Reconciliation theme for papal visit here

In preparation for the expected visit next fall of Pope John Paul II, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy has proclaimed the next 12 months as a Holy Year of Reconciliation in the Archdiocese of Miami.

Although the Vatican has not announced the date of the visit, the Archbishop wrote that "we have received the good news" of the coming of the Pope sometime in 1987.

"Such an unprecedented experience should...have a lasting effect that will leave us changed as individuals, as an Archdiocese, as a community," he wrote.

In his 28-page pastoral letter, "Bible Too the Poecmakers," (complete text, pages 1A-8A), the Archbishop asks that the theme of reconciliation pervade every activity throughout the Archdiocese, from conferences and retreats to penance services and homilies.

He asks that reconciliation services, with opportunities for confession, be held monthly on First Fridays. As part of the holy year, the Archdiocese also extended to all priests the faculties to absolve penitents from sins involving abortion.

He also encouraged the celebration of "Pope's Parties," where different groups such as young people and seniors, Catholics and non-Catholics, blacks, whites and Hispanics, public and Catholic school students...may share goodwill toward each other.

The Archbishop also asked parishes to reevaluate their outreach and evangelization programs, schedule weekly holy hours of praise before the Blessed Sacrament and promote the Sacrament of Reconciliation, among other activities.

Finally, he called on everyone — clergy, Religious and lay — to "practice penance and dispose ourselves for God's grace...by special acts of mortification and good works," including fasting and abstinence.

My dearly beloved,

Devotedly Yours

My suspicion is, of course, one of deep concern. The Synod needs to study and evaluate these findings carefully. This was a caution of Dr. Sheflin himself, the professional who directed the survey. We are all aware that the data of surveys can be misleading.

Whatever, the survey does show we have our work cut out for us. I am not sure that all of our people who disagree with Church teachings are even aware they are doing so. As the survey indicates, only one-half of our people are active enough in their parishes to be registered. Only half of our children are receiving any religious instruction. Most of our children attend public schools that may not teach religion.

The religious life of families is deteriorating. Many of our people are not at Mass on Sunday to hear the preaching of the Gospel. The only religious news many of our people receive is through the secular media, which is often inaccurate and sometimes even untruthful.

Our people are being overwhelmed by the influences of today's deteriorating culture of worldliness, agnosticism, materialism and self-indulgence in which they are immersed, which they absorb through reading, television, radio, entertainment and social contacts. And we must admit even some Church teachers since Vatican II have contributed to the confusion.

To me, all of this points out the importance of our Synod to evaluate where we are, to be aware of our weaknesses and our strengths, and to react responsibly. It highlights the urgency of evangelization to which we have been committed.

I did find some comfort in the indication that at least in some areas our people, in their personal lives, seem to be truer to the Gospel than in their opinions. While a great percentage reported that they approved of marriage after divorce, only nine percent have received church annulments certifying that the first marriage was not truly valid. The Synod will need to spend much time pondering and responding to the reality the survey is revealing. We need to listen carefully and respect what our people are saying. We need to
Priests create world brotherhood

WASHINGTON (NC) — Four Catholic colleges violated academic freedom standards in 1985 when they canceled lectures by moral theologian Daniel Lacey, Wash., and the College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn. Maguire, a professor at Jesuit-run Marquette University in Milwaukee, had invitations to lecture withdrawn. On Monday night at the Voice, Father James Burdett of Salina, Kan., said he saw the Chicago meeting as the beginning of a new network.

An African priest, Father John Amankawah of Ghana, said the church in Africa is struggling with what he called “twice currents” of Second Vatican Council reforms and moves toward political independence, among other issues and build a network of support for priests in their work.

Food giants charged with promoting pornography

WASHINGTON (NC) — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago has urged the Senate to reject birth control studies that “enforce use” of contraceptives. In an August news release. The Rev. Donald Wildmon, the Methodist minister who heads the group opposed to the status of their mission and its new pastor has spread dissension in the Vietnamese community. The men head a group of Vietnamese who seek to establish a “personal parish” defined by ethnic identity in place of the Vietnamese-Catholic Mission. The group also rejects Bishop. DuMaine’s appointment of Father Paul Danh as pastor of the mission. The decision has resulted in threats against the bishop, a series of demonstrations, and a protest at Father Duong’s Aug. 16 installation as the new head of the Brethren of St. Mary Magdalene parish. The group is located. Two people were arrested outside the church.

Chicago cardinal urges senate to reject birth control studies

WASHINGTON (NC) — Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago has urged the Senate to reject support for contraceptive education and pro-life school programs that “enforce use” of contraceptives. In an Aug. 21 letter to senators, the cardinal, who heads the group of the USCCB, said the pro-life issue “has been turned into a political issue in the Senate,” and that “the Senate’s decision has resulted in threats against the bishop, a series of demonstrations, and a protest at Father Duong’s Aug. 16 installation as the new head of the Brethren of St. Mary Magdalene parish. The group is located. Two people were arrested outside the church.

One committee member, Father Tony Redden of Cleve, Australia, said the aim of the organization would be to foster brotherhood and an awareness of issues and build a network of support for priests in their work.

Vatican plans TV program for English-speaking viewers

WASHINGTON (NC) — The Vatican’s television network is working with three U.S. priests to develop a Vatican-originated weekly TV program for English-speaking audiences. The proposed program, "A View from the Vatican," would be a one-hour weekly religious "Today" show that will probe and present the world as seen from the Vatican," Father Edmund Nadolny, chief fund-raiser for the project, said in a telephone interview. Father Nadolny, a priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and Father Raymond Bluett, a retired priest from the Diocese of San Bernardino, Calif., and Father Terrance A. Sweeney, a Black priest and an award-winning television scriptwriter, presented the idea for the program to the Vatican.

House orders Pentagon to study military chaplains issue

WASHINGTON (NC) — The House of Representatives has ordered the Pentagon to study reasons for a shortage of military chaplains in some faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it. In an amendment to a defense bill, the House cited an "imbalance" in faiths and what to do about it.
WASHINGTON (NC) — If government can give, government can take. And it did, to the tune of $13 billion from charities in the latest congressional tax reform plan, according to charitable groups’ estimates.

Five years ago, Congress gave charities a boost by allowing taxpayers who don’t itemize on their tax forms to egin claiming deductions for their charitable contributions.

That action, like other tax policies adopted over the years, according to non-profit groups, aided charitable activities by encouraging donations.

Now, the latest tax plan will remove the benefits, and religious orders said the changes will cost $13 billion in lost revenue.

The tax plan, a complicated amalgamation of separate House and Senate tax reform proposals based on earlier congressional and presidential schemes, was approved by a House-Senate conference committee in August.

Conference committee action created a pathway for votes on the new tax bill by both chambers after Congress returns from its summer vacation Sept. 8.

Both chambers were expected to pass the tax bill, though not without some final bickering on the House and Senate floors.

The non-itemizer exemption along with cost charities some $6 billion, according to Independent Sector, a coalition of non-profits that includes Catholic Charities USA and the U.S. Catholic Conference, public policy arm of the U.S. bishops.

In addition, charities also foresee adverse economic effects from reductions in the number of tax brackets. Donors are considered less likely to contribute if they do not face as steep a tax rate and think they have less to gain from writing off a large donation.

Finally, charitable institutions say, the non-itemizer sector also will be hurt by new provisions which remove some tax breaks for gifts of appreciated property, such as the works of art or architecture often given to universities, hospitals and local charities by wealthy benefactors.

Taken together, these three major changes will cost charities some $13 billion, warned Independent Sector.

Mathew Ahmann, associate director for governmental relations for Catholic Charities USA, said, “We're very pleased” because the new tax plan spares the poor from paying taxes, but added that “we're terribly disappointed overall” about the treatment of charities.

He said that prime beneficiaries of the non-itemizer charitable deduction tax break have been churches and charitable institutions. “There isn't any doubt that it's going to affect non-profit income,” Ahmann said of the legislation.

But, as Ahmann noted, there is some good news in the tax bill as well.

One of the most sweeping changes, supported by wealthy benefactors, would remove some 6 million poor people from the tax rolls.

In addition, the personal exemption in the conference committee legislation reflect measures sought by churches and charities:

• The earned income tax credit, for low-income workers, would increase from $5,950 to $8,000 maximum; it would not be phased out until the income reaches $9,000-12,000, and this is more generous to the worker than the present phase-out limit of $6,500-

$11,000.

• A tax credit for child care costs of working parents would be $1,000 for each child.

• The personal exemption would increase to $2,000 in 1989, up from the present $1,000, and would be indexed for future inflation.

• The standard deduction (zero bracket) amount claimed by non-itemizers would increase for all taxpayers. For joint returns, for example, the standard deduction would increase to $5,000 up from the current $3,670.

• Taxpayers could continue to write off state and local taxes, an exemption considered important in areas with high percentages of poor and disadvantaged persons dependent on govern- ment services.

Entire Church must help elderly religious

MILWAUKEE (NC) — Not only religious orders but the entire church must take responsibility for meeting the enormous retirement needs facing religious communities, two church officials said in Milwaukee.

Sister Rose Marie Dolores Lyman, executive director of the National Religious Retirement Fund, and Archbishop Daniel W. Kucera of Dubuque, Iowa, chairman of the U.S. bishops’ Liaison Committee with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, were interviewed during the leadership conference’s Aug. 24-28 meeting in Milwaukee.

The leadership conference is an organization of heads of religious communities of women.

Sister Lyman said the retirement project she heads educate people about the problem. The two-year project was launched jointly this year by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, the Conference of Major Superiors of Men and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Religious orders face a $2.5 billion deficit in meeting retirement needs and people naturally wonder “how that happened,” she said.

Archbishop Kucera said the church in the United States years ago should have paid more attention to retirement needs. “We relied solely on the services of Religious and never looked to the future where there might not be many Religious.”

Already, he added, diocesan efforts are being made to deal with the problem but the church has not faced up to the problem. He said that many Religious are relying on gifts and the services of Religious in their retirement needs.

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“I don’t make any sense at all,” Zaza said in an interview. They “can’t accept that. They’re off base.”

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Wally of death

Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston kneels to pray near the wall of death at the former Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz.

“Charles, the mission that prompted them to become Religious would prompt them to get into the kinds of activities that are not gainful employment,” he said.

“Some religious groups, especially those of us...who have been beneficiaries of Religious’ services in schools and so on, have to think about the fact that there’s an obligation to pay what we got that money can’t buy,” he said.

WASHINGTON (NC) — Two public television movie reviewers said they have spotted a move toward morality in current films which, they said, show that immoral acts have negative consequences.

Several Catholic cinema critics, however, said the two reviewers are overly optimistic in seeing a new trend.

Michael Medved and Jeff Lyons, co-hosts of “Screen Peekers,” a Public Broadcasting Service weekly film review, cited the change in films in a recent look at film’s portrayal of infidelity.

“I think that the new morality is the devastating consequences of cheating and show how it can destroy families and ruin lives,” Medved said.

The reviewers contrasted the new trend with that of older films which, they said, treated infidelity as funny and harmless.

Among the films Medved and Lyons said taught that bad consequences are bad consequences.

“Shooting the Moon,” in which a husband and father of four (Albert Finney) is unfaithful to his wife (Diane Keaton), showed that “when he feels it around it not only wrecks his marriage,” it also “leaves him a ruined and pathetic man,” Medved said.

Lyons cited “Hannah and Her Sisters” as another example of the trend. He said that in that film “adultery is depicted as simply a pointless self-indulgence.”

But Tony Zaza, who reviews films for the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communication, disputed the thesis.

“It doesn’t make any sense at all,” Zaza said in an interview. They “can’t substantiate that. They’re off base.”

Zaza said that most of the films cited by the PBS critics portray “women helplessly victimized by society or women striking back.” The films still show an acceptance of promiscuity, he said, only now they also show “how the ’80s woman deals with it.”

For example, he said, in “Heartburn,” when the husband is unfaithful, the wife “takes the baby and leaves and becomes a single parent.”

Capuchin Father Anthony Scannell, president of Franciscan Communications, Los Angeles, said there might be a moral trend emerging in films, but any moral message is still going to be “overpowered by all other films.”

In most films, he said, “sex is being portrayed as a natural part of any relationship, even between acquaintances.”

