Pope calls religious leader summit

VATICAN CITY (NC) -- Pope John Paul II said he called for a prayer meeting of world religious leaders, to be held next month, because only an appeal to God could lead to peace.

The pope spoke on the upcoming event during a weekend which included a visit to the central Italian town of Aprilia, where he blessed the opening of two new parish churches and commemorated the town's 50th anniversary.

In his speech, the pope said the world's religious leaders would pray with him in Assisi Oct. 27 to mark the U.N. International Day of Peace.

"The more situations of conflict become complicated and the difficulties humanly insurmountable, the more we must turn to God, so that he can give us the grace to live as brothers," the pope said.

After his Angelus address, the pope addressed pilgrims and visitors at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo.

He said he hoped that through the Assisi meeting all "will grow ever more intensely in determination to work and pray for peace -- that gift which God alone can give."

Last January 25, the pope called upon the leaders of the world's religions to join him in a prayer summit for peace. The Vatican said June 12 that representatives of many Christian denominations, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Islam and others will join the pope in Assisi.

The day will consist of prayer and fasting, followed by a shared meal, a Vatican spokesman said.

During the pope's visit to Aprilia, following the Angelus talk, he spoke at two new parish churches, addressed a gathering of townpeople and civic leaders, and celebrated Mass.

Aprilia, about 23 miles south of Rome, was founded 50 years ago in a once malaria-infested region. The town was heavily damaged during World War II, but today it has more than 50,000 inhabitants.

In his speech to the city's leaders, the pope praised the sacrifices of the city's founders, saying that where there was once "desolation and spiritual emptiness," there is now "fullness of life and prosperity."

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**National Briefs**

Religious leaders: we must disarm by the year 2000

WASHINGTON (NC) — The superpowers must eliminate nuclear weapons by the year 2000 or the next generation is doomed, said religious leaders who have endorsed a petition for disarmament.

"Nuclear war is inevitable. We can't escape the horror," said Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbelton of Detroit as he and other religious leaders met in Washington to sign what they called a "litanic declaration."

The declaration says nuclear deterrence is "morally unjustifiable" and calls the use of nuclear weapons disproportional to "reasonable military objectives."

More than 100 Catholic, Jewish, Methodist and Baptist leaders and groups endorsed the petition.

It accepts a proposal President Reagan made in February for complete elimination of U.S. and Soviet intermediate-range forces in Europe but urges that it be completed within the next three or four years.

It also endorses Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's proposal for the elimination of all strategic nuclear weapons by Dec. 31, 1999, and advocates:

- An immediate freeze of nuclear weapons
- A 10-year withdrawal of Soviet and U.S. troops from Europe
- The pullback of forces along the lengthy border between the Soviet Union and China.
- The reallocation of money from nuclear weapons to domestic needs and to the Third World.

Bishop Gumbelton, president of the Catholic peace organization Pax Christ USA, said the nuclear accident at Russia's Chernobyl power plant illustrates that "we are all downwind from destructive radiation and radioactivity."

Cleveland bishop calls for full reform in welfare benefits

WASHINGTON (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop James P. Lyke of Cleveland, an welfare reform testimony before a federal commission, called for federally set minimums to guarantee broad-based benefits across the country. He also denounced as "morally indefensible" and "social suicide" the rules in many states "forcing employed or unemployed fathers out of the home" as a condition for assistance in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program.

Priest who 'discourages' others from religious life draws criticism

CINCINNATI (NC) — An anonymous priest who wrote in St. Anthony Messenger magazine that he would have to "discourage strongly" someone who wanted to become a priest has drawn heavy reader reaction, including a response from Archbishop Roger Mahoney of Los Angeles and Archbishop Michael M. Wilday of about 200 letter writers responding to the article, urged the priest to "re-embark your prayer life." He said the article indicated that the priest "has long ago lost the meaning of his share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ." The controversial article appeared in the August issue of the monthly magazine.

Anti-Americanism is growing in Korea, says Cardinal Kim

MARYKNOLL, N.Y. (NC) — Cardinal Stephen Kim of Seoul, Korea said in an interview that anti-Americanism is growing among young people of South Korea because of a belief that the United States is working to keep the present government of President Chun Doo Hwan in power. He said he had no way of knowing whether the United States supports the Chun government, which like the government of former President Park Chung Hee, has been accused of human rights violations, but said the perception of the U.S. backing for Chun was held by "many" in Korea.

Vatican approves canonization of three Byzantine bishops

UNIONTOWN, PA. (NC) — Byzantine-rite Archbishop century Catholic bishops of his reign who were killed or imprisoned under communist rule in Eastern Europe. Archbishop Keckizo and his four fellow U.S. Byzantine Catholic bishops have formally the inauguration of the canonization process. "Our last three bishops, Bishop Theodore G. Rontzas, Bishop Paul Peter Gajek and Bishop Basil Hopko, were killed upon to make heroic sacrifices for the faith and the right which we observe freely," said the five U.S. bishops in a joint statement.

