian manner, family concerns or upssets you, your children will probably notice it and become concerned or upset. They will then become apparent and upset you more, and the cycle goes.

The problem is not mental illness in your family, but your feelings toward mental illness, for on your feelings will hinge the attitude of you children. Whatever the ages of your children, take some steps to deal with your own feelings. Here are some suggestions:

1. If you are concerned with mental illness, bring your concern out in the open where you can deal with it. Join your local mental health association. Talking and working with others of similar concern has two advantages. You can do something positive on behalf of the mentally ill, and you can become more comfortable with your own feelings about mental illness.

2. Become a volunteer at a local mental hospital or mental health center. Again you can do something positive while becoming more comfortable with your own feelings.

If your greatest concern is in a specific area such as alcoholism, schizophrenia or Alzheimer's disease, you can join a support group for relatives in the area of concern. They will help you to realize there are many people with concerns like yours.

4. Talk with a mental health professional. You might want to make an appointment with a psychologist or certified social worker, not for therapy for yourself, but for information. Research on mental illness is abundant, and a professional can answer some of your questions with the findings of recent research. He or she can also suggest reading material and perhaps some publications you might wish to subscribe to.

You are correct in realizing that your children will "notice" mental illness. What they will absorb is largely your attitude. From you they can develop an attitude of fear and apprehension or of understanding and a desire to help. Your family problem gives you an opportunity to teach your children the latter.

By Dolores Curran

Battling subliminal seduction

When I read columnist Bob Greene's piece on subliminal seduction, I felt deep anger. Women today—and men too, for that matter—are having too much of a good time establishing relationships in a society that tends to seclude women. It is bad enough to have divorce now, but I am afraid women will have to be faithful and true without a relationship, are they? Apparently they are because the producer of these particular tapes sold $150,000 worth of an advertising campaign which he even made the tapes, and estimates sales of $300,000 within the year. That's a lot of buyers.

For $25 a woman can buy subliminal tapes, they are produced by mixing a tape of music with a tape of hidden messages which touch the subconscious to change or improve some desires. Department stores and supermarkets are programmed to reduce shopping. Millions of people use them to change behaviors like smoking, overeating, and so on. They're a hot sales item today.

Let's look at the advertisement put out by this particular company. "(NC News Service)

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These questions are agonizing when they are "yours." Yet these very questions and the process of struggling with them at a time of crisis is what can lead you to a maturing faith and commitment to your God, the God who does speak to your present experience. Through this search you may come to realize that being Catholic as well as being Christian is not so much the observance of law for its own sake, but rather it is a key of life, a commitment to certain values and a faith, which evokes response.

Jesu called his followers to be more than observers of the law, He challenged them to move beyond the mere observance of a legal code to a commitment to basic values, love and concern for others, forgiveness and compassion toward those who have been offensive, faith in God who is with us always and the need to spend time in prayer as a means of listening and coming to know our God. It is relatively simple to be at Mass each Sunday but

The morality of these tapes doesn't seem to bother the manufacturer. When asked about it, Bob Greene, "I don't know what I do if I haven't worried about that. The way I figure it, the tapes are just a step up from trying to seduce her with booze or drugs."

The way I figure it, all three methods are immoral. But our culture has a way of tempering morality with free enterprise, i.e., it if makes money, it's more moral than if it doesn't.

The producer stressed that there is nothing pornographic in the tapes. "My feeling is that a woman chooses a man not for a sexual reason, but for a deeper reason. She wants a man to be faithful and true to her. So the first part of the subliminal message is that this man is a good, faithful man." THAT isn't pornographic.

Writing angry letters condemning such methods has proved futile in the past. Rather let's fight tapes with tapes! I suggest women who are dating (and parents of those dating) buy these tapes, reproduce them, and pass them out freely to friends so they can recognize the tapes when they're played by men.

The moment the particular tape begins to play, women will know the man for what he is—a manipulator, a seducer, a man who cares about sex, not persons.

I considered giving the name and address of the vendor mentioned by Greene but I've decided against it. I don't want to support such ventures. But those interested can pick up one of the seamer's magazines and find them.