Father Scannell, who is also president of Linda-International, a church media organization, added that “it will take a long time for a trend like this to be significant.”
U.S. cuts off funds for China's abortions

WASHINGTON (NC) — Pro-life groups praised a decision by the U.S. Agency for International Development to cut off all U.S. funding of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities because it condoned China's alleged forced abortion practices.

The $25 million contribution from the United States had helped support one of the U.N. agency's budget, which helps family planning efforts in 130 nations.

Abortion experts and other observers have reported that efforts to limit family size in China include forced abortions and the encouragement of such practices by the ruling regime.

The Chinese government, however, has denied any official family planning policy of forced abortions or other abuses. With a population of over 1 billion, China has a population density of 290 persons per square mile, compared to 65 persons per square mile in the United States, or a population of 236 million.

"Expert China-watchers in Congress and elsewhere agree that forced abortion continues to be prevalent in China's population program," said Paul Johnson, legislative director of the National Right to Life Committee.

He said right-to-life backers "think most Americans can think of better things to do with their tax dollars than fund a U.N.-supported program of compulsory abortion.

The AID cutoff follows other expressions of U.S. government dissatisfaction with the China program and the U.N. agency's role.

In August 1985, Congress passed legislation denying U.S. funds to any organization or program that "supports or participates in the management of a program of coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization.

Earlier that year, because of concern that the U.N. agency was condoning coercive abortion practices, AID administrator M. Peter McPherson withheld $10 million of AID's total $36 million fiscal 1985 U.S. donation.

AID's refusal to supply the $10 million allocation was challenged in court by the Population Institute and the Population Council, which have received U.N. money, but a federal appeals court upheld AID's action.

According to AID, the $25 million which would have gone to the U.N. program will instead be devoted to family planning activities in developing nations.

Pope protests farming industrialization in Spain

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Industrialized farming often is done in a "disorderly way" detrimental to rural inhabitants, said Pope John Paul II. The pope also criticized concentration of political and economic efforts in urban-industrialized centers at the expense of rural development. The pope's comments were contained in a letter sent to a meeting in Avila, Spain, of the International Federation of Adult Catholic Rural Movements.

"Frequently, industrialization of agriculture has taken place in disorderly way, without braking the over-eagerness for profit and without the necessary support for the rights and integral promotion of rural people," the letter said.

Franciscan leader denies charges of Vatican conflict

(United NC) — Father John Vaughn, head of the world's Franciscans, said there is "not a conflict" between the Vatican and his order, despite criticism of the order in a Vatican letter that was leaked to the press. He also said he was "amazed" and "very saddened" at the leak of that letter and another written by top Vatican officials. One of the letters, from Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, called on Franciscans around the world to "overcome a radical mentality of dissent" and bring an end to "critical behavior" toward church teaching authority. "Whoever did this (leaked the letters) is just stirring up trouble — I don't know why," said Fr. Vaughn.

Yugoslav parents want religion taught in schools

VATICAN CITY (NC) — More than 40 percent of parents in the region around Zagreb, Yugoslavia, would like to see religion taught in state schools, according to a survey published in a Communist daily newspaper. About 43 percent of those questioned said their children already receive religious instruction in local parishes, said the report in Borba, a publication of the Yugoslavian Communist League.

"Schools need nothing about the questions that interest young people, it's not unusual to see them looking for answers elsewhere — for example, in films that interest young people, it's not unusual to see them looking for answers elsewhere — for example, in films," said the report, which was quoted by Vatican Radio Aug. 25. Zagreb is the capital city of Croatia, a predominantly Catholic division of Yugoslavia.

Pope: Birth of Solidarity reflects Poland's spirit

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (NC) — The 1980 accord that ended the Polish trade union Solidarity reflected the "spirit of the nation," Pope John Paul II said on Poland's major feast day. John Paul II said on Poland's major feast day.

"We shall pray even for Marcos because he is a human being and we want him to get closer to God." the cardinal said.

South Africa's bishops' plea for safety of sec. general

PRETORIA, South Africa (NC) — The Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference has filed an urgent application to the Pretoria Supreme Court to restrain South African police from assaulting its secretary general, Father Sipho Mkhathwa. In an affidavit to the Supreme Court, Father Mkhathwa's secretary, Dominican Sister Colla Smith, said that during a recent visit the priest told her that two men dressed in track suits had approached his cell, blindedfolded him and taken him to an unknown destination, where he had been forced to remain standing for 20 hours, still blindfolded.

Cardinal Sin asks for compassion for Marcos

TORONTO (NC) — Philippine Cardinal Jaime Sin urged compassion toward deposed President Ferdinand Marcos but said the former leader would be in danger if he returned to the Philippines. Speaking to reporters during a three-day trip to Toronto in mid-August, the Manila cardinal said every Christian has a duty to forgive enemies. "We shall pray even for Marcos because he is a human being and we want him to get closer to God," the cardinal said.

Vietnamese flock to Mass, despite repression

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Despite government efforts to eliminate the Catholic Church in Vietnam, the church is experiencing "terrific Mass attendance" and even conversions, according to a Vatican aid official. Jesuit Father Henri Forest, undersecretary of the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, worked as a missionary in South Vietnam from 1960 until the fall of Saigon in 1975. Father Forest witnessed the capture of Saigon by the communists in April 1975 and was expelled from the country about six months later.

Maronite leader disputes criticism of Vatican

BEIRUT, Lebanon (NC) — Lebanon's Maronite patriarch has answered Moslem accusations that the Vatican has delayed a solution to the Lebanese civil war. Patriarch Nasib Berri, head of the Shiite Moslem militias, "that he had better prove his accusations with facts," according to the Catholic Gist for Information, a Beirut-based information agency for the Lebanese bishops. The center said press reports in mid-August quoted Berri as saying the Vatican was partial to Maronite Catholics in Lebanon.

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Pope: St. Augustine is model theologian

VATICAN CITY (NC) — St. Augustine's fidelity to church doctrine in the third century, a model for 20th-century theologians, Pope John Paul II said.

The North African saint left a theological method of study based on "full adherence to the authority of the faith," which, in its essence — the authority of Christ — is manifested through Scripture, tradition and the church," the pope said.

The text of the 3-page apostolic letter, "Augustine of Hippo," was made public by the Vatican eight days after a U.S. Catholic priest, Father Charles Curran still leaves room for dissent

ROME (NC) — A Franciscan theologian in Rome said the Vatican's recent disciplinary action against Father Charles E. Curran still leaves room for reasonable theological dissent from church teachings.

The Vatican's removal of Father Curran, 60, the theologian who in teaching as a Catholic theologian should not be seen as a general threat to theological argumentation, said Franciscan Father Piergiuseppe Pesce, theology dean at Antonianum University in Rome.

"It's not an attempt to close the mouths of theologians," Father Pesce said in an interview.

In a letter opposing the measures against Father Curran, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, head of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, stressed that Catholics must accept all authentic church teachings, not only those defined as infallible.

Father Pesce said Cardinal Ratzinger's letter should not be understood to exclude all theological dissent.

"He's presenting the rule here — not the exceptions," he said. "But a letter of this kind shouldn't be expected to present the possibilities of dissent."

In the same way, he added, the Second Vatican Council debated the theologian's authority in such matters is the combination of prayer and action, the pope added.

He said St. Augustine knew that doctrine must be preserved as a whole, so that it can be used to judge whether philosophies conform to the Christian faith.

At the same time, the saint's life exemplified for modern Catholics how reason and faith can be brought together in a common philosophy, the pope said.

"He teaches those seeking the truth not to despair of finding it," the pope said.

For modern scientists, the pope said, St. Augustine's thought illustrates how God can be understood through created things.

To the men who have in their hands the fate of millions of souls, he implores them to love peace above all and to promote it not with war but with the methods of peace," he added.

He also praised the saint's work as bishop in Africa among native peoples. His "authority of Christ" is preserved in his writings, he said.

His life preserves the tradition of faith for the church, it's saying that, whoever believes Christ gave the church teaching authority, then church teachings must be accepted even when they have not been explicitly declared infallible.

VATICAN CITY (NC) — In taking action against Father Charles E. Curran, the Vatican wants to reassure Catholics that church teaching has not changed, a Vatican official said.

"If you look at this particular action as being addressed to the entire church, it's saying, that whoever teaches these theories, they are not the teachings of the church," he said.

"To a certain extent, this message is being sent to ordinary people."

In an interview with National Catholic News Service, the Vatican official, who declined to be further identified, discussed the pastoral implications of the recent declaration by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith that Father Curran was no longer "suitable nor eligible" to teach Catholic theologians at Catholic University of America in Washington.

The official said there was "an awareness of a great awareness in the Vatican of alternative teachings in the whole area of sexual-" by dissenting theologians.

"The official said that when nuanced exceptions and qualifications of Catholic moral theology trickle down to local sex education or premarriage courses, these exceptions "become much more visible.""They may go further than the words of theologians like Father Curran, but they base themselves on such theologians," he said. In the case of Father Curran, the nuances are not acceptable to the doctrinal congregation, he added.

Regarding the issues of dissent and infallibility raised by Father Curran, the official said dissent is not a theological term with a long history. "There was a tradition of theologians who differed with church teaching for reasons of conscience which could make a "provisional withdrawal of assent," this allowed one to recognize the value of the church's teaching while also re- maining true to the demands of con- science. But it would not allow one to teach an alternative doctrine, he added.

Concerning infallibility, the official said that if one believes Christ gave the church teaching authority, then church teachings must be accepted even when they have not been explicitly declared infallible.

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Survey causes priest to leave Jesuits

LOS ANGELES (NC) — Although less than a fourth of 145 U.S. bishops responding to a survey favored optional celibacy for priests, a Los Angeles priest has quit the Jesuits over what he called efforts to suppress the results.

The validity of the survey — the results of which were published Aug. 20 in the Los Angeles Times — has been debated because of the possibility that bishops who oppose changing the church’s celibacy rule for priests may not have responded.

The survey was sent to 312 U.S. bishops by Father Terrance A. Sweeney, who left the Jesuits Aug. 15. Of the 145 who answered, 35 — 24.3 percent — said they approved of optional celibacy, but 109 said they would not approve and one did not answer the question.

The survey also found that only about 20 percent of those who responded would approve of asking married and resigned priests to return to active ministry. Only 30 percent would approve of ordaining women as priests.

Father Sweeney also sent the survey to 122 cardinals around the world but only 10 responded and he did not include them in his findings.

Later, after the refugee family arrived and made friends with the townspeople, opposition vanished, she said. "The refugee family accomplished what we ourselves couldn’t do."

Sister Kathleen Healy, a member of the Sisters of Mercy, discussed problems facing after its decision to offer sanctuary to a refugee family.

"The refugee family accomplished what we ourselves couldn’t do."

Sister Mary Ellen Foley, spokeswoman on sanctuary for the Sisters of Mercy, discussed problems

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WASHINGTON (NC) — A song promoting chastity has topped record charts in Latin America and the song’s promoters hope a follow-up record will succeed as well. “When We’re Together,” a duet developed by the Population Communication Services of the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in Baltimore, won No. 1 on Mexican song charts for three months, said Patrick Coleman, director of the project which produced the song.

The song, which was launched in January, was also a hit in several other Latin American nations, including Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Colombia.

A second song, “Wait,” was released in mid-August by the project. Coleman, in a telephone interview, said “that 11,000 copies of ‘When We’re Together’ were distributed free of charge by the project, which is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

The song, recorded by Latin American vocalist Tiziana Palacios and Johnny Lozada, became even more popular when it was sold commercially after Palacios’ agent asked if it could be included on an album which she released last February.

Father Edward Bryce, head of the U.S. bishops’ Office for Pro-Life Activities in Washington, said he was not surprised by the popularity of the song and said that he wished he had the resources to do something similar. “The program probably could be done” in the United States, he added, “with the right stars.”

“There’s a tremendous interest in the chastity programs that have started up recently in this country,” he said. Last year someone started to pass out buttons which said “no” and had requests for thousands of them from all over the nation, he added.

Mergy Sister Maureen Joyce, a member of the New York State Governor’s Task Force on Teen-Age Pregnancy, said that the songs address a significant problem in today’s society. “When you talk to teens, they’ll say that all their friends tell them to be sexually active and make them feel that if they’re not, there’s something wrong with them,” said Sister Joyce, who heads a program for teen-age pregnancy in the Diocese of Albany, N.Y. “They get that message from rock stars, the media, and their peers at a time when they’re sorting out their own identity.”