NCEA president calls for unity among Catholic laity, families

WASHINGTON (NC) — At her installation as president of the National Catholic Educational Association, Sister Catherine McNamee called for a partnership among groups making up the "rich mosaic of Catholic education. "Sr. McNamee, a member of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and the first woman NCEA president, was installed at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington. The new president said she seeks for collaboration between parents and churches, clergy and laity, and parochial and public educators together so they "can face the challenge of education in the 21st century.

Professor's study reveals Catholics appreciate Judaism

NEW YORK (NC) — Jews, Judaism and Catholic Education, a study which revealed increased appreciation of Judaism, has been published by two Jewish groups and Seton Hall University. Based on a survey of Jewish studies programs at several hundred Catholic educational institutions, the study was conducted by Dominican Sister Rose Thoring, a professor of education at Seton Hall. It said faculty and students in Catholic schools have developed a "deep appreciation of Jews and Judaism," in the 20 years since the Second Vatican Council's declaration on Jews and Judaism in "Nostra Aetate."

Sanctuary backers dispute survey on Salvadoran refugees

WASHINGTON (NC) — A study of Salvadoran refugees forced to return home found that the majority went to the U.S. for economic—not political reasons—and reported few cases of persecution in El Salvador. But members of the sanctuary movement, a network of church workers who shelter Salvadorans illegally, disputed the methods used for the survey. Sanctuary workers say refugees tell them their lives are endangered by the fighting between the U.S.-backed government and guerrillas.

Clergy, friends join Bishop Perry to celebrate his 20th anniversary

NEW ORLEANS (NC) — Fellow bishops, black Catholics and others gathered in New Orleans to celebrate Auxiliary Bishop Harold R. Perry's 20th anniversary as a bishop. Bishop Perry has served as an auxiliary of the New Orleans Archdiocese since he became, in 1966, the first black U.S. Catholic bishop in the 20th century. The nation's nine other black bishops converging on New Orleans for the festivities, were joined at a Mass and dinner by bishops from around the South.

Governor Cuomo questions directive from New York prelate

NEW YORK (NC) — New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who had a public dispute with Cardinal John J. O'Connor in 1984 over public policy on abortion, has come into conflict with another prelate of the New York Archdiocese. Touching off the new controversy was a directive to archdiocesan priests by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph T. O'Keefe, archdiocesan vicar general, who said priests should exercise "great care and prudence" in deciding on speakers at events such as Confirmation breakfasts and graduations,"if the church," Bishop O'Keefe said in the directive, "forbidden to any individual in the directive, but Cuomo questioned the policy in recent comments to The New York Times.

Street Talk

Archbishop Roger Mahoney of Los Angeles talks with inner city youth as they ponder an automobile problem. The archbishop had joined laity in a program to visit Hispanics in impoverished areas in St. Thomas parish, (NC photo by Al Anciaz)

Prayer Petitions

"Call me to me and I will answer you!" Jer. 33:13. The employees of the Archdiocese of Miami of Pastoral Council gather each Monday morning to pray for the intentions of our brothers and sisters of the Archdiocese. Petitions will be included in our daily prayers each week as well as during this special time of community prayer. We invite anyone with a prayer request to write (no phone calls), at us at this address: Prayer Petition, Archdiocese of Miami, 9401 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33138.
Priest: Surrogate motherhood unethical

WASHINGTON (NC) — A Jesuit theologian dissenting from an ethics panel's report on reproductive technique is divorced from procreation. Father Richard A. McCormick, of the University of Notre Dame. Father McCormick was a member of the American Fertility Society's Ethics Committee formed in February 1985 to create guidelines which the society said were necessary for an ever-increasing variety of technological aids society said were necessary for an ever-increasing variety of technological aids society said were necessary for an ever-increasing variety of technological aids.

In "in vitro" fertilization, the ova of donor sperm, donor eggs or donor pre-embryos. In "in vitro" fertilization, the ova and sperm are united in a laboratory dish and implanted into the womb.

Father McCormick wrote that the techniques used to impregnate a sterilized Italian woman were a "bitter defeat" for humanity.

In a Sept. 7 editorial, L'Osservatore Romano said the techniques reduced a human being to a "transferable object."

The editorial was sparked by news of the birth of a child conceived by artificial insemination of an anonymous woman with the sperm of a man named Roberto Panzera. The fertilized ovum was transferred to Panzera's wife, Caterina Muratore, whose ovaries were removed when she was 17. On July 15, she bore a boy, Carmine.

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Polish bishops plead for release of all prisoners

VATICAN CITY (NC) -- Poland's bishops have urged the government to release all political prisoners and stop discriminating against those already freed.

The bishops' appeal was aimed at the communist government's amnesty policy, adopted in July. Under the policy, prisoners are required to sign statements in which they promise not to engage in opposition activity. Breaking the agreement would subject them to re-arrest.

The bishops said the government should respect Poland's constitution, which forbids discrimination on the basis of individual's beliefs, opinions or ideologies.