I hope you and Mary, church, and youth groups could do the same, buy the tapes and make them available to their members for recognition purposes, with the suggestion, "Listen to these tapes and know what kind of man this is." This action takes the power out of the tapes and causes a binding effect.

I hate supporting these companies by encouraging you to buy the tapes but an initial investment could kill the companies producing them. I'm beginning to hear that women are familiarizing themselves with these tapes, they're not as apt to be attracted by them.

Maybe it's an off-the-wall idea but so are the tapes.

The point of subliminal persuasion is to alert the subconscious mind to the idea. That's exactly what I'm suggesting, letting the tapes work for us instead of against us.

By Dolores Curran

(Catholic and divorced)

Catholic and divorced

By Virginia McCaill,
Director of Ministry to Separated and Divorced,
Family Enrichment Center

Now that I'm divorced, how do I fit into the church? Certainly this question can be asked at various levels of meaning. "Do I belong?" is somewhat different from "How do I belong?" We can also say that your acceptance or non-acceptance as a divorced person by a particular parish community is not the same as the degree of comfort or discomfort you feel as a part of that church.

Being divorced in no way diminishes your participation in or your belonging to the Catholic Church. In fact, it is virtually your obligation that you had prior to your divorce. This means that you may still receive communion, send your children to the Catholic school, serve as a member of your parish board or act as lector and Eucharistic minister at your church.

Your obligations also remain the same. It is often in this area that as a divorced person you begin to question your acceptance. Do I belong? If your experience of being Catholic has been predominantly that of following all the rules, you may begin to feel isolated or even abandoned by God and the church by the mere fact that you are now divorced.

There is often a time in which you need to cast God and church aside as you search for how you do fit. "Who is this God I knew when things were going well for me? Is He ready to punish me now? How does He speak to my present experience?"

And this church..."Can I continue to belong? Do I even want to belong when I feel so ashamed? When I feel unable to live up to its legal code? Yet, this is the only church I know, believe in, and where I feel at home!"

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Sex, alcohol and Donahue

"Back to School" is fun for young adults

Back to School - A-II, PG-13
Rodney Dangerfield provides his special brand of uncouth humor in this story about a self-made millionaire who returns to college to help his son and finds that there are some things money can't buy. A-II, adults. A lighthearted spoof of issues involving the tube, including (obviously) violence and now (not so obviously) drinking.

Fall of the Navigator - A-I, PG
A-I, PG
About a teenager who has made a sci-fi to out of his family eight and must decide if this is really home. The alien spacecraft which transported him figures prominently in his decision in this family film.

Haunted Honeymoon - A-II, PG
Light and uneventful spoof of the horror genre designed for the very young, featuring silly performances by Gene Wilder, Gilda Radner and John Belushi as radio personalities who enact one of their dramas: Wilder has a strange mobility which must be frightened out of him during his honeymoon at Auntie's weird mansion. Some of the guests manage to get themselves kilda, but it's all in a very pasty and jest.

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Heartburn - A-II, R
Meryl Streep and Jack Nicholson are professionals whose marriage dissolves over his infidelity. This essentially pessimistic view of the state of romance in the 1980s implies more than it expresses but focuses amiably on the plight of women who must find options to the failure of the American male to provide lasting support and love. An adult theme, heavy language and sexual innuendo will not entertain children.

Maximum Overdrive - Q, R
Stephen King's malevolent allegory about strange disturbances which turn each machine and truck in a small town into a murderous entity is too preoccupied with the demonic. Virtually non-stop images of death and destruction are not only gratuitous but too much for all audiences.

Corporational Coalition on Television Violence (NCTV) has done studies on a number of issues involving the tube, including (obviously) violence and now (not so obviously) drinking.

According to a recent report by the group, which studied prime time programs in 1986, there is six times as much alcohol drinking on TV as there is in real life. The NCTV study found that alcohol was consumed more than four times every hour in prime time. In addition, if you saw a character on a show sip something from a glass, the odds were it was alcohol and not water or a soft drink. That's because 54 percent of all beverage consumption included alcohol. Of that drinking, 78 percent was wine or hard liquor.