In Colombia, “When We’re Together” has sold over 200,000 copies, well beyond platinum record status in Latin America.

“The development and promotion of the songs are part of a more than 2-year-old project to reach Latin American youths with a positive message about sexuality, including the idea that “it’s all right to say no,”’ Coleman said.

The song was written to appeal to listeners in Latin America, Coleman said, but radio has carried the song even to the United States, where it has become popular among the Spanish-speaking population.

French cardinal says U.S. is ‘most religious’ society

PARIS (NC) — U.S. Catholics have “an impressive zeal for the propagation of the Faith” and are “in the front line” facing the challenges confronting Americans, said Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger of Paris.

“Today of all Western societies, it seems to me that the United States is the most religious,” the cardinal said in an article for the Paris-based daily, Le Monde. “I say ‘the most religious,’ I do not say ‘the most faithful to the demands of Christianity.’

Cardinal Lustiger, who visited the United States April 26-May 10, said the country has been “less touched” than Europe by secularization because the Bible is “an integrating part of American culture.”

“Among us (French), Christianity takes its place among optional matters,” he said. “In the United States, it is the frame of reference for the nation, where the state is nonetheless separate from the churches.”

Religious practice is “indissolubly linked to the American way of life,” the cardinal said.

He added that in the United States, spiritual resources have not been exhausted “as in Europe by the crises of the intelligentsia.”

The cardinal said one of the challenges facing the United States was the “perhaps mythical” threat of Hispanics, “who refuse to learn English and who retain their way of life.” Because the Spanish-speaking minority is Catholic, the Catholic Church is involved in helping them “at the first rank,” he said.

Ecumenism in the United States is different from the movement in Europe, where history has made it “somewhat an international political affair,” the cardinal said.

In the United States, he said, “all religions are in a sense minorities inside a single nation. They live together in the same space, on a footing of equality and in a spirit of competitive emulation.”

“The United States is thus a remarkable laboratory where one can already try out the answers of tomorrow to the problems which present themselves today in the rest of the world,” he said.

Chastity song is a big hit in Latin America

The songs -- "When We're Together" and "Wait" -- are part of a project to reach Latin American youths with a positive message about sexuality, including the idea that "it's all right to say no."
Pope: Sin cannot be ignored

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II told a weekly general audience that sin is a reality that "belongs to man and his history" and cannot be ignored or explained away.

"Sin belongs to man and his history. One would seek in vain to ignore that..."

The pope warned that modern men and women risk misunderstanding the significance of sin when they fail to see it as the rejection of God.

The "insane gesture" of acting against one's own conscience, he said, "acquires its full negative meaning only if seen against the background of the relationship between man and God."

The pope spoke to about 10,000 people in St. Peter's Square Sept. 3. He has used the audience talks to expound on the creed, and a week earlier he began a series of talks on sin.

"Sin belongs to man and his history. One would seek in vain to ignore that or to give to this dark reality other names and other interpretations," the pope said. Sin, in fact, becomes "ever more burdensome when we try to obscure its reality," he said.

During his talk, the pope also greeted U.S. seminarians from Rome's North American College. He said their vocation to the priesthood should be considered a "gift from the Lord."

"It is he who calls you and it is he who will show you the way. Your studies, your prayer, your life in community are intended to bring you to an ever deeper knowledge and love of our Savior," he said.

The pope later greeted individuals and groups in the square, including 31 Buddhist nuns visiting from Japan.
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adequately to conditions that prompt our people, aiming in desperation, to accept teachings contrary to those of their hearts and their forefathers.

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We have our work cut out for us! Please pray that the Synod will bring rich blessings to the Archdiocese as we strain to reach the true spiritual greatness of which we are capable. Devotedly yours in Christ.

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Archbishop of Miami

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prayerfully discern where we as Church can and should change and where, to be true to the Holy Spirit and His Church, our people need to change.

We need to reflect what have been the results in family breakdowns, crime in society, etc., that have resulted from ignoring the commandments and the teachings of the Church. We need to review our effectiveness as families, parishes and schools in teaching and supporting the authentic faith.

We need to ask too, how effective we are in helping our people cope with the impact of modern day secularism. We need to realize that the Community of Faith can be under attack from subtle, almost imperceptible forces that can be as deadly as the words and machine guns that have struck in Cuba and Russia.

We need also to ask ourselves soberly whether we are responding

New home
St. Lazarus parish in Hialeah recently dedicated a new parish hall, one that will eliminate the need for parishioners to gather in vacant buildings and closed movie theaters to celebrate Sunday Mass. The parish, named after the friend of Jesus whom He raised from the dead, was begun four years ago and its pastor is Father Pedro Luis Perez (lower photo, with Archishop McCarthy). The Mediterranean style building, with brick roof and creamy white walls, cost more than $700,000, and Father Perez says most of that came in the form of small contributions from the mostly working-class parishioners. The true St. Lazarus, the one venerated by the Church, is Mary and Martha’s brother, not the poor man with sores mentioned by Jesus in one of His parables. (La Voz photo/Ligia Guillen)

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Money woes
Many Archdiocesan schools struggling to make ends meet

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

The children are back now. The money problem never left. As nearly 30,000 students returned to the Archdiocese of Miami's 65 elementary and secondary schools last week, principals and pastors renewed what has become an annual struggle, the battle against rising costs and shrinking funds.

Sometimes, says Richard Heiens, director of the Archdiocesan Education Foundation (AEF), defeat can be measured in "nuts and bolts." For example:
- Burdines department stores has offered to donate the carpeting needed by two economically-disadvantaged schools. But the schools can't afford the vacuum cleaners to clean them. Cost: $500 per industrial-sized unit.
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Doral needs a new adding machine, because the old one got stolen. Although it's a fairly regular occurrence, the school can't afford a security system to keep that from happening.
- "We're getting down to the nuts and bolts. We need help." The principal remains a source of income forever. The Archdiocese of Miami is one of only five dioceses in the United States that have such an endowment.

The Archdiocesan Education Foundation is trying to help. Founded in 1983, AEF's mission is to raise enough money to guarantee the future of Catholic schools in South Florida, especially those in the inner cities.

The money is invested and the interest earned is used to pay the bills, so the principal remains a source of income forever. The Archdiocese of Miami is one of only five dioceses in the United States that have such an endowment fund for their schools.

Currently, about $2.2 million is invested in AEF, an increase of $1 million since last February. That's good, but insignificant in comparison to what other dioceses have collected, Heiens said.

"We're getting down to the nuts and bolts. We need help." It's just been more difficult explained. "It's just been more difficult

Richard Heiens, director,
Archdiocesan Education Foundation

Back to School

Legal classroom
About 600 needy children in Catholic schools will receive extra help in reading and math this year inside converted mobile homes such as this one, parked outside Little Flower School in Hollywood. The Archdiocese of Miami, working with the Dade and Broward Public School Boards, decided the vans were the best way to provide remedial education to parochial school students without violating the so-called "wall of separation" between Church and state. The Supreme Court ruled last year that teachers in the federally subsidized Title 1 program could not conduct classes inside Church-owned facilities. The vans are owned by a private corporation, the Maryland-based Non-Public Education Services Inc. (NESI), which contracts with the local school boards and hires the teachers. To meet the exact requirements of the law, the vans conduct the classes outside Church property, so they park on the curbside near the schools.

Twenty-five schools in the Archdiocese qualify for the Title 1 program. Pictured, from left: Descon William Watkins, principal of Little Flower School; Sister Francis Leo, coordinator of Title 1 for the Archdiocesan Department of Schools; Marcia Thomas, Title 1 instruction aide; and Margaret Guida, Title 1 teacher and contact person in the Broward area. (Voice photo/Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

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By Betsy Kennedy  
Voice Staff Writer

Imagine a group of almost 600 kids who are glad that summer’s over...because they’re looking forward to going back to school.

Impossible you say? The collective dream of disgruntled mothers?

No...it really happens every year at St. Rose of Lima in Miami Shores, a parish school special enough to be loved by its students, but to be selected as one of the best elementary schools in the nation by the U.S. Department of Education.

St. Rose of Lima was among 210 public and 60 private schools nationwide to receive the annual award for excellence in education. Only 34 Catholic schools were selected. In previous years, only secondary schools were invited to compete. This is the first time elementary schools were included.

(Year lost to formatting)

Sister Anne Bernard, St. Rose’s principal, is delighted at the news and is already making plans for her trip to Washington on Sept. 12, when she will accept the award presented by Department of Education Secretary William Bennett — and perhaps President Reagan himself.

“Take me or catch the spirit here...it’s what makes us special,” explains the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters who has a non-nonsense demeanor softened by keen sense of humor.

By spills, Sister Bernard doesn’t mean the kind that permeates pep rallies and football games. She expanded on it more formally in her report to the Department of Education.

“We base our goals and philosophy on a three-fold purpose within the educational ministry — to develop the faith community, to proclaim the Gospel message and to render service to the people of God.”

When two Department of Education committee members came to visit St. Rose after receiving her report — which included details on the school’s operational procedures, budget, philosophy and growth record — they apparently spent enough time in the classrooms to understand the spirit Sister Bernard was talking about.

While the amount of creative energy he witnessed during May, a time when students witness to travel plans...

The criteria for selecting the best elementary schools was a complicated one, but two important qualities the judges were looking for were the growth rates (measured by test scores and grade point averages) of students who attend consecutively through the years, and the effectiveness of new programs initiated by the administration.

At St. Rose, explained Sister Bernard, a number of new programs have been implemented in just the last five years which are proving successful.

An after-school care program sponsored by the Administration of Education Secretary William Bennett was one of the programs initiated by the administration.

Recently, teachers received new guidelines in the realm of disciplining students. An expert on the subject was brought in from Atlanta to conduct the training, and her suggestions already are being put into practice.

Good discipline is just as essential as good grammar at St. Rose of Lima.

“We make the children aware that Christ is present in everyone. We teach them to respect the dignity and liberty of others. We teach them to control their tempers....In order to have peace in the world they are first going to have to learn how to settle a dispute in their own backyard,” said Sister Bernard.

And the St. Rose peace plan seems to be more successful than Salt II.

“Once child came up to me after losing his temper with another student. He said he had counted to ten, was feeling better and just wanted to let me know,” said Sister Bernard.

Children in St. Rose of Lima’s after-school care program (above) seem intent on accomplishing a project. The program is run by parents and teachers who care for the students until working parents can pick them up, as late as 6 p.m. Left, Sister Anne Bernard, principal, helps eighth-grader Jonas Lorzano look for a dress in the dictionary. Below, two students seem eager to start an art project. St. Rose was one of 60 private elementary schools in the nation cited for excellence in education this year by the U.S. Department of Education. Sister Bernard will travel to Washington, D.C. next week to receive the award, perhaps from President Reagan himself. (Voice photos/Betsy Kennedy)

At the beginning of the school year, St. Rose distributes a handbook on the school’s philosophy so that parents will know just what to expect. And so they can participate fully in the religious environment, each grade’s religion course book contains material and activities which enable parents and students to work hand in hand in their spiritual growth.

“In any grade where a child receives a sacrament we meet with parents four to six times a year,” added Sister Bernard.

“Is this a school we’re proud of...”

Our motto is “St. Rose is a good place to grow,” concluded the sister, smiling, as she displayed the stationary, T-shirts and buttons imprinted with those words. They serve as visible reminders of an intangible, but very real spirit at St. Rose.
Back to School

First-day jitters

You really can't blame first-grader Gabriel Morales (left) for being scared. After all, it's his first day of school, and it's the school's first day, too. But really, there's no need to worry. Sister Carol Koester, first principal at the new Our Lady of the Lakes School in Miami Lakes, will be around all day, ready to give a pat on the back and a comforting word to Gabriel and others like him. Although the new school building won't be completed until sometime this month, Our Lady of the Lakes elementary opened right on schedule last week, with its two Kindergarten, one first grade and one second grade classes meeting in a partitioned parish hall. The school's enrollment now is close to 120, and it plans to add a new grade, until the 8th, each coming year. Above, first-grade teacher Linda Radkiewicz welcomes a student. (Voice photos/Ana Rodriguez-Soto)

Annunciation marks 25th

Has lots to celebrate, including rising enrollment

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

It's a little place tucked into a corner of west Hollywood, just north of the county line. But Annunciation School has a lot of spirit, and it's going to let it loose this year, to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

After all, there's much to celebrate about the past and plenty to carry into the future: a refurbished physical plant, increasing enrollment, a new principal and Religious to staff the school and, oh yes, the sons and daughters of alumni returning to walk in their parents' footsteps.