CRS commits $25,000 in aid to Cameroon disaster victims

NEW YORK (RNS) -- Catholic Relief Services has committed $25,000 in aid to the victims of the August 22 volcanic gas release in Cameroon Central Africa. John Waite, CRS representative for Cameroon, stated that the money would be used for local purchase of beds, cots and mattresses for 1,000 of the estimated 4000 evacuees in the affected area. Noxious gas from an underground explosion at the bottom of a volcanic lake killed 1,500 people and injured another 20,000 in northwest Cameroon.

Pope tells Peruvian president to 'protect' democracy

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy (NC) -- Pope John Paul II met with Peruvian President Alan Garcia Perez-Sep. 9 and said afterward that democracy in Peru should be 'protected. The Vatican released no details of the private meeting at Castel Gandolfo. But in an exchange with journalists during a photo session later, the Peruvian leader said the two had discussed "national security as seen in a new perspective suggested by the pope -- that of democratic security." The pope added: "Yes, because the 'democrats' -- the people -- must be protected from every threat."

Thousands still homeless a year after Mexico City earthquakes

MEXICO CITY (NC) -- Early on the morning of Sept. 19, 1985, the first of two major earthquakes struck Mexico's capital city, killing upwards of 20,000 people and leaving 400,000 homeless. Most of the 400,000 are still awaiting adequate housing from church and government programs. Critics say the slow-moving government effort is impeded by corruption and inefficiency, which have compounded problems caused by wrangling over costs and logistics, Antonio de Camacho, superintendent of works for the Habitational "Evangelization of Peoples" project, said recently. He said the tourist weddings, which began 15 years ago and can cost less than weddings in Japan, have been serving a parish in a Santiago slum was recently expelled from Chile along with two other missionaries. The photo behind him on the wall is of Father Andre Jerian, another French priest who was killed during a 1984 anti-government rally. (NC photo from UPI-Reuters).

Priests Exiled

Father Pierre Dubois, a French priest who had been serving a parish in a Santiago slum was recently expelled from Chile along with two other missionaries. The photo behind him on the wall is of Father Andre Jerian, another French priest who was killed during a 1984 anti-government rally. (NC photo from UPI-Reuters).

Vatican asks Maryknoller to retract abortion statement

VATICAN CITY (NC) -- Pope John Paul II has condemned a bloody attack on a Filipino Catholic wedding as a "particularly vile form of terrorism." At least 11 people died and 108 were injured when two armed men threw hand grenades into a packed church then gunned down the congregation with machine gun fire. Government officials said Mostren separatists were responsible for the attack, which occurred in the town of Salvador on the island of Mindanao.

They said prisoners, once freed, should enjoy "social and juridical solutions that are not the source of political discrimination." The current government policy, the bishops said, risks causing an "improvement of public life." The statement was released after a two-day meeting of the Polish bishops' conference in the southern industrial city of Tarnow.

The Polish government said that 103 political prisoners took advantage of the amnesty policy, which expired Sept. 15. Another 164 opposition activists, the government said, turned themselves in to authorities to obtain the benefits of the policy.

The government has estimated that there are about 85 such prisoners still in detention, but other sources say the figure may be closer to 250. The government also said it is investigating more than 100 new cases of "crimes against the state."

The bishops also expressed their "regret" over the abandonment of plans for a church-sponsored fund to help Poland's private farmers. But they said they hoped the initiative might be revived.

Early in September, the bishops said they were forced to give up the plan because of government insistence on control over the fund.

Vatican is non-committal about weekly TV show

VATICAN CITY (NC) -- The Vatican has made no commitment to work with three U.S. priests who have proposed a weekly, Vatican-originated TV program, said Archbishop John P. Foley, head of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications. Archbishop Foley said the Vatican has no plans to meet with the priests in September to finalize the project. "The proposal is strictly in the idea stage," Archbishop Foley said Sept. 11. Father Edmund Neeley, chief fund-raiser for the project in the United States, said in August that the Vatican Television Center had said it could produce the one-hour show.

Defendants in case of slain priest have violent history

KIDAPAAN, Philippines (NC) -- The prosecution in the trial of the alleged murderers of missionary Father Tullio Favalli rested its case with testimony from the priest's assistants that the defendants have a long, violent history. Father Favalli, an Italian member of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions (PIMF), was shot to death April 1, 1985, in Tabinan town, North Cotabato, about 585 miles south of Manila. Eight persons were charged with the murder.

Bishop: Guam weddings aren't drawing converts to Catholicism

AGANA, Guam (NC) -- Catholic weddings for Japanese tourists in Guam will come to a halt this month because the ceremonies have failed to spread the faith, said Archbishop Anthony S. Apuron of Agana. He said the tourist weddings, which began 15 years ago and can cost less than weddings in Japan, have been serving a parish in a Santiago slum was recently expelled from Chile along with two other missionaries. The photo behind him on the wall is of Father Andre Jerian, another French priest who was killed during a 1984 anti-government rally. (NC photo from UPI-Reuters).