I bet you can guess where you are most likely to see booze being swilled, Answer On "Cheers" which takes place in a bar. It is followed on the NCTV list by "Love Boat," "Miami Vice," "Bar Rescue" (which takes place in a winery), "Dallas," "The Equalizer," "Last Resort" (now off the air) and "Hardcastle and McCormick."

At the other end of the scale were such test-tasting series as "Diff'rent Strokes," "Who's the Boss?" and "The Cosby Show."

So what's the problem? According to Thomas Radecki, M.D., NCTV research director, "TV as a whole portrays an alcoholic style of drinking ... with no consequences."

This suggests that TV show some major characters suffering from the harm of alcoholism in order to send a different message to viewers, especially youngsters.

SEX: TV Guide reports that an ad agency commissioned a recent survey of 1,550 people over the age of 15 in all parts of the country. They were asked what gave them a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction. "TV" was chosen by 45 percent of the people to get the highest ranking. The tube was followed by friends, helping others, vacations, hobbies, reading and marriage. Only then did sex come in, some votes, ahead of food, money, sports and religion.

I leave the conclusions to you.

DONAHUE: "The Human Animal," a five part series of one-hour specials hosted by Phil Donahue will air from Aug 11-15 on NBC. According to NBC, Donahue talked with 50 experts in anthropology, psychiatry, education, sexual therapy, criminology, biology, linguistics and other fields to discuss love and sex, war and violence, nature versus nurture, woman and man, and the family.

The programs are based on a book Donahue authored. He just assumes that the other fields include theology. Since there are answers to many of his questions may be found there.

By James Breig
Chaminade appoints new principal

When Chaminade students return to their campus this fall, they’ll be seeing a lot of new faces including that of Raymond Purcell, School’s new principal. Purcell has replaced Fr. Chris Conlon, S.M., who left the school to further his studies in Toronto.

According to Purcell, a great number of changes will be taking place to enhance the overall effectiveness of the school.

"The academic program at Chaminade will be constantly re-evaluated to assure that it keep pace with the increasing wealth of knowledge available to us. An ongoing education by the faculty will assure that the Chaminade student receives the best instruction possible. This, combined with extracurricular activities, will strengthen significantly the overall development of the student body," Purcell said.

St. Thomas sponsors Spanish immersion

St. Thomas University’s School of Continuing and Adult Education and the SIU Cultural Center are presenting a one week "immersion" experience in Hispanic culture for non-Hispanics on August 9 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the SIU Cultural Center, 5717 S.W. 8th st.

The purpose of this immersion experience is to provide a brief, intense view of Hispanic-American culture: poetry, history, art and music. Explanation of the program will be provided in English, but each cultural experience will be presented in the appropriate original medium.

The immersion will also feature a theatrical presentation, followed by "con-style" Spanish and Mexican food. The presentations will be interpreted in sign language.

The concert version of the new musical, "Sunset Boulevard," will be performed on August 12th at 8 p.m. Student performers are expected to be included in this performance.

University, 16400 N.W. 32 Ave., Miami, Fl. 33054, 625-6000.

Prayer petitions

"Call to me and I will answer you," Jer. 33:3. The employees of the Archdiocese of Miami will gather each morning Monday to Friday for intentions of you, our brothers and sisters of the Archdiocese. Petitions will be included in our individual daily prayers each week as well as during this special time for the community prayers. We invite anyone with a prayer request to write (no phone calls) to us at this address: Prayer Petition, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fl. 33138.

St. John's offers seminars

A free seminar on total hip and knee replacement surgery and follow-up rehabilitation will be given by St. John's Rehabilitation Hospital on August 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph's Towers, 3475 N.W. 30th st., Deerfield Beach.

Dr. Karluk and Ball, R.P.T., M.A., experts in these fields, will be on hand to answer questions. For more information, call Diane Dabe at St. John's, 739-6235, on noon August 11 for specific times and locations of informative seminars sponsored by St. John's.