Events which are all the more remarkable because, only a couple of years ago, Annunciation School was in danger of closing. Instead, the Archdiocese consolidated it with nearby St. Matthew's, and the resurgence has been slow but steady.

"We're ushering in a new era," said Sister Josephine Sherry, the new principal and the first Religious to head the school in nine years. A series of dedicated lay principals had run the school after the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who founded it in 1961, could no longer staff it. The sisters still staff nearby Madonna Academy.

Sister Josephine, an Irish Sister of Mercy, came to Annunciation in 1985 after completing 11 years as principal at Immaculate Conception School in Hialeah. Her sabbatical year as coordinator of parish activities has stretched into an "open-ended" commitment to the school, and Father Michael Quilligan, pastor, deserves part of the credit for that.

"I have no doubt that under the administration of the School Sisters of Mercy the school will grow and prosper," said the Irish priest, whose laugh is as evident as his accent.

"Just as there were challenges 25 years ago, in terms of construction and building, I think now the challenge is to provide a quality Catholic education, one that will attract parents and families to the school," Fr. Quilligan said.

He, along with parishioners and faculty, credit the School Sisters of Notre Dame with giving the school the solid foundation that has enabled it to reach its silver anniversary.

"They worked hard and built hard...and you could see the Christian ideal going through everything," said Margaret DiVittorio, who should know because she has spent the past 24 years here, the last 19 of them as Kindergarten teacher.

But DiVittorio also credits parishioners because — whether they had children attending it or not — they have "always been supportive of the school. I think that means an awful lot."

"Financially, it's a struggle [to run the school], for the parents and for the parish," said Sister Josephine. "But I see great hope for the future, a renewed spirit. That gives me hope and enthusiasm."

The 25th anniversary celebration will take place the week of Nov. 1-9, culminating with a dinner-dance for alumni on Saturday, Nov. 8 and a family outing on Sunday, Nov. 9. Annunciation alumni should contact Pat (McGee) Daher at 653-0706; Bud Calhoun, 983-2688; or the parish, 989-0606, for reservations and information.

Sister Josephine Sherry, new principal at Annunciation, comforts a reluctant student on the first day of school. (Voice photo/Ana Rodriguez-Soto)
Welcome back

Students, faculty and staff of Msgr. Edward Pace High School in Opa-Locka opened the new year with a school-wide Mass (above), concelebrated in the gym by Archbishop Edward McCarthy and members of the Augustinian order who run the school. Father Patrick O'Shea, right, the school's new spiritual director, preached the homily. Pace High has a brand new principal this year, Brother John Krol, and the Mass capped a year-long celebration of the school's 25th anniversary. The Augustinian order which took over the day-to-day running of the school last year is the same one which staffs St. Thomas University, a convenient arrangement since both schools sit next-door to each other in northwest Dade County. (Voice photos/Betsy Kennedy)

New faces

The new school year brings two new faces to the Archdiocesan Department of Schools: Maureen Huntington (standing, left) begins work as Elementary School Coordinator, in charge of curriculum and testing throughout the Archdiocese. For the past three years, Huntington served as principal at St. John Neumann School in Kendall, and before that she taught at St. Joseph School in Stuart, now the Diocese of Palm Beach. Huntington's priority this year will be to revise the religion curriculum of the elementary schools to make it more compatible with the parish's religious education programs. She also plans to begin implementing a computer curriculum.

Working beside her, also as Elementary School Coordinator, is Sister Anne Claytor (seated), a Sister of Charity from Convent Station, NJ. Sister Claytor, who is new to South Florida, has served as elementary school principal and taught college courses in elementary and early childhood education. She holds a doctorate in curriculum theory and development and will coordinate the early childhood and pre-Kindergarten programs throughout the Archdiocese.

The third elementary school coordinator in the Archdiocese is Sister Francis Leo Brown, OSF, who has been on the job for six years. Her duties include coordinating the federal Title 1 program, which provides remedial help in reading and math to needy students in 25 Archdiocesan schools.

Money woes

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random telephone survey was commissioned by the Archdiocese as part of the three-year Synod process. (The Voice, Aug. 22, 1986).

"There are large numbers of students we're not reaching now because of that [financial] barrier," Sister Marie Danielle said. "It's certainly something we have to take very seriously.

"People still do not know that the need is so great," Heiens said. A dollar helps, and so do $10, and so do boats and houses, which can be sold, and insurance policies and wills.

"We need to build up our unrestricted fund up to $1 million as soon as possible. That will relieve some of the pressure," he said.

And he stressed that AEF is not simply asking for a hand-out. "We need people to realize that they have an opportunity to invest in Catholic education... We're offering them something they can participate in and be proud of. The education they got -- let's provide it for other people who are less fortunate:"

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When all you've ever wanted isn't enough

"You don't become happy by pursuing happiness. You become happy by living a life that means something" - Rabbi Harold Kushner

Rabbi Harold Kushner

It has all gone Chris Evert Lloyd's way, ever since she was a little girl. A tennis champion even as a teenager, she captured the heart of an adoring public, a public that admired the grace with which she lost as much as the skill with which she won. The championships became less automatic as the years went on, but there were compensations almost beyond number: a townhouse in England, a condo in California, a four-bedroom beach house in Florida, commercial endorsements, all the perks that come with star quality. In a phrase, she had it made. Right?

Well, no.

"I've had enormous success," she said recently, "but you have to find your own happiness and peace. You can't find it in other things and other people. I'm still searching." She offered that reflection in a recent Life magazine article, one that revealed how desperate her search has been. She has tried separation and divorce. This new book is aimed directly to the search that apparently occupies Chris Evert Lloyd. Perhaps his answers are not precisely the ones she is looking for, but they are the words of a sympathetic rabbi who has demonstrated an ability to deal with the problems of others. She would probably benefit by listening to them. And so, for that matter, would more ordinary people.

Kushner comforted millions of people with an earlier book, When Bad Things Happen to Good People, which grew from the death of his own 14-year-old son from an incurable illness. This new book is aimed less at comforting readers than it is at redirecting them, urging them to a greater concern for others, and to a fuller appreciation of the things that really matter in life. He goes about it patiently and plainly, with a measure of wit and an abundant supply of common sense.

He's not a therapist, he admits, but he says he's able to offer people something a therapist cannot: "a definition of right and wrong living, a freedom to judge their actions and tell them something is wrong, morally wrong, not just dysfunctional, and that another course of action would be better."

For one thing, Kushner points out, the way Americans go about pursuing happiness—exercising that right guaranteed them in the Declaration of Independence—is all wrong. "You don't become happy by pursuing happiness. You become happy by living a life that means something. . . . I suspect that the happiest people you know are the ones who work at being kind, helpful, and reliable; and happiness sneaks into their lives while they are busy doing these things."

Many forces work against that kind of thinking, Kushner concedes, including society itself. For the most part, he says, the achievements that society rewards—be they the top to the top stardom in the worlds of entertainment or athletics—are costly to genuine personal growth.

That thought leads him to take a well-deserved jab at the spate of "looking out for number one" books, those that argue that the key to success is the ability to take advantage of the weakness of others. It's not just that he opposes that philosophy on moral grounds, but he says that it doesn't work: "Take advantage of other people, use people, be suspicious of everyone, and you are liable to be so successful that you will end up far ahead of everyone else, looking down on them with scorn. And then where will you be? You will be all alone." He pitches his message in a special way, but not exclusively, to the baby-boomer "Me Generation," the vanguard of which is now approaching the early years of middle age. The problem, he says, is that this generation was given so many choices, and so few guidelines for making them. He also manages to sneak in a gag about the "New Morality" identified with this age group, citing the story of a Texas legislator who was railing against the apparent spread of sexual excess. "There are three things wrong with this so-called New Morality," he said. "It violates the laws of God. It violates the laws of Texas. And I'm too old to take advantage of it."

More seriously, Kushner is concerned about the no-commitment philosophy that the New Morality promotes. He warns that a generation—or an individual—convinced that happiness means having no one to answer to will never find it. "The theme that runs through When All You Ever Wanted Isn't Enough is that of the Book of Ecclesiastes—in Kushner's view, the most dangerous as well as the most unusual book in the Bible. Ecclesiastes, he says, is a man afraid of dying before he has learned how to live, a man who searches in desperation for answers that he ultimately realizes might be beyond his understanding. It is a pattern, he concludes, that might apply to many of us.

The book makes some points that not all readers are going to agree with. As he once said, the quest for wealth and power and its effect on people, for example, Kushner describes the lonely last days of two American millionaires, Lloyd B. Johnson and Howard Hughes. Both, he says, were "experts at manipulating people to do their will, masters of the art of exercising power," and both ended up surrounded by a few hired hands, "wondering why so few people loved them." To liken the two men is one thing; to equate them is another. Historians can make a strong case for the argument that his failures notwithstanding, L.B.J. strove in many ways to improve the lives of poor Americans. One wonders if Kushner would say the same about Hughes.

On a more fundamental level, Catholics and other Christians will be uncomfortable with Kushner's implication that to seek "the Big Answer to the Big Question" is ultimately futile. "There is No Answer," says the rabbi, "there are answers: love and the joy of working, and the simple pleasures of fresh food and clothes, the little things that tend to get lost and trampled in the search for the Grand Solution to the Problem of Life and emerge, like the proverbial bluebird of happiness, only when we have stopped searching."

Does an objection to that draw too fine a line? Maybe. This is not, after all, a theological dissertation. This is not a book for a Catholic audience, or Jewish readers, or any other group, religious or otherwise. It is instead a warm and gentle discourse designed to help anyone still involved in the search for life's meaning. Readers who believe they already know where to find the answer—or the answer—will nevertheless benefit from the lessons this wise rabbi teaches. [Reprinted from Sept. ’86 U.S. Catholic, a Church publication.]
Education liberty not in America

By Fr. Virgil C. Blum, S.J.

When liberty is not defended, it ceases to be a liberty. This simple truth applies equally to civil rights and parental rights in education. For more than a hundred years the education-liberty of parents has not been defended, and parents have no education-liberty in spite of the First Amendment.

The phrases of the Fourteenth Amendment promised liberty to every American black. Yet the scourges of segregation and discrimination meant that, for all practical purposes, blacks were not yet free. They enjoyed liberty on paper but lived as second-class citizens.

Finally, blacks in America accepted the challenge of the Constitution. They vowed to win the liberty guaranteed them in the Fourteenth Amendment. Black leaders emerged and organized millions of blacks into national and local civil rights organizations. Their spokesmen appeared on radio, television and platforms. They sent emissaries into classrooms, churches, racist shops and stores. With hundreds of thousands of followers, they marched in the streets, demanding liberty and equality. They eloquently preached the gospel of liberty. But there was no liberty for their children in public schools.

We have no Christian and Jewish leaders who preach the gospel of liberty to convince their fellow citizens that the denial of liberty in education is unjust, un-Christian, un-American and unconstitutional.

In a word process — as is their right and duty — to win recognition of their constitutional liberty. Today, long delayed them under the Constitution, though they still have a long way to go.

Yet, we Protestant, Catholic and Jewish parents who believe in education-liberty have never accepted the challenge of the Constitution. We have never vowed to win the liberty guaranteed us by the First Amendment.

We in America, on the other hand, have yet to convince our fellow citizens that the denial of liberty for education for all black citizens is unjust and un-Christian, un-American and unconstitutional.

We have no Christian and Jewish leaders in America who have organized hundreds of thousands of parents and liberty-minded citizens to march in the streets — as they did in France and Belgium — demanding liberty and equality. They eloquently preached the gospel of liberty.

We urge CBS to investigate the lives of Dr. Bernard L. Nathanson and Dr. John Weidman of the National Abortion Rights Action League. They have done more than any other similar leaders to convince their fellow citizens that the denial of liberty in education is unjust and un-Christian, un-American and unconstitutional.