British theologians concerned about dismissal of Curran

LONDON (NC) -- Twenty-nine British theologians expressed "urgent concern" to their hierarchy over the Vatican's recent expulsion of U.S. Father Charles Curran from the church's official theological ranks. The theologians said they were worried about "an apparent tendency in some recent acts of ecclesiastical authorities to compromise the legitimate exercise of responsible freedom in theological discussion and debate within the church." The message was written at the annual conference of the Catholic Theological Association of Great Britain, held Sept. 6-7 in Leeds, England.

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ST. JOHN'S GAVE MY GRANDPA A NEW LIFE

My ninth birthday party wasn't very much fun this year because my grandpa had what they call a 'stroke' the week before. We were all so worried about him that we couldn't really celebrate.

But now things have changed. Grandpa is back to himself again after being 'taught' by the people at St. John's Hospital. Grandpa told me rehabilitation is just like when I learn new things in school but for him it was learning old things over again.

This year we have a special birthday party planned for my tenth birthday and, as Grandpa says, his 'first'. This is the best birthday present a girl can get.
and public school districts are able to offer perks such as free rent to attract dollars higher than parochial schools, common, Treibitz said, but public foreign teachers has not yet become shortage by 1991 according to Scott's counterparts.

The teacher shortage is a recent crisis, including the shortage of experienced Catholic teacher willing to work for low pay, some Catholic school districts in the United States are recruiting teachers in other areas of the country. Several U.S. Catholic school officials said the foreign teachers have excellent credentials, are almost always Catholic, and generally consider working in the United States a boost to their careers back home. Foreign teachers may be brought into the United States under an immigration provision that grants temporary visas to professionals working in fields where there are shortages. Diocesan officials say these foreign teachers receive the same pay and benefits as their American counterparts.

Public schools are also facing shortages -- an estimated 1.1 million shortage has been filled by temporarily bringing in Filipino nurses and teachers willing to work for less than the prevailing wage. Public school recruitment of foreign teachers has not yet become common, Treibitz said, but public school salaries average thousands of dollars higher than parochial schools, and public school districts are able to offer perks such as free rent to attract teachers from other areas of the country.

In both public and private education the shortage seems to be regional -- hitting East and West Coast cities and parts of the South.

Joseph O'Grady-Peyton, managing director of O'Grady-Peyton International Recruitment in Dublin, said dioceses that recruited Irish teachers this year include New York; Hartford, Conn.; Washington; Baltimore; Boston and Worcester, Mass.; Milwaukee; Los Angeles, San Diego and San Bernardino, Calif.; New Orleans; and Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Fort Worth, Texas.

Pura Madlansacay, general manager of the Miami Recruitment Agency, said that the New York Archdiocese is receiving excellent foreign teachers in the past year. He said recruiting teachers is "a 10-month effort."

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**Private schools can keep gov. $$$**

WASHINGTON (NC) -- Private schools in Rhode Island may continue to receive federal block grants under a Sept. 3 court settlement as long as the money is not used for religious purposes.

The settlement restricts use of the block grant money from Chapter II of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act. Twenty percent of the Chapter II money the state receives goes to private schools.

The suit, brought by the Rhode Island chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, was filed in 1983 in U.S. District Court against the federal and state education departments.

Richard Duffy, U.S. Catholic Conference representative for federal assistance, called the settlement "a kind of victory" for private schools because "what the opponents wanted was the removal of all equipment and material purchased with Chapter II money."

Before the 1981 education act, parochial schools could not receive any equipment, she said. "When Chapter II came along it did allow for equipment."

Christian Brother Joseph Shields, associate superintendent of teacher personnel for the New York Archdiocese, said that "like other large urban areas we are experiencing a teacher shortage." To combat the shortage he stays in contact with "every Catholic college" and recruits from Canada and Puerto Rico as well as Ireland and the Philippines.

As a result, he said, about 80 "excellent" foreign teachers are in the 345 New York Catholic schools this year. He said recruiting teachers is "a 12-month effort."

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Youth's 'moral illiteracy' blamed on family

PITTSBURGH (NC) - Moral illiteracy among Catholic college students is caused by parental apathy toward religious education, not catechists or textbooks, according to Father Robert Friday. "Most of the students cannot articulate a credible notion or definition of morality or of sin," said Father Friday, associate dean and professor of religion and religious education in the school of religious studies at The Catholic University of America, Washington.

"If I asked why the Catholic Church teaches as it does about birth control, abortion, war, capital punishment or the economy, even the things that are about feelings, but not about morality," he said. "They simply ask whether the homework is done instead (of asking) if they have the absolute responsibility to be informed to what the church never said that you must know without any doubt, they cannot do it."

Parents often closed to the possibilities of change or development, he said, "and moral learning is an ongoing, development-growth process, not just learning facts. Until parents are better informed, problems will continue with the students."

Moral training is needed for a well-informed conscience, Father Friday added. "Mindless obedience to authority is immaturity and unworthy of a Christian."

"A well-informed conscience must take into consideration and give very heavy weight to church teaching. But the church never said that you must always do only what the teaching says...nor should you pick and choose. That means you have the absolute responsibility to be informed to what the church teaches and why -- and then to follow the conscience," Father Friday said.