It's a Date

The North Dade Catholic Widows, Widowers Club will hold a meeting and luncheon on Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Victory Church Social Hall, 100 N.E. 191st St. (near N. Miami Ave), Miami. All faithful widows welcome. Call 651-5259 or 652-3052.

Our Lady of Lebanon Church, 2055 Coral Way, Miami will be hosting a "Mini-Festival" from August 16-17, in their eastern courtyard. Live folk music, middle eastern food, guest vocalists, and exotic girls. Saturday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to midnight. Admission $1. Free for children under 12. Information call 565-7449.

Hippopotamuses Singles Party is having an "Outsiders Singles Party" on Aug. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Diplomat Hotel, 3535 South Ocean Drive, Hollywood. Dancing, live music, B.B. King. Reservations and information call Sharon Silver at 385-1225.

The Respect Life Office will be having their annual lunchtime at the Holiday Inn at Calder on Sept. 13 at 11:30 a.m. Mayor Xavier Suarez will be the guest speaker. All proceeds to benefit women and their families.Tickets $15 per person. For information contact our office at 653-2951.

The Catholic Nurses Association of St. Francis Hospital invites all South Florida nurses to a meeting on August 19 at 6:30 p.m., at St. Francis Hospital, 250 W. Palmetto Blvd., Hialeah. Membership open to non-Catholic nurses. For information call 856-5000, ext. 4370.

What's Happening

Chaminade appoints new principal

When Chaminade students return to their campus this fall, they’ll be seeing a lot of new faces including that of Raymond Purcell, School’s new principal. Purcell has replaced Fr. Chris Conlon, S.M., who left the school to further his studies in Toronto.

According to Purcell, a great number of changes will be taking place to enhance the overall effectiveness of the school.

"The academic program at Chaminade will be constantly re-evaluated to assure that it keep pace with the increasing wealth of knowledge available to us. An ongoing education by the faculty will assure that the Chaminade student receives the best instruction possible. This, combined with extracurricular activities, will strengthen significantly the overall development of the student body," Purcell said.

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Getting over the 'end of the world'

Thinking it over

Time to contemplate

By NC News Service

As early as age 50, people may reach the peak of their careers. Many couples find in their late 20s that they have been married for 25 years and that their children are adults, or nearly so.

Today, Schwab seldom sees the term in psychiatric journals. And, emphasizing that she is speaking out of her experience as chief psychologist at the Oaklawn Center in Elkhart, Ind., she is seeing more men than women exhibiting symptoms of midlife crisis.

Women faced with the end of their reproductive years today "often have not tried the vacation route," Schwab said. Realizing they can move on to a career or job defuses the midlife crisis for many of the women she encounters.

No one comes into her office saying, "I'm having a midlife crisis," Schwab said. Instead, they say they are angry or restless or depressed. Some speak of physical symptoms such as high blood pressure or stomach problems.

The midlife crisis strikes people at about the age of 40 who complain about high blood pressure or stomach discomfort and say they are feeling trapped and helpless. They are about the age of 40 who complain about high blood pressure or stomach discomfort and say they are feeling trapped and helpless.

Thus, a midlife crisis may take form in the intellectual realm. For example, a person who has invested a great deal of energy and commitment in the investigation of faith "no longer experiences happiness or fulfillment here," Schwab reported.

"For many years, the midlife crisis impels people to come to terms with the illusions of youth." They realize that a chosen career or marriage partner has not brought the complete fulfillment they had anticipated in their youth. The discovery can be unsettling.

Common ways people respond to the midlife crisis are to break up a marriage and go on to a new relationship or to change jobs, possibly several times. But, Schwab cautioned, too often people keep "the same illusions" in a new situation and then find themselves experiencing disillusionment again.

She added that people with a "real level of commitment to a partner are more likely to stick to a relationship" and work through problems.

The midlife crisis "can be a critical period for coming to terms with life," she said. In counseling, she helps clients to look realistically at their questions and the choices they are considering. "Accepting the reality that they are where they are is a crucial part of the process, she said.