Editor; Virginia McCall's article of July 19, 1986, was not an abortion clinic. We applaud CBS and hope that it will continue investigating abortion clinics. Why have no headlines about the hundreds of thousands of babies born alive and still legalized abortion, but not in America due to the 14th Amendment?

In a word, we have refused to use the democratic process — as is our right and duty — to win recognition of the education-liberty guaranteed us by the Constitution.

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Tragedy's teachings

By Fr. John Catoir

"special person if he accepted the gold flag for $65 annually. The dacon had the wisdom and insight to be outraged at this subtle example of shabby values. But so many people have grown so accustomed to the way society values material wealth that they don't notice how outrageous it can be. They believe that experience something that causes them to make some choices about what they value. I remember a woman who had an important job in New York City. Something about her was a very unusual—a peacefulness and kindness seemed to emanate from her. I asked her what it was. "When I was young, I thought I was going to be straight to the top," she said. "All that mattered was that I displayed my own brilliance to the world. Then something went wrong...I fell madly in love with my sister's husband."

She explained that she realized that pursuing her desires would cause "untold sorrow and disruption." So, instead, she chose to live with her secret grief, to hide it always and to love them both.

The result, as she tells it, is through the years "this pain taught me about life. I know that what matters isn't brilliance but only goodness."

The point is that kind of teacher. It presents us with the opportunity to choose the real values we will live by and to remember the spiritual values Jesus communicated so clearly.

Time capsules

By Frank Morgan

St. Lawrence's heroic death

As he neared death, St. Lawrence began to pray for the emperor and the people of Rome, and thus he died.

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The wedding ring is usually worn on the third finger of the left hand because people think that a vein in that finger led directly to the heart.

The bride of today still suffers her lack if she were "something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue and a lucky stucco in her shoe."

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The Tarantella is a hairy spider who gets who gets its name from the wolf spiders that bite in southern Italy. The people there believed that the best cure for a tarantula bite, which is more dangerous than the sting of a bee, was to do a lively Italian folk dance that became known as the Tarantella.

St. Lawrence, who gave his name to a country in Canada, was born in Spain in the third century. As a young man, he travelled to Rome and served under Pope Sixtus II as his chief deacon. His work consisted of taking care of the Church's valuable vessels and vestments and distributing food and money to the needy in Rome.

On the day of his death, Lawrence was beheaded before Emperor Valerian and ordered to produce the riches of the Church. Lawrence replied,"If you give me three days, I will bring you the treasures of the Church."

Three days later Lawrence brought into the Emperor's court an empty vessel, the Cupricara, diapers and other outcasts of society that he could find. Lawrence told the Emperor, "I have kept my word, all the treasures of the Church are in my possession."

He had Lawrence stretched out over an iron grid with a fire beneath so that he would burn to death as slowly as possible. But Lawrence's sense of humor didn't desert him even then. At one point he called out to his executioner, "I'm roasted on this side. To be evenly done, you should turn me over."
My son doesn't like school

Dear Dr. Kenny: My son, who is 10, has always been reasonably happy in school and does average-good school work. Near the end of last school year (fourth grade), he began saying he didn’t want to go to school. It was difficult to get him going each morning.

Now as we start talking about fifth grade in the fall, he again says he doesn’t like school. How can I find out what is wrong and how can I get him to go to school willingly? (Florida)

I agree with you. It would be helpful to know what is bringing on this change. Do his eyes look more harried than this cool collected Crocker when they’re cooking? They may rescue General Mills sisters. She’s one to be reckoned with.

Feeling always is hard to understand, even our own, but especially the other person’s. Language has teaching your son in fifth grade. Arrange for you and your son to meet him or her before school starts.

If he is in the process of being bullied or teased, you may want to try some role playing with him so he can practice handling meaness. Let him play the bully and

put yourself in his place and try to understand the feelings.

By

Dr. James and Mary Kenny

If we’re going to have a new Betty Crocker, let’s make her honest.

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If we’re going to have a new Betty Crocker, let’s make her honest. Let’s show her fatigue at being expected to be a corporate manager and homemaker simultaneously. Presenting us with a calm controlled facade. One that always comes up in the perfume commercials that finds an attractive mother bouncing into the home with her briefcase at the end of a day in corporate America.

In the next scene she dons a designer apron and prepares a gourmet meal. After dinner, she wears a lounging outfit as she cuddles and reads to her children. In the final scene, she is clad in a gorgeous negligee, pulls the corset off of her upswest braids and lets beautiful hair cascade down as she and her husband eye each other flirtatiously. Pure fiction.

My second question is when are we going to find a Bobby Crocker on the box? According to General Mills, Betty’s parent company, 30%-of men do at least some of the cooking, so why not a logo featuring this male counterpart?

It’s interesting to study the photos. While clothing and hair style differences are evident, the most striking change lies in the eyes. The new Betty doesn’t have the passive and agreeable expressions of her earlier sisters. She’s one to be reckoned with.

Betty Crocker is an inevitability in advertising. But the story raised two questions in my mind. First, few women look like her in their television commercials. They may rescue General Motors during the day but when they’re home at the stove they’re thin and rushed.

The careless casual hands is disheveled. They’ve thrust aside the power suit for a shirt and jeans. Their eyes are more harried than this cool collected Crocker because their children are asking what’s for dinner and

By

Dolores Curran

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In recent years we’ve seen pictures of women on products formerly considered men’s spheres: lawn, automotive and repair products. Subtly, we’re told we should be capable of using these products, too. In other words, we should add men’s chores to our house and work responsibilities.

Okay, but let’s expand it the other way too, having men cooking and cleaning in TV ads and putting men and children on the Betty Crocker boxes.

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By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

First came the Lord, then the music, then the records. Now Roger and Paul are taking their ministry on TV. The South Florida duo -- Roger Grenier and Paul Lambert -- have been tapped by Mother Angelica, founder of the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN), to host a series to be broadcast on cable stations nationwide.

"Words and Music with Roger and Paul" is a "combination of teaching, music and prayer" revolving around a particular topic, said Paul, director of music at St. Louis parish in Kendall. Roger is director of music at St. Catherine of Sienna parish in Hollywood.

Four shows have been taped so far, dealing with dreams, miracles, faith and time. The first two -- on dreams and miracles -- will air on Sept. 10 and Sept. 17 respectively, from 10-10:30 p.m., on all cable stations which carry EWTV. (In Miami, EWTV can be seen on Americable Channel 26. Call 394-7531.)

"We see this show as a beginning of a broadening of our ministry from strictly music to a ministry in word and song," said Paul, who will be ordained a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Miami next May.

Mr. MacNeil will permit Paul to preach at parish liturgies, something that "has been kind of our vision for a number of years. With ordination and with Mother Angelica asking us to do this [show], it's like coming to fruition," he said.

Roger and Paul's ministry includes live concerts, three record albums in six years and, more recently, leading parish missions and retreats.

While television is the culmination of many performers' dreams, the path to fame and fortune, Roger and Paul are excited about their new series for other reasons.

[Fame] is not what we're looking for," said Paul. "We're not trying to 'make it.' We're just seeking more and more opportunities where we can minister God's word.

Anyone interested in having Roger and Paul perform or conduct a parish mission should call 253-8268 in Dade.
Catechetical Day slated for Sept. 20 at Knolte

Catechetical Day '86 is scheduled for Sept. 20 at the Ritz Hotel in Miami Beach with Sr. Jeanne O'Laughlin, Barry University President, as its keynote speaker. Sr. Jeanne has written extensively for scholarly journals and university publications, and will speak at 9:30 a.m. after 8:15 registration and exhibits.

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Our Lady of Charity Mass to be celebrated

Thousands of Latin and Anglo South Floridians will unite for the 25th annual celebration of the feasts of Our Lady of Charity, patroness of Cuba, and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin during a combined Mass scheduled for 8 p.m. Sept. 8 at the Marine Stadium on Key Biscayne.

Sister Mary Augusta Kuester, F.S.C., director of the Haitian Catholic Center, will return to the U.S. to serve in the Oblates' Foreign Missions office in Paris. In lieu of flowers, it was requested what is now the U.S. at St. Augustine in 1565.

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Seek support in other parents

By Neil Parent
NC News Service

When I was a theology student in the mid-1960s, I used to regularly visit a group of couples who gathered every other week for study, prayer and socializing. They began to meet in the closing days of the Second Vatican Council to discuss the meaning of the many changes that were occurring in the church.

Most of their children were small at the time but they would join us frequently for group outings, home liturgies and the like. As a result, I got to know each family fairly well. Eventually our paths parted and we lost contact with one another.

Recently, however, one of the women from the group and I happened to see each other while attending the same meeting. Thrifty for news of the families, I pumped her with many questions.

Her story was one that could easily have been the subject of a TV series. All the ingredients were there: joy and sorrow, love and failure, hope and frustration.

I learned that each family, almost without exception, had experienced its share of ups and downs. Most of the adults seemed to have weathed the years quite well, though a few were now experiencing some serious health problems. A fair number of the children had gone on to achieve advanced degrees and were working professionally.

Others, however, somehow along the line had run into serious problems. One succumbed to drugs and eventually took his own life.

Another had gone astray of the law. Still another had serious emotional problems.

That brief conversation once again confirmed for me just how complex and uncertain family life is. Regardless of our social or economic status or the nature of our family, none of us lives a carefree life. We all experience heartaches as well as delights. All struggle to work things out to the best of our abilities.

In a way, family is a kind of microcosm in which many of the same basic themes are played out: love and commitment, authority and independence, communication and decision making, values and lifestyle. The particulars may vary but the issues are fairly much the same.

When these issues and themes are dealt with in ways that nourish authentic human becoming, that stress understanding and forgiveness, that foster love and companionship, then we have essentially what the Second Vatican Council referred to as a "domestic church," that is, a familial community where God's redemptive love is mediated in the very fabric of daily life.

This is a fabric, however, that is colored with the unexpected.

I thought that our marriage would last forever; it didn't. I anticipated that one of our more difficult children would end up a failure; she surpasses the others.

We struggled through the bitter disappointments of not being able to have our own children; we later discovered unforseen joys in adoption.

Family life is like that: its lines are not perfectly neat nor does it easily conform to the ideal picture sometimes presented in TV programs, where things always seem to work out in the end.

In today's world, with all of the isolation that it seems to breed, there may be the tendency for us to view our own problems, particularly the unexpected disappointments, as unique or more serious than those of other families. Our problems can so grip our minds and hearts that we are thereby blinded from seeing that others have problems too.

But by being in some kind of contact with other families, we can gain a broader vision of family life that is helpful. And we can experience a love and support that will strengthen us during the more challenging times.

For these reasons, many families today are gathering on a regular basis, either on their own or through church auspices. My own family, for example, has been meeting with three other families for the past three years.

As first, we gathered to supplement the religious education of our children. Now we do so because we have discovered a value that none of us wants to lose. We have discovered the growth that can occur in all of us - adults and children alike - when we share life's journey in the enriching context of Christian faith.

Thinking it over

Parents must choose home lessons carefully

For most people, the family is the first and most important school for life. It is also in the home that children learn their first lessons about what it means to be Christian and who God is.

What's more, through life at home family members have an opportunity to learn something about what compassion, forgiveness, love and generosity mean in practice - vital qualities for Christian living.

But such learning won't necessarily occur through happenstance, at least not not to the degree many parents desire. Often it is through the choices that parents create a home atmosphere in which their most profound convictions come alive for children.

One couple, after careful consideration of the values they wanted for their children, made the decision to welcome foster infants into their home. They were responding to a plea for temporary foster homes in a church bulletin.

Several years later, that family ceptimes to make their home a house for foster infants, even though doing so requires a great deal of cooperation and work by all family members.

The experience has been beneficial beyond expectations.

Scritptures

Grumbling in the desert

Reflections on the Book of Numbers, 21: 4-9

Readings for Sunday, Sept. 14

As once God sent his healing power to rescue his people, by having Moses "lift up" a brass serpent (first reading, Numbers 21: 4-9), so did he send salvation in the coming to earth of his only Son, who would be "lifted up" on a cross, and lifted up to the glory he had before the world began (Gospel reading, John 3:14-21). Confused and frightened, Moses "lifted up" and gave "a name above every other name" (second reading, Philippians 2: 6-11).