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Fr. Greeley fund to help Catholic schools

CHICAGO (NC) — Best-selling novelist Father Andrew Greeley announced Sept. 12 that he was starting his own million-dollar fund for Catholic schoolchildren after the Chicago Archdiocese turned the money down.

"I think it's the first time the church has turned down money," Father Greeley told one Chicago newspaper.

He said he is often asked why he does not give all his book royalties to the church, and said he has "a really good answer to that now. They won't take it!"

He said that through his lawyers he had offered $1 million to the archdiocese last July as a contribution to a new fund for inner-city Catholic schools planned by Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago. The tentative initial goal of the archdiocesan fund is $10 million.

Monsignor Frederick Stenger, Bishop of Chicago, and Sister Joy Clough, archdiocesan spokeswoman, confirmed that Cardinal Bernardin had received and rejected Father Greeley's offer. But said Father Greeley "is certainly a worthy one, and we're confident that much practical good will be accomplished."

She said Catholic schools in Chicago are locally run and can apply independently for help from Father Greeley's fund. Father Greeley, 58, has been a priest of the Chicago Archdiocese for 32 years. A sociologist by profession and a prolific author, he was nationally known in the 1960s and '70s chiefly for his extensive sociological studies of American Catholicism and Catholic schools and priests, and for his often acerbic commentary on the U.S. church in a nationally syndicated column.

In 1979 he wrote his first novel, "The Magic Cup." Since then he has written 10 other novels and has sold his work in the millions with such best-sellers as "The Cardinal Sin" and "The Catholic Ethic." He announced creation of his inner-city education fund as his 1985 White House work, the autobiographical "Confessions of a Parish Priest," went on sale in bookstores.

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Fr. Greeley: Chicago Archdiocese refused money
Fr. Jenco: pressure Reagan

WASHINGTON (NC) — Ex-hostage Father Lawrence Martin Jen-co, two other former captives and their families have asked Americans to pressure the Reagan administration to negotiate for the release of remaining U.S. hostages in Lebanon.

"I honestly believe that when one American is held hostage, all Americans are held hostage," the Serv-ile priest said as the group met in Washington Sept. 15 to launch a nationwide campaign to draw attention to the plight of the Americans still held captive.

In an interview Father Jenco said that each day he is reminded of his captivity and his "brothers" who re-main hostages.

"So many things bring it to mind. The sun, the trees, the face of a lovely child. For 19 months I didn't touch the earth, I didn't walk in the fresh air or the rain," he said.

The priest also said Americans must learn about the world's "800 million people of Islam" and to make their understanding part of foreign policy toward the Middle East.

Also at the press conference was Elaine Collett of New York, the American wife of British journalist Alec Collett, 64. Collett had been reported hanged by his pro-Libyan captors in April but no body was recovered.

Haitians learning democracy

WASHINGTON (NC) — Working with such concepts as "democracy" and "how to recognize a dictator," 7,000 Haitians are learning to read, write and analyze social issues, said those familiar with the Catholic Church's literacy program on the Caribbean island-state.

The students are the first in a major push by the church to launch the litera-ry project, said Eddy Louis-Jacques, administrator of Radio Soleil, the Catholic-run station which works with the campaign.

"This is really the first test of the project," said Louis-Jacques, who said the campaign is going "pretty well." Louis-Jacques was interviewed in Washington in September.

The current group should be literate by October, he said. Also by then, 1,000 literacy teachers should be train-ed, the broadcaster said.

Radio Soleil sends tapes of lessons to literacy centers around Haiti, where the tapes can facilitate discussion, said Louis-Jacques.

He noted that with the new teachers trained, the church will be able to open 1,000 new literacy centers.

Radio Soleil also is involved in continuing education for those who have completed the literacy program. Louis-Jacques said the station works with members of basic Christian com-munities to teach people skills "such as caring for their houses and land."

S. Africa priests OK pressure

PRETORIA, South Africa (NC) — The South African council of Priests has passed a resolution supporting economic pressure to end their nation's system of racial segregation, apartheid.

The resolution gave formal support to the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference stand of economic pressure against the gov-ernment, as outlined in a pastoral let-ter issued in May.

Noel Brysos, information officer for the archdiocese of Pretoria, said the priests "are aware of the necessity of economic pressure" but "will not engage in any form of disinformation" and "will not join in a campaign of civil disobedience" against the government.

The bishops' conference — which includes bishops from South Africa, Swaziland, Botswana and Namibia — made a point of calling for pressure, not sanctions. Sanctions "could adversely affect the majority of South Africans," they said.

Tutu: Church must challenge politics

VATICAN CITY (NC) — South African Anglican Archbishop Den-nington, a outspoken critic of his country's system of forced racial seg-re-gation, said religious leaders must "challenge the power structures," even when it brings them into politics.

"The authorities want a quiescent church, one that is docile, one that sanctifies the status quo. That is not the role of the church," the black church leader said in a Sept. 9 inter-view with the Vatican Radio service.

"It is the role of the church to be the place where Christ would be! We want to be the voice of the long-doomed and the voiceless, he said.