Instead of always blaming others, she concluded, reflective persons can use this time to see which personality traits in themselves or which ways of relating with others might be altered so that they find the next half of life fulfilling.

Scriptures

'Fire on the earth!'


Introduction

Jesus faced the ordeal of his own death, when he would be tested as by fire, baptized by being plunged into a sea of sorrows (Gospel reading), just as Jeremiah had encountered the opposition of those who resisted God's message (first reading, Jeremiah 38:4-6, 10-16). "Heedless of the shame" associated with the cross, he endured his death and is now seated in glory, and upon him our eyes are fixed (second reading, Hebrews 12:1-4).

Background

Our thoughts about Jesus are associated with warmth and gentleness. Yet, in next Sunday's Gospel reading, we will hear him speak of his desire to "light a blaze on the earth" and wish that we were already "ignited!"

"Fire" is a word that frightens one._ How can the gentle Lord associate himself, we ask, with a world on fire? However, associations with the word "fire" may be, the Scriptures record a host of images that link that word to God.

Fascinated by leaping flames, people of a more primitive age noticed how fire "rose" upwards, toward heaven. For them, therefore, it caused their thoughts to "rise" as well.

Commentary

When "the journey" started, and Jesus was refused a welcome in a Samaritan town, the disciples asked for "fire from heaven" to come down (Lk 9:54-55). Jesus refused, for he was not "a new Elijah." Instead, he was a new Elijah" who once called down "fire from heaven.

"He is superior to Elijah. His very presence casts God's "fire" of judgment on the world. Some will accept him; others, even as he speaks, are refusing to accept his words and will plot his destruction. By acceptance or rejection of him, people are making their own judgments and are being judged themselves.

He is eager to do the Father's will and eager, therefore, to see the fire "ignited." Even though they will stand "at a distance," his disciples will accept him, his enemies will reject him. It is a decisive
At midlife, people often find themselves in the midst of an 'emotional storm': weathering it takes faith and a willingness to grow.

By Neil Parent
NC News Service

The first time I met Hank and Edna, I was impressed. There was something about their relationship that was irresistibly attractive. It had a depth and freshness that made me think of mountain waters cascading over rock-stability and movement at the same time.

Together with their four children, they made their home a place of open hospitality. Not infrequently, clergy and parishioners from their church gathered there for lively discussion. There and a half years after I met them, however, their marriage lay in ruins. As Edna later explained, Hank had fallen in love with another woman and decided "to trade me in for a younger model.'

What I later came to discover in long conversations with Edna was that Hank's outgoing and self-confident manner masked a basic insecurity, an insecurity that grew more intense as he approached middle age.

Midlife brings increasing reminders of our mortality: the fading of youthful beauty and vigor, the beginnings of chronic health problems...

When a young, attractive woman entered the scene, Hank thought he had found a reprieve from the aging process. Besides the boost from the discovery that he was still attractive to women, he felt a resurgence of youthful passion. This powerful combination was more than either his love for his family or his sense of right could withstand.

That a middle-aged man would leave wife and children for another woman is a familiar theme. Indeed, it is more. This powerful combination was more than either his love for his family or his sense of right could withstand.

How will we cope with these and other midlife challenges is largely dependent upon how well we cope with problems in general. If problems generally set us off, anguish about life's unfairness, we are bound to experience a midlife crisis.

However, if we tend to view problems essentially as opportunities for growth, we will fare much better.

Psychiatrist M. Scott Peck views problems as essential to well-being: "Problems call forth our courage and our wisdom. It is only because of problems that we grow mentally and spiritually."

Writer Anne Morrow Lindbergh sees the challenges of midlife in much the same way: "Because of the false assumption that middle age is a period of decline, one interprets these life signs, paradoxically, as signs of approaching death. Instead of facing them, one runs away; one escapes into depression, nervous breakdown, drink, love affairs, or frantic, thoughtless, fruitless overwork."

Some people, she says, try "to cure the signs of growth, to exercise them as if they were devils, when in reality, they might be angels of annunciation."