Introduction

When George Washington made his farewell address in 1796, he left this maxim to guide the nation: "I hold no less applicable to public than to private affairs that honesty is the best policy." He borrowed the familiar quotation about honesty from Cervantes' "Don Quixote." He could as easily have discovered it on his own simply by reading the Book of Numbers.

Background

Numbers traces the wilderness journeys of Israel. Two themes emerge strongly in one reads. The first is the guiding presence of God. "They called to him in their need, and he answered their cry and their needs. He, it was, who journeyed with them and graciously assisted them."

The second theme, however, is quite negative in tone. The sojourn between Egypt and the Promised Land was marked by constant murmuring, not only against Moses but against God! One simple statement sums it all up: "The Israelites contended against the Lord . . . and he
Happy families

What's the glue that holds them together?

By Katharine Bird
NC News Service

Happy homes are not all alike, despite Russian novelist Leo Tolstoy's famous comment to the contrary in the novel "Anna Karenina." How happy a particular family is depends on what the people involved expect and want, and how much work they are willing to put into making home life alive and well.

Clinical psychologist Joseph Schwab describes a happy home as one "where members all respect each other and are willing to work toward solutions of problems, where everyone's intentions are toward tranquility and harmony." A husband and father, Schwab is in private practice in South Bend, Ind.

For counselor Virginia Cienierite, a happy home depends on having "the will to extend oneself for the purpose of nurturing one's own and another's growth." She was quoting from bestselling author M. Scott Peck during an interview in Dallas, Texas, where she specializes in marriage and family counseling.

"It takes time and energy and ongoing education on what a relationship is and how it works" to keep family life running smoothly, said Cienierite, who is a single parent of adult children. "Ideally, a good family is balanced," with members recognizing that priority has to be established in relationships.

In Cienierite's experience, the primary relationship should be between the husband and wife. Next comes the parents' relationship with their children and finally the family's relationship with the church and city community.

Too often, she said, a husband and wife with growing children and busy careers are so distracted with responsibilities that they pay too little attention to their needs as a couple. This can spell trouble, especially when the children become more independent and the couple is left to relate once again on a one-to-one basis.

"Commitment is the cement" of family life, Cienierite added. It helps people develop a "truly spiritual, mature, genuine love." With commitment, people have the wherewithal to struggle "with issues, feelings, thoughts and the need to forgive each other" through a lifetime of ups and downs.

For Schwab, commitment means more than just "being willing to stick with a spouse and family." It also means being willing to "bring to the surface hurts, with the belief that family members care for each other and will help each other."

"There's no such thing as a family that's problem-free," Schwab said. "What makes for a good family is one with good tools for solving the problems that life dishes up for them."

For him, along with commitment, two other tools are indispensable for harmonious family living: communication and conflict resolution.

Conflict resolution involves developing listening skills and attitudinal skills, he continued. It includes "respecting another's dignity" and being willing to empathize with a different point of view while "standing where you stand."

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Disabled actors reach for fame

NEW YORK (NC) -- Producers of a national TV spot said they will use handicapped actors from a Jesuit brother's National Theater Workshop to show that people with disabilities are capable, well-rounded individuals who

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Filming was scheduled for July, with distribution to television stations planned for sometime in the fall.

Workshop participants will not be paid, but Brother Curry said that the recognition would help establish the workshop as a permanent agency.

Brother Curry, who was born without a right forearm, said he emphasizes to the handicapped that they must be realistic in accepting their disabilities, as well as facing the difficulties of making a career in the theater.

But, he said he established the workshop to give the handicapped professional training so they would be prepared whenever opportunities came.

He added that he hoped the presence of handicapped actors on stage would "change attitudes" among audiences.

Brother Curry, 43, born in Philadelphia, joined the Jesuits at 18. He got a master's degree in theater from New York University and taught high school and college. Then went to New York to get a doctorate in theater from New York University.

He said he hoped to supplement his income while in graduate school with television commercials, but was stunned to find directors would not let him audition.

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Brother Curry would first like to get directors to consider handicapped actors for portrayal of handicapped characters. But the long-range goal is to get them accepted for other roles as well.

That will require developing awareness also among theater owners, Brother Curry said. Even with new theaters built to be accessible for the handicapped to attend, he said, backstage facilities often remain inaccessible.

While most students probably will not be able to support themselves by acting, Brother Curry said that theater arts have " transfersable benefits."

One actor in his group, Bobbie Wailes, who had polio at 13 and now must use a wheelchair, said her only commercial success so far was $124 earned as an extra on one of the soap operas, appearing as a hospital patient.

However, she said she has found the training immensely valuable as a "confidence builder."

Last year, the Dole Foundation, established by Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, R-Kan., gave the workshop a $20,000 grant for a Marketplace Communications Skills Program.

Like Brother Curry, Senator Dole has a handicapped right arm from a war wound.

But the grant is not renewable, Brother Curry said, so he must seek help from other sources. He set up a board of directors last year and has begun looking for permanent workshop quarters.

He recalled his introduction to Senator Dole.

"I met him when he came to New York for a reception...we kept shaking each other's left hand."

Actor says old age is a 'precious gift'

WASHINGTON, D.C. (NC) -- Old age is not a calamity but a precious gift and "I thank God for it every single day," actress Jane Wyatt told about 125 members of Catholic Golden Age Board, an organization for Catholics over 50.

The organization held its first national discoveries. We might even discover peace," said Wyatt, who is best remembered as television's favorite wife and mother, Margaret Anderson of "Father Knows Best."

At 74 she seems as vital as her television character of more than 25 years ago, a role that earned her three Emmy awards.

Wyatt, a Catholic and an honorary Catholic Golden Age board member, encouraged her audience to develop new interests and, more importantly

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For her, satisfaction has come from a 50-year marriage, her two children, and three grandchildren, a career that has spanned stage, screen and television, and a 26-year association with the March of Dimes, the organization that fights birth defects.

Wyatt also reminded her listeners of changes they have seen in their lives.

She contrasted her trip "on a high-powered jet" from her California home to Washington to trips made with a horse and carriage.

"We've gone from the horse-drawn carriage to the jet-propelled space shuttle...and we're told we're the healthiest older people alive. The longer we live the more time we have to fill."

The elderly can plan "wonderful trips to cities and countries but we can also take trips of the mind and spirit...we can sail off on a voyage of selflessness," said Wyatt.

As the most exciting trip of all--life--grasped shorter, she added, "we need to take the time to see that our spiritual selves are well nourished."

The aim of the first Catholic Golden Age convention was to increase effective leadership by members on the local level.

President Thomas Hinton in his opening remarks at the meeting said the organization, "can and should be the voice for seniors," on issues that concern them in business, government, the medical community and the housing industry."
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"Reconciliation, like the rays of the sun, brings light and warmth to whomever it touches."

A pastoral letter in preparation for the visit of His Holiness, Pope John Paul II to the Church of Miami

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"The Kingdom of God is... of justice, peace, and the joy that is given by the Holy Spirit... Let us, then, make it our own to work for peace and to strengthen one another."

(Romans 14:17-19)

This pastoral letter is dedicated to our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, as an expression of the loyalty, love, admiration and appreciation of the clergy, religious and faithful of South Florida who are joyfully anticipating his visit.

Deep appreciation is expressed to the some 42 members of the clergy, religious and faithful of the Archdiocese who were consulted and whose suggestions have greatly enriched this effort to articulate the shared ideals of our Community of Faith and Prayer and Love.

Prayer Before Reading the Letter

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

Amen
The Response of the People of God

Blest Too the Peacemakers...

Jubilee Year of Reconciliation

Introduction

We have received the good news that the Church of Christ is expected to have the honor and joy of a visit by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, during the year 1983, the Jubilee Year of Reconciliation. A visit from the Father of Christians will be both beautiful and memorable. Such an unprecedented experience should be even more than that. It should have an effect that will leave us changed as individuals, as an Archdiocese, as a community. The visit has the potential of extraordinary spiritual benefits. We must not miss that opportunity.

I am proposing that the most fitting thing for us is to prepare our Archdiocese and community for such a visit would be an unprecedented spiritual renewal. Not only would our streets, our churches and buildings be adorned but, even more, our hearts. There should be a new spirit among us.

Our preparation can be a personal gift from each of us, a spiritual offering to delight not only the Vicar of Christ, but Christ Himself. It will be a recommitment to that which gives ultimate meaning to our lives, our Faith, our Church, our Archdiocese — growth in holiness, and especially in a spirit of reconciliation.

Our Recent Efforts

For five years we of the Archdiocese of Miami have been making remote preparations for this great experience. We have been committed to what our Holy Father has frequently reminded us is the essential mission of the Church: living and sharing Gospel of Jesus — Evangelization. For "...the whole Church is missionary, and the work of evangelization is a basic duty of the people of God." We have been attempting to change our way of living from perfunctory routine to a conscious, lively, personal commitment to Jesus and His Gospel and His Church.

We have become aware that discipleship of Jesus requires confronting and transforming our worlds with the teachings of the Gospel. In successive years we have been committed to renewing the communities that nourish this faith: family and the parish. We have made great efforts toward growth in our lives of faith, prayer and love.

We have reflected on the vocation every Christian has to live and promote the message of the living Christ. We have been seeking to share our spiritual riches with our Catholic brothers and sisters who are inactive or have been alienated, with theunchurched, and with our separated brothers and sisters.

A Jubilee Year of Reconciliation

As we prepare now for the visit of His Holiness, I am proposing that we welcome the Pope of Peace with a Jubilee Year of reconciliation. It will be an appropriate theme for our Archdiocese and community for such a visit would be an unprecedented spiritual renewal. Not only would our streets, our churches and buildings be adorned but, even more, our hearts. There should be a new spirit among us.

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The alienating frenzy of our times has often caused a great number of people to become unreconciled with themselves, to lose their interior life. This is attended to by increased alcohol and drug addiction, the rising suicide rate (especially among young people) and the ever-growing practice of psychiatrists and psychologists coming into their practices to diagnose and treat the many forms of alienation. International relations are dramatized in a most frightening way when they are reduced to the concept that only the emboldened and magnified in the great powers are involved in the threat of terrorism, hot and cold wars and devastating arms races plague many nations. There is also the desolation of all of humankind in a nuclear holocaust. In our twentieth century there can be no guilt feeling of wars with untold millions of people killed.

At the heart of all human alienation, division and controversy is the dreadful alienation from which all other flows — the alienation of creatures from their Creator in modern agnosticism and secularism. The universe becomes disordered as people lose the coordinating relationship with the Creator.

The Response of the People of God

God "has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation" There is a desperate need for the Church and Her Loving people to restore, by God's grace, the relationship with the Creator. They must commit themselves as evangelists, to the reconciliation of men and women with God, as well as with each other and with themselves.

"We are truly called," our Holy Father has said, "to proclaim the reconciling love of human with God. This means reviving a sense of God, of His world, of His commandments; of the need for accepting His will as the real criterion for human activity.

Proclaiming reconciliation means reviving a sense of sin among our people; this in turn can lead us to recognize the roots of human responsibility in the varied fields of economic, social, historical, cultural and political ills. When man understands his alienation from God, he can begin to perceive how he is in opposition with his brothers and sisters. When he understands that his alienation from God is not individual but to "society.

Pope Pius XII pointed out the relationship between sin and our disturbed world when he said, "the sin of the century is the loss of the sense of sin." More recently, the great Pope who will visit us stated: "Modern man suffers from an eclipse, a deformation, a numbness, a deadening of conscience." Unfortunately, some psychologists ignore sin, alleging it limits freedom and creates a sense of guilt. Many sociologists attribute sin not to individuals but to "society.

Anthropologists often attribute it to historical conditioning, some teachers of ethics question absolute, intrinsically evil acts independent of consciousness. Sometimes, people and educators identify sin with a feeling of guilt or transplantation of evil.

"Tragically," as our Holy Father points out, "even within the Church, there are some who interpret God's love excludes punishment from sin, and as much as it is possible to avoid teaching on serious and delicate questions of Christian morals."