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Fr. Richard Walsh is a priest in the Diocese of Orlando, Florida. He has been in Ireland and spent three years as a priest to Central Florida from 1982 and has resided in several parishes. Pre-sently he is Pastor of St. Margaret Mary Parish, Winter Park, Florida.

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Faith rally!

After success among Hispanics, Damascus takes aim at alienated Catholics in Anglo community

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

Hundreds of years ago, a weary traveler by the name of Paul came to a spiritual crossroads while en route to Damascus. He chose to walk the difficult road, but it was one that would lead him to God.

The poet Robert Frost had his own intersection of that same road, written in words which continue to immortalize him: “Two roads diverged in a yellow wood, / I was one...”

Both...I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference...

Fellow pilgrims who are journeying toward the same spiritual destination can now meet once a month in an informal—and inspirational—faith rally called Damascus.

Co-sponsored by the offices of Lay Ministry and Evangelization, the English-speaking version of Damascus was held this past Saturday from 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. James parish in North Miami. It is a replica of the Hispanic “Damascos” program which has been a highly successful evangelization tool for the past two years in the Archdiocese of Miami.

After attending the Hispanic program for two years, Sister Lucy Cardet, principal of Corpus Christi School, was so pleased with the impact it had on her life that she wanted other Catholics to have the same experience.

After speaking to Damascus leaders Adele Gonzalez and Zolila Diar of the Lay Ministry office, Sister Lucy decided to take the initiative and introduce Damascus to Anglo Catholics. Along with a core group of others who felt there was a need for an English Damascus, Sister Cardet began organizing its first meeting.

Flyers, distributed by the office of Lay Ministry and youth groups, also helped spread the word. On Sept. 7, more than 50 people were on hand for the afternoon of prayer, singing, witnessing and Mass.

The informality and warmth of the Damascus program is designed to make Catholics who have been away from the Church feel comfortable about returning, explained Sister Lucy.

“We want people to meet Jesus and we want to share his message with one another. We also hope to bridge the gap between the street and parish. We’re a kind of spiritual half-way house.”

During the Damascus, people are encouraged to give witness to how God has worked in their lives.

Deacon Joe Pearse, from St. James parish in North Miami was eager to testify to how the Good News has affected his life. “When I was in the 5th grade I had a vision that I would be serving God. But I struggled against it. Despite my objections, here I am... and He has done so much for me personally and in my ministry. I know he can do the same for everyone.”

Zolila Diaz told the audience that she had always been so busy organizing the Hispanic Damasco events she had never had an opportunity to fully explore her own spirituality through the program. When she attended the first rally for English-speaking participants, she said she felt able to see Damascus in a new light.

“I have felt the beauty, the gentleness and peace of the Damascus.”

“Let us pray together for the thousands of professionals and volunteers who serve as religion teachers in Catholic schools, parish CCD programs, youth and adult education programs.

Materials for the celebration have been sent out to parishes throughout the Archdiocese, and legal pads bearing the symbol of the Religious Education office are also available.

Sister Jeanne O’Loughlin, O.P., president of Barry University, will be the keynote speaker at Saturday’s Catechetical Day, which begins at 9 a.m. and ends with a 2:45 p.m. Mass. Also, who will be exhibiting their religious education materials. For information on upcoming English language Damascus rallies, call the Offices of Evangelization or Lay Ministry at the Pastoral Center, 757-6241, Ext. 189 and 370 respectively.

Friends gather for intimate prayer during the first English-language Damascus, an informal gathering for prayer, singing and Mass. (Voice photo/Betsy Kennedy)

Catechetical observance this weekend

More than 1,500 catechists and directors of religious education will gather this Saturday at the Konover Hotel on Miami Beach for their third annual Catechetical Day, sponsored by the Office of Religious Education of the Archdiocese of Miami.

The theme for this year’s celebration is “Speak the Truth in Love,” which is also the theme for Catechetical Sunday, Sept. 21.

Catechetical Sunday is a time for local parishes to pay tribute to the thousands of professionals and volunteers who serve as religion teachers in Catholic schools, parish CCD programs, youth and adult education programs.

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Catechetical Day ’86 T-shirts, with the word “love” written in four languages and a heart superimposed on the Archdiocesan Synod logo, are being sold for $5 by the Department of Religious Education.

Separated, divorced conference set

The Seventh Annual Conference for Separated and Divorced Catholics will be held on Oct. 25 at St. Rose School, 10690 N.E. 5th Ave. in Miami Shores, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Cost for the day will be $10 for adults and $2 for children and lunch will be provided.

The conference will begin with an address by Father Sean Mulcahy, pastor of St. Maurice Church in Ft. Lauderdale. During the remainder of the day, adults will have an opportunity to attend workshops on various topics.

Adult workshops will include: Annullments; The Possibilities: Courting, Remarriage; Divorce: A Time for Personal Growth; How to be a Happier and More Effective Parent; Can You Be Catholic and Sexual; and more.

Under the supervision of staff members from the COR Counseling Center in Kendall, the children will use art, music, films, play and group discussion to deal with their experience of divorce. Parents whose children are participating in the day will share one workshop session with their children.