Perhaps this is the childlikeness of which Jesus spoke. People have few set ideas about life; consequently, they are more ready to take it as it comes. Jesus calls for us to trust in a gracious and loving God who offers us life in a way ultimately for our own good.

Midlife need not be a crisis. It can be a time of personal growth, precisely because we now have the wisdom and experience to make the most of it.

Midlife should be an "angel of annunciation" for an enriching life that yet awaits us.
LANCASTER, Pa. (NC) -- Holy Cross Sister Caroline Roesle has taught thousands of students in her 50 years as an educator. But two who stand out in her mind are Walter and David, otherwise known as Bishop Walter Sullivan of Richmond, Va., and newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop David Foley, also of Richmond.

Bishop Sullivan and Foley grew up in the same suburban Washington, D.C. neighborhood—they belonged to the same parish—and both future priests were taught by lively Sister Roesle at Blessed Sacrament School in Chevy Chase, Md. in the early 1940s.

The two bishops were both 'good boys' as students, Sister Roesle said. I taught Walter first. He's two years older than David. Bishop Sullivan, she remembers, was more mischievous than his younger friend. "I had to discipline him more."

Bishop Foley, who was ordained auxiliary bishop June 27, "was an unusual boy. He had a charisma about him even as a child," said Sr. Roesle. "He was always volunteering to do something. I remember he was class chairman for the foreign missions...he had such devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. I always thought he had a vocation."

She also noted that she and Bishop Sullivan write to one another often. Sr. Roesle also taught the bishop's sisters and attended his ordination.

And Bishop Foley has been a friend of Sister Roesle and her family for years. When he was assigned as a priest to St. Francis Xavier parish in Washington, her family's parish, he frequently brought Communion to her and her mother.

"Years ago, you could influence others became priests or members of religious orders."

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"You knew the kids because you taught them every subject. Now it's departmental. Back then, they'd stay after school and help you. Now the bell rings and they all hop on the bus." Even though teaching has changed over the years, Sister Roesle says she loves it just as much as when she first started in January, 1936 at Blessed Sacrament.

She has been a part-time fourth grade teacher at St. Anthony School in Lancaster since 1978.

"Retire? I don't want to think about that day," she said. She may be planning to guide and inspire a few more bishops before the day when that last bell rings and she closes her textbooks.

Disabled priest a 'super guy'

BOISE, Idaho (NC) -- The crutches he used at his ordination were but one reminder of the handicap Father Patrick Russell had to overcome to be ordained a priest.

Fr. Russell suffers from brittle bone disease, an affliction which has stunted his physical growth: at age 27 he is under 5 feet tall. Hospitals, crutches and wheelchairs have been a familiar part of his life since early childhood.

He has a surgically implanted rod in his head to correct curvature of the spine. He wore a cast and used crutches at his ordination Mass because of a fall just before the ceremony that caused a hairline fracture in his ankle.

A broken back in 1962, during his second year at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park, Calif. almost ended his seminary studies. He would have dropped out then, he said, "but for the encouragement, love and support" of his fellow seminarians and friends back in Idaho.

Despite the handicaps, Bishop Sylvester Treinen of Boise, said, "I didn't have any reservations at all" about accepting Father Russell as a priest.

"I have known him since he was a little boy, attending Catholic grade school here in a wheelchair. He makes up so much in his head for what he lacks in the rest of his body. He's just a super guy."

In a pre-ordination interview with the Idaho Register, the Boise diocesan newspaper, Father Russell said he views his disabilities as an advantage, not a hindrance, to his ministry.

"I think in a lot of ways, because I am weak, God is strong," he said. The handicap has helped him understand the importance of dependency and trust in God and "heightened my awareness of the communal aspects of suffering and faith," he said.

"Suffering is a common experience for all of us, because we all suffer alone. To learn to ask for support, help, love and affection from people, and their willingness to give it, creates a common bond of suffering which deepens relationships and faith experiences."

Following his ordination, Fr. Russell was named associate pastor of St. Mark's parish in Boise.