In conclusion, Pope John Paul II has sent His Son to free the world of sin, we need to help our people to understand that the first requirement of Christian love is forgiveness, and that forgiveness is the very essence of reconciliation. Reconciliation is the great gift from each of us, a spiritual offering to delight not only the Vicar of Christ, but Christ Himself. It will be a recommitment to that which gives ultimate meaning to our lives, our Faith, our Church, our Archdiocese — growth in holiness, and especially in a spirit of reconciliation.

Our World Today

"Disturbed by sin and tormented by conflict." We live in a world in which com-
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redemption, Christ came to reconcile us with His Father by His death and resurrection. It is through our reconciliation in Jesus Christ that we are constantly being reconciled with God Our Father. Jesus gave us the process of reconciliation with God Our Father, His Gospel and His Church to enable us to live and to share holy lives in the union with God. In a special way, we Catholics are privileged to carry on this reconciliation with the Father through the regular participation in Holy Mass. As the Second Vatican Council says, "As often as the Sacrifice of the Cross in which Christ Our Passover has been sacrificed is celebrated on an altar, the work of our redemption is carried on." Jesus' entire life and ministry reflected this great central mystery of reconciliation that was through His death and resurrection. John Paul II revealed that reconciliation with God is inseparable from reconciliation with our brothers and sisters. We cannot be good Catholics unless we are good at peacemaking. Is there any wonder that the angels heralded Jesus' birth, "Glory to God in high heaven, peace on earth to those on whom His favor rests."? . . . that He said, "I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you," and there recall that your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar, go first to be reconciled with your brother, then come and offer your gift."? . . . that He said, "when a person strikes you on the cheek, turn and offer him the other hand?" . . . that He told us we must be prepared to forgive "not seven times; I say, seventy times seven"? that He portrayed reconciliation with the Father through the parable of the prodigal son and that He taught His disciples reconciliation through the parable of the Good Samaritan who cared for the man who had fallen among robbers even though that man was "hated, rejected, unloved and unfriendly people."

Jesus is the reconciler. Every one of His disciples must be a reconciler. It is with good reason that the Prayer for Peace and the Greeting of Peace are placed in the revised liturgy of the following Sunday. . . . that He said, "Our Father": "Forgive us trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;" that we pray, "Peace be with you? . . . that He said, "the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." . . . that He said, "As often as the Sacrifice of the Lord's Death is celebrated on an altar, the work of our redemption is carried on." We conclude the liturgy with "Go in peace."

The historic visit of His Holiness, the Pope of Peace, to our Archdiocese provides an unprecedented opportunity for us to enrich our personal lives. It inspires our community to acquire a new awareness that God "has reconciled us to Himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation."

It can be a blessed chance to grasp and embrace the meaning of St. Francis' prayer:

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me leave LOVE. Where there is injury, PARDON. Great is my heart, but meek and low. To be consoled, as to CONSOLE, To be understood, as to UNDERSTAND. To be loved as to LOVE. For it is in giving, that we receive. It is in PARDONING that we are pardoned. And it is in forgiving that we are born to ETERNAL LIFE."

Our commitment to reconciliation will be in faithful response to the challenge of the Sixth General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, the theme of the recent jubilee year celebrating the 1500th Anniversary of our redemption, and the appeals of the Popes of our times. . . . that He said, "When a person strikes you on the cheek, turn and offer him the other hand." The Holy Fathers have been reconcilers when they promote this reconciliation of people of different religions, political ideologies, and economic interests. Reconcilers reject sarcasm, cynicism, distrust, fault-finding, rash judgments, the bearing of grudges, anything that promotes alienation or contaminates the spiritual ecology.

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The clergy "fulfill their tasks as reconcilers when they promote this indispensable dialogue and proclaim the human and Christian need for reconciliation and peace... the laity who can have a powerful, lasting, blessed effect on our personal and family lives, our parishes, neighborhoods, work places, our cities. After all, we do represent 37% of all South Floridians. Members of the Archdiocese are frequently on both sides of controversies. We can be benevolent influences in reaching peaceful resolutions.

This intensive recommitment to the peace making of the Gospel will be a flowering of our united evangelization efforts. It will nourish our Archdiocesan Synod now in progress, assuring this unique form of our "walking together" as we respond positively to any painful experiences that have been impeding or separat-

ing us in our united growth in holiness.

The Spirit of the Reconciler

"I will give you a new heart and place a new spirit within you."

Reconciliation — whether it be with God or with one another — always begins with the conversion of the individual human heart. The healing of relationships must begin within those who are relating. As our Holy Father has said, "Personal conversion is the necessary path to harmony between individuals."

"The paths of (reconciliation) are precisely those of conversion of heart and victory over sin, whether this by the Sacrament of the Eucharist and of Penance. Only by being faithful to the Lord and our religion can we understand the virtues that lead to peace. And by this path alone can we have the grace, strength and the motivation to exercise them. Reconciliation, like the rays of the sun, brings light and warmth to whomever it touches. There are those... that we are committed by their professions to reconciliation. I am thinking of pastors, confessors, marriage counselors, arbitrators, mediators, umpires, judges, parents, educators — name just a few. We should respect them highly and encourage them. We pray that they are animated by high principles of Christ-like human relations in their vocations.

Actually, peacemaking is or should be a way of life for each of us. The reconciler brings the perspective, the presence of Christ into human relations. Like Christ, he or she has respect and, even more, love for every human being. Reconciliation flows from love. Love is restored by reconciliation. Reconciliation is dynamic. It implies that love has been violated but now healed. When initiated by the injured, it is God-like, divine. In the ears of the reconciler ring the Lord's words, "What you do for the least of my brethren, you do for me."

The reconciler is familiar with long suffering and patience. With St. Paul he or she muses, "Love is patient; love is kind. Love is not jealous, it
does not put on airs, it is not snobbish. Love is never rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not prone to anger; neither does it brood over injuries. Love does not rejoice in what is wrong but rejoices with the truth. There is no limit to love's forbearance, to its trust, its hope, its power to endure."

Reconcilers are not only healers. They are also preservers and promoters of good relationships. They are good listeners and good communicators. They urge dialogue both to settle and to avoid differences. Reconcilers emphasize the positive. They refuse to gossip or take any action that will deteriorate rather than build human relations. Reconcilers reject racism, cynicism, distrust, fault-finding, rash judgments, the bearing of grudges, anything that promotes alienation or contaminates the spiritual ecology.

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The reconciler needs also to be ready to call upon the best of human skills in the process of conflict resolution fully realizing that differences can arise at times between good people who have the best of intentions.

There will be areas, of course, where reconcilers are frustrated. There are times when, true to the Gospel, the followers of Christ are called upon to confront evil lest they compromise with it. As Jesus Himself, the Prince of Peace, said, “My mission is to spread not peace, but division.” Yet, even then, the reconciler who is seeking ultimate resolution of differences in peace with God will always use a respectful reconciling manner of approach.

The Reconciled

Like sunlight, reconciling sheds life-giving light and warmth everywhere.

I should like to reflect on a few areas — surely not all where the reconciler will find opportunities for healing. I am referring to family life, community relations and especially relations with the Lord and with His Church.

Families

Frequently, in his writings and his talks, the Pope has expressed his love and his concern for families. He prays that this year of preparation for the visit of His Holiness will also be a year of enriching family life among the people of our Archdiocese and our community. I hope members of our families, including our extended families, will acquire a renewed spirit of unity, mutual appreciation, love and joy. The tensions, the preoccupations and distractions, the adverse influences of our times have been threatening the stability and the peace of the family to an alarming degree. Too often the consequence has been divorce and dissolution, misery of the parents and irreparable harm to the children.

We members of the Church should feel a special responsibility to protect and strengthen the family. Married couples need to be apostles of reconciliation, recognizing human weaknesses, patiently willing to forgive seventy times seven, creative in renewing the spirit of the honeymoon, in acknowledging the gifts they are to each other. The Family Enrichment Center of the Archdiocese, as well as Encounter Maritonal, Encuentros Familiares, Impacto, Marriage Encounter, Movimiento Familiar Cristiano, Movimiento Dominican, Encuentros Familiares, the Christian Family Movement, Marriage Remorse, and parish and diocesan family counseling are committed to supporting and assisting our families in reaching the ideals of Christian families.

In this Jubilee Year of grace, I urge that there be a special resolution among us to enrich the lives of our families. We need to experience the peace and joy, the patience, support, trust and love of which families are truly capable. Family life is enriched by the consciousness that the Lord is a member of the family as seen by the habit of praying together — at meals, in church and other times. There also needs to be a spiritual atmosphere in the homes, our domestic churches. This can be nourished by such devotions as the enroachment of the Sacred Heart, the availability of religious reading materials, the display of religious articles of devotion, as well as by the common reading of the Holy Bible, occasional family conversations on spiritual subjects.

The family is for each of us the first experience not only of love, but of Church. Wherever love is, God is, because He is Love. We wish to emphasize the fundamental sacredness of the family, the foundational unit of the Church and of all society. A consciousness of its innate holiness resulting in the Lord’s presence is fostered when family members treat each other with respect. It makes them learn to cooperate in all things, and forgive and reconcile with each other when they fail to live the love toward which they strive.

The Community

When His Holiness comes to Miami, may he find not only a renewed Church but a renewed civic community. Hopefully, he will find a community of Catholics freshly aware of their responsibility — as devoted followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to foster harmony and fellowship among all the citizens. Our latest survey reveals that there are some 1,100,000 members of Catholic households among the 2,940,000 total inhabitants of our Archdiocesan territory. One of every three South Floridians is Catholic. We need to be involved in community issues. At times we are on both sides of a single issue. What a marvelous, powerful influence we can be for community harmony, for blindness to color differences, deafness to language differences, tolerance of ideological and ecumenical differences, for relieving sources of unrest such as unemployment, hunger and lack of decent housing for the poor. We can unite with other Floridians who are similarly concerned to resolve political, ethnic, social, economic issues that divide our communities.

May our gift to the Pope, to each other and to our community be a special initiative in ecumenical relations to create a renewed spirit of respect and harmony among those of differing faiths. We need reflect soberly that the declining influence of religion in our society is partially due to the weakness and scandal of our lack of unity.

The Lord and His Church

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Please God, may the visit of His Holiness be a great homecoming for those who were alienated from the Lord and inactive in the life of the Church. And, please God, during our Jubilee Year, may every member of the Church bring at least one inactive Catholic home again by prayer, penance, and loving witness. I like to think that on the occasion of His visit, His Holiness will have an opportunity to greet and welcome those who have come back to their Church. May we especially reach out with love to inactive family members, relatives and friends. Our surveys indicate that while 1,100,000 identify themselves as members of Catholic households, only 528,000 are registered in parishes and only 218,700 are in church on Sunday.

Many have come to our community from areas where religious education and ministry were not available to them, so they did not cultivate the practice of regular church participation. Others have come from other parts of the country from other language groups. Some people separated from their families and friends, feel like strangers and unwelcome. Some have succumbed to the disastrous influences of our growing secular culture and found their spiritual sensibilities impoverished.

This is an occasion of special grace for our parishes, schools, institutions, movements and families, to provide special opportunities for reconciliation with the Church, to initiate welcome home programs, to engage in home visitation and other reconciliation efforts. We may have a rich opportunity to reach out to friends and acquaintances who are uneasy over the spiritual state of their lives and uncertain over their relationship with their Lord. They are yearning for peace of heart and mind.

In inviting the inactive to return, we need to assure them that we miss them, that we are concerned for them and that we are anxious to welcome them and to assist them in becoming at home again in the Church.

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The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Eucharist is a beautiful sacrament of growth, in union with God and with each other. The reconciliation of a person and his or her children and daughters becomes complete at the Banquet given by the Father. The Sacrament of Penance, however, is especially a sacrament of reconcilia-

May this Jubilee Year be a beautiful year of rediscovery of the spiritual riches of this Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Church teaches that "individual and integral confession and absolution constitute the only ordinary way (physical or moral impossibility excuses) by which the faithful person who is aware of serious sin is reconciled with God and with the Church." The Sacrament is required before receiving the Eucharist of one who has committed serious sin, and by Church law "each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year." One might ask if there is a connection between the turmoil of our times and the declining participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Unfortunately, many people may have lost the sense of the importance of the Sacrament because, as we have said, they have lost the sense of sin as a tragic alienation of a person from God. Even if those who are aware of the tragic propositions of sin, many think of the Sacrament solely as "clearing the slate," removing the threat of punishment. But they do not advert to its rich benefit in nourishing a deeper personal love relationship of the individual with God the forgiving Father and more effectively precluding future alienation from Him by sin. There is little reason that regular trips to a confessor make as much sense as regular trips to a doctor. As the 1974 Revised Rite of Penance points out, the Sacrament is not only one of "confession," but more fully of "reconciliation." It is an encounter with Christ that brings healing peace and joy and deeper self-knowledge.