For pre-registration and further information contact The Family Enrichment Center at 651-0260.

Among those who will lead the workshops are: Carol Farrell, director of the Archdiocese’s Family Life Ministry; Father Michael Flanagan, counselor, Catholic Family Services; Eileen Anderson of the William Sadlier Co.; Mary Lou Obodzinsky of Silver Burdette Co.; Walter Dean Hicks of Loyola University Chicago; and Sister Cecilia Willis, director of Religious Education in the Diocese of Orlando.

Throughout the day, major publishing houses will be exhibiting their religious education materials.

Registration is $15 for the day, including lunch, and may be by calling the Religious Education Department, 757-6241, Ext. 180, or at the Konover on the day of the conference.

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For unwed mothers

Supporters of Mother Teresa of Calcutta's Missionaries of Charity took part recently in a Mass and groundbreaking ceremony for a planned home for unwed mothers. It will be located adjacent to the shelter for women and children which is run by the missionaries at 724 NW 17 Street in Miami. Father Daniel Kubala, director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Miami (picture), who conducted the ceremony, says the new facility is in the planning stages and any volunteers who would like to offer their help should contact the Missionaries of Charity. (Voice photo/Betsy Kennedy)

"In the waiting rooms of American doctors' offices, everyone is so quiet and keeps to themselves. But in the Cuban ones, people are telling each other their life story," Suárez said.

He recounted the experience of a outpatient of the Boston Globe newspaper. It took place when a mentally retarded boy came into an American doctor's waiting room, stood in silence. After the boy bounced in and introduced himself in a congenial and innocent manner to each one, friendly chatter erupted among all the patients.

"Someone like that brings so much love into our lives and the only way people can learn that kind of love is through the family. We must help the family and preserve its values. And its most essential value is the unborn child," said the mayor in conclusion.

Father Daniel Kubala, director of the Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of Miami, ended the program by acknowledging dozens of pro-life workers and volunteers, especially the Emergency Pregnancy Service offices and the SS. Joachim and Anne Center for the elderly, which helped sponsor the luncheon.

As visitors left the room, stacks of lapis pins were for sale on a table. Sunlight poured in catching their reflection: hundreds of tiny replicas of unborn feet.
A Million Minutes of Peace

Worldwide campaign asks people to donate time, prayers

By Ana Rodrigues-Soto
Voice News Editor

It's a donation everyone can make, and the beneficiary is the world. For the next 30 days, pledge a minute for peace. Say a prayer. Think good thoughts.

Catholic schoolchildren in South Florida and people throughout the world will be doing it until Oct. 16, as part of an international campaign to raise a million minutes of peace in each of more than 40 participating countries.

The total number of minutes collected will be presented to United Nations General Secretary Javier Perez de Cuellar on Oct. 24, as a "gift to the world" on this, the International Year of Peace.

Organizers of the Million Minutes of Peace Appeal say thoughts can be powerful weapons in bringing peace to the world.

"Sometimes, when people hear peace, they think it's political," says Veronica McHugh, a Miami resident who serves as Florida coordinator of the Million Minutes Appeal.

"Here, the emphasis is on the individual's responsibility for peace, for peace in his or her own home and for peace in the community. Just like they say that war starts in the mind of man, that's where peace starts as well. Peace begins with a thought," says McHugh, who, rather appropriately, teaches medieval history and religion.

Realistically, the appeal won't stop a terrorist bomb from exploding or put an end to the hostilities in the Middle East.

But McHugh says the goal of the "A Million Minutes of Peace" campaign is to establish peace in much smaller battlefields: people's hearts.

"In ways that [we] don't realize, we're contributing to war, by our own personal aggressions and egos," she says. "If you just think about it for a minute, you can get rid of that vicious feeling...[The appeal] is to try to get people to realize that the natural state of human beings is peace. If we were all peaceful in our own minds, would we want to take up a gun against anyone else?"

The sponsors of the campaign are a loosely-knit group of international peace organizations, many of them affiliated with the United Nations. All the work is being done by volunteers, and many prominent individuals in the civic, religious and entertainment fields have lent their support, including Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the Dalai Lama, Nobel Peace Prize winner Adolfo Perez Esquivel, singer-songwriter Paul McCartney, actress Deborah Kerr and actor Ben Kingsley, who played the title role in the movie "Gandhi."

Organizations also have donated their services to the appeal, which expressly asks that people "send no money."

"It's non-political, it's non-commercial, it's non-confrontational. We are not anti-anything," McHugh says. "We are pro peace."

The campaign kick-off took place this week, Sept. 16, at noon local time in each of the participating countries. In Miami, balloons were released in front of the Metro-Dade building, and a song written especially for the appeal by a Miami resident of Spanish descent, Jesus Maria del Rincon, was sung. The song is titled, "Hermanas y Hermanos" (Sisters and Brothers).

In London, all the church bells started ringing at 11:55, then stopped for a minute of silence at noon. In Hong Kong, the stock market stopped trading and observed its own minute of silence.