It is a Sacrament of growing in holiness through a continuing, persistent "metanoia," a conversion of heart and mind.

Too often we miss the meaning of the Sacrament as reconciling us with each other and with the Church, as well as with the Father. Just as we participate in the Eucharist as a community ritual meal expressing union with each other and with God, so the Sacrament of Reconciliation has a social, as well as personal meaning. It reflects our social responsibilities as well as our personal duties. Sins can be against groups as well as individuals. The sacrament is an opportunity to seek absolution for having let down the Christian community and perhaps hurt particular individuals. As our Holy Father points out, "With greater or lesser violence, with greater or lesser harm, every sin has repercussions on the entire ecclesial body and the whole human family." In the Sacrament the penitents "obtain from God forgiveness of sins... through the absolution imparted by the minister; and they likewise are reconciled with the Church which they have wounded by sinning."

"Communal Penance services that include individual confessions and absolutions are becoming more common. Penances deal more frequently with making amends to the brother or sister we have offended and in whom we
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offended the Lord.

The Sacrament is not fully appreciated. It is a powerful instrument and support of reconciliation within the Christian community. It acknowledges and encourages personal responsibility and accountability. It manifests expression of the Church’s affirmation, encouragement and love for those who may be depressed over their weaknesses, who may have developed a poor self-image. It is a grace-filled opportunity to receive spiritual counsel, to form our consciences, to grow in the life of holiness.

Reconciliation Alive

Faithfulness to the spirit of reconciliation suggests that we are willing to do penance, to make amends, to manifest our sorrow to those we have hurt, to apologize, to make restitution, to symbolize our desire for reconciliation (e.g. by a visit, a phone call, flowers), as well as to confess to the Lord. In our self-indulgent and undisciplined day, there is a need to rediscover the practice of penance.

"Doing penance is authentic and effective only if it is translated into deeds and acts of penance. Penance means asceticism, overcoming what is of the flesh in order that what is spiritual may prevail."

This Jubilee Year of Reconciliation is also a challenge to all of us within the Church to ask how true we are to the Lord’s expectations of us as representatives of His Kingdom. Are there disutilizing factions within the parish or church organizations? At times, do we find ourselves being uncharitable, uncommunicative, uncooperative, unsupportive of each other? Do we give scandal by permitting differences in language or nationality, age or economic status, even areas of the Archdiocese, to lead us to betray our unity as members of the Body of Christ? It is unthinkable that a member of the Body of Christ would not be fully supportive of another in the shared commitment to His Kingdom. As our Holy Father has said, "...the Church, if she is to be reconciling, must begin by being a reconciled Church... united in the commitment to be continually converted to the Lord and to live as new people in the spirit and practice of reconciliation."

During this Year of Reconciliation, I especially rely on our beloved clergy to inspire the faithful by their own spirit of fraternity, love and loyalty. This spirit unites religious and diocesan, Hispanic and non-Hispanic, old and young, Pastors and Associates, those in diocesan positions and those in parish ministry, those serving in Broward and Dade and Monroe Counties, those of differing outlooks — all sharing an awesome awareness of their shared responsibility to God and their people in living, proclaiming and witnessing to the Gospel of Jesus in South Florida.

They are not meant to inhibit any additional activities by parishes or institutions or organizations or movements in joyful Jubilee preparation for the visit of His Holiness. We must, however, not merely talk about reconciliation. We need to become involved in the action and interaction that will assure it.

Archdiocese

1. We will cooperate with national plans to celebrate His Holiness’ visit. The theme will be “building up of the Church in unity.”

2. We ask that, as feasible, the theme of retreats, conferences, radio and TV programs, articles in the Archdiocesan newspapers and media dwell on the call to renewal in reconciliation within the Church and the community as proposed in this pastoral letter.

3. We ask our clergy, religious and faithful to commit themselves to a new effort of open communication so that by sharing information, explaining reasons for decisions, representing positively the position of authority, we might heal tensions and preserve an atmosphere free of uncertainty, confusion, distrust, and, even worse, the threat of alienation. We ask also that if, through human failings we have hurt someone in the name of the Church, we do express regrets and seek reconciliation. At this moment, I personally ask pardon for any hurt I have inflicted on my beloved clergy, religious and faithful.

4. The expression from the Sacred Liturgy, “Let us offer each other a sign of peace” will be used as a theme in the events and in the decorations associated with the Holy Father’s visit.

5. I am calling upon the clergy, religious and faithful to practice penance and dispose themselves for God’s grace during this Jubilee Year of Reconciliation by special acts of mortification and good works. I propose voluntary fasting and abstinence on the Fridays of the year.

6. I am asking that during the Jubilee Year special reconciliation services be held monthly, on First Fridays, in the churches of the Dean of each Deanery to which the clergy, religious and faithful of the Deanery are to be invited. There will be opportunities for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

7. Herewith and until a month after His Holiness’ visit, I am extending to all priests who have received faculties to hear confessions from the Archdiocese of Miami the special faculty to absolve in the act of the Sacrament of
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Reconciliation from the censures of Canon 1398 incurred by those who have procured an abortion and those who have assisted at it.

8. We encourage during the Jubilee Year the celebration of "Pope's Parties" when groups will receive other groups as an expression of good will and reconciliation (e.g. a parish invites a neighboring Protestant congregation, ethnic groups entertain each other, a youth group entertains senior citizens, a parochial school invites students of the public school).

9. We will begin planning a permanent memorial of His Holiness' visit which will express the continuing challenge to the people of the Archdiocese to be a reconciling and a reconciled people.

10. We will use the visit as an opportunity to have the Catholic Church and the role of the Holy Father better understood and accepted in the general community.

11. We will develop new procedures of due process and complaint and conflict resolution within the Archdiocese. These services will be understandable and available.

Parish

1. The parishes need to revitalize their Evangelization Commissions as a means of continuing and strengthening reconciliation and evangelization by outreach to the alienated and the unchurched. The commissions should emphasize the responsibility of each baptized Christian to participate in evangelization and reconciliation.

2. There needs to be a strong renewal of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This can be achieved by preaching, catechesis and parish missions.

Care needs to be taken to respect the right of the faithful to have adequate opportunities to participate in the Sacrament, and to avoid any mannerisms that may deter them. A basic catechesis on the meaning, the importance and value of the Sacrament of Reconciliation for spiritual growth of the Eucharist and administration of the other Sacraments, his pastoral zeal, his relationship with the faithful, his communion with his bishop, his collaboration with his Bishop, his life of prayer --- in a word, the whole of his priestly existence, suffers an inexorable decline if by negligence or for some other reason he fails to receive the Sacrament of Penance... the more careful we are to receive the Sacrament... the better we fulfill our ministry as confessor.

"And may the confessor continue to prayerfully cultivate as well the human qualities needed for the effective performance of his ministry in the tribunal of mercy, prudence, discretion, discernment and a firmness tempered by gentleness and kindness. He must, likewise, have a serious and careful preparation, not fragmentary but complete and harmonious, in the different branches of theology, pedagogy and psychology, in the methodology of dialogue, and, above all, in a living and communicable knowledge of the Word of God. But it is even more necessary that he should live an intense and genuine spiritual life."

3. We ask the parishes to schedule a weekly Holy Hour of praise and reparation before the Blessed Sacrament. This should be arranged for an hour that is most convenient for attendance by the parishioners. This special act of devotion of the Jubilee Year will also center our minds and hearts on God and thus prepare us to be more reconciled and reconciling. We urge our priests on occasion to use the two special Eucharistic Prayers of Reconciliation found in the Sacramentary in Sunday and daily worship.

Other parish devotions, such as the First Friday devotions, the recitation of the Rosary, or the praying of the Stations of the Cross, are also encouraged.

4. We ask the parishes to include in the Prayer of the Faithful and in other prayers petitions for forgiveness, for our individual and community offenses against God and against each other. We ask as well prayers for God's blessing on our reconciliation efforts and on our Archdiocesan Synod.

5. We ask that the parishes schedule a series of events focused on reconciliation. Among them we suggest:

a) Visitation of homes to warmly invite alienated Catholics to return to active participation in the Church community. The Archdiocesan Office of Lay Ministry and the Office of Evangelization have programs to prepare the laity for home visitation. The Legion of Mary as well is distinguished by its commitment to home visitation.

b) Strong promotion of the R.C.I.A. program to assist inactive and un instructed Catholics to prepare for full participation in the life of their faith community.

c) Special "Be Home for Christmas" events during Advent to encourage and welcome inactive Catholics to full union with the Church.

d) Parish "Open Houses" throughout the year to express
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welcome to alienated and inactive Catholics.

e) A series of special homilies on reconciliation and building up the Body of Christ during the Lenten season and during the weeks immediately preceding His Holiness' visit. Suggested outlines for these homilies will be prepared by the Commission on the Papal Visit of the Archbishop of Miami.
f) Pulpit exchanges when visiting homilists would speak at all Sunday Masses on reconciliation and on the Sacrament of Penance. Special weekends might be dedicated to Penance Services and celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
g) Special follow-up opportunities for those who have become reconciled to the Church to receive whatever instruction may be needed as well as the experience of a warm welcome home.
h) School, religious education, youth and young adult, and family programs in the parishes to help develop the theme of the Church reconciling and reconciled, and to assist in providing catechetics below.

6. Family Life. Our Jubilee Year of Reconciliation should be a special occasion for initiating and promoting family enrichment programs in parishes and organizations and within families. It will be a time to foster reunions and reconciliation of spouses who have been alienated, as well as of children and parents who have been estranged. It will be a time when parishes might present special sessions to explain to the divorced the Church's position on annulments and the opportunity to seek reconciliation with the Church for those who have been estranged because of a failed marriage. It should be a time when families are urged to evaluate and counter the impact of the dramatizing by the secular media of controversy, violence, insensitivity to humane and Christ-like human relationships the spirit of peace in the household. It might also be a time for special parish celebrations to honor and pray for married couples and families who witness to the spirit of Christ-like reconciliation.

As Pope Paul VI said on one occasion, "If it is true that the future of the human family depends largely on the manner of using the communication media, then it is necessary that training the recipients should be regarded as a priority... The first steps in media education ought to be taken within the family. It should then continue in the schools."

7. Community Life. I envision our Jubilee Year of Reconciliation as being one when we of the Church of Miami will take special initiatives to assist our community in improving relations among ethnic, religious, political and other groups. This can be done through conferences, recognition of the contributions of all to our community and other activities. I commend especially the efforts in conflict resolution by the program of the Peacemakers of the Community (P.O.T.C.) sponsored by St. Thomas University.

I especially see this Jubilee Year as a grace-filled time for enriching our relations with God-loving brothers and sisters of other faiths.

Conclusion

Truly the Jubilee Year of preparation for the visit of the Holy Father to our Archdiocese will be a unique opportunity for the faithful of the Church of Miami to whom God has given "the ministry of reconciliation... ambassadors for Christ, God as it were appealing to man". Echoing the words of His Holiness, I entrust to the Father, rich in mercy, I entrust to the Son of God, maker man as our Redeemer and Reconciler, I entrust to the Holy Spirit, source of unity and peace, this call of mine, as father and pastor, to peace and reconciliation. May the Blessed Most Holy and Adorable Trinity cause to spring up in the Church of Miami and in the world the small seed which at this last Pl tree in the generous soul of the human hearts of the Archdiocese.

And I invite you to turn with me to Mary, Our Lady, who has been associated with God by virtue of her Divine Motherhood, in the work of reconciliation, and to Archbishop Carroll and all the clergy, religious and faithful who have gone before us in the sign of Faith and are united with us in the Communion of Saints. We ask their intercession in our humble efforts to bring peace into a world disturbed by sin and tormented by so many tensions and conflicts." The Feast of the Birth of Mary, the 421st Anniversary of the celebration of the first Eucharist in Florida and in the United States, September 8, 1986.

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