McHugh says there's no limit to what people can donate to the appeal - prayers, songs, paintings, a minute a day or 30 minutes a day. "The whole thing is about people being creative."

The pledge forms for the Million Minutes appeal include space for people to write their own thoughts on peace. McHugh likes what one five-year-old girl said:

"I think we should send out little boxes filled with love so that everybody in the whole wide world will have peace. And then every morning God will send out more boxes filled with peace."

"That's very true, McHugh says. "The more we have thoughts of peace, the more we're able to attract the peace that God gives."

Individuals, groups or schools interested in obtaining pledge forms may call McHugh at 661-8373.

Black composer will add soul to parish liturgies

By Prent Browning
Voice Staff Writer

Grayson Warren Brown, a noted black liturgical composer, thought he might never work for a parish again. He had seen many in his travels and there was a lot he saw that he didn't like.

"I saw parishes where people would sit down and look angry, mean, and upset," he says.

The dynamic musician, who has composed two Masses, has spent the past nine years touring Catholic parishes throughout the country, giving lectures and workshops on topics such as gospel music in the liturgy, Bible study, spiritual motivation and social justice.

Brown, who began his music ministry as an organist in a small church in Brooklyn, N.Y., found that Catholic churches often compared unfavorably to the more expressive black, Protestant churches.

"You'd see some of the faces of the people that came to give praise to God and you'd wonder what God ever did to them that they look ed like that," he says.

"Anyone walking in there if he had any sense at all, his first reaction is to turn around and walk out. The priest would say, 'why didn't they stay for the final hymn?' I'd say, 'because frankly, Father, they couldn't wait to leave and I don't blame them.'"

One church that didn't fit into that pattern, Brown discovered during several visits, was Christ the King parish in Perrine. "At Christ the King I met people who weren't afraid to touch each other and to proclaim their belief in God."

He was so impressed with the parish and the area, in fact, that he recently decided to accept a position there as director of Worship and Ministries.

Brown received a warm reception from Christ the King parishioners during a recent Mass welcoming the musician. During the Mass, the congregation held hands and sang "Amazing Grace" and Brown told them not to be self-conscious about worshiping God.

"There is a passage from St. Paul/Never be afraid to be a fool for Christ/Do not worry about your image more than your ministry. Then when you go out into the world and try to follow Jesus and you get beat up, you know that there is a place that's home for you." Pastor James O'Shaugnessy,

believe the musician is a welcome addition to a parish that contains a variety of ethnic groups but which anticipates in the future a large concentration of blacks.

"For people who have suffered and been oppressed," says Brown, "worship has to be a feeling experience. The black denominations, particularly, believe in speaking to people's hearts."

Whatever the future brings, you will be hearing more from Grayson Warren Brown, Christ the King's new director of Music and Ministries.
Maryknoll Father Francis "Skip" Flynn, minister for the Archdiocese of Miami, took on the job of directing prison counseling from Barry University, he says. "Do you keep people [in jail] forever because they mugged you the other day? Or do you put something with them when they're in there so they won't go out and do it again?"

That's where Christians can truly make a difference, he says. "The greatest rehabilitation comes from the men and women realize that life must be different for them. No other program can do what religion can do in that regard." Naive, you think? But Father Santo is no dreamy-eyed fool. Since the late 50s, he has known inmates and prisons on a regular basis, and in 1974 he began a two-year stint as interim chaplain at the federal jail in Milan, Mich.

After taking time out to work as a pastor in Chicago and get a degree in counseling from Barry University, he took on the job of directing prison ministry for the Archdiocese of Miami, a position he has held for the past two years. A year ago he also became the chaplain of the new South Florida Metropolitan Correctional Center in downtown Miami. Father Santo lists three priorities for prison ministry: to rehabilitate, to minister to prisoners and their families, and to work with staff and volunteers who will work outside the "inside" world.

"People who are in prison, they are in life-after-prison programs," Father Santo says. "We want, in a more organized and systematic way, to reach all the prisons in the state. By the way, it's the parishes. It's the diocesan Synod body. And it's the bishop's office, where the majority of our work takes place."

"We need somebody to tell him he's wrong," Father Santo says. "And the more humane the punishment is, the more likely the person being punished will benefit from it."

The inmate has to feel some self-worth, some purpose in life, some need to be good..."Everybody's telling him he's bad. He has to be bad. We need somebody to tell him he's good."

In the majority of cases, Father Santo points out, the punishment itself - a period of confinement away from society - is enough to convince people that, to use the old cliche, crime doesn't pay.

"No [one] has proven that making prison more ugly prevents crime."

Fr. Mark Santo

The Florida Catholic Conference called it discrimination. So did several Jewish organizations. In the entire state of Florida, not a single prison chaplain was Catholic or Jewish. All were Protestants.

Now, after a lawsuit and public pressure, one Catholic priest has been hired as chaplain at the new South Florida Metropolitan Correctional Center, a state-run facility located in west Dade. Father Mark Santo isn't sure whether the hiring of Maryknoll Father Francis 'Skip' Flynn is a "token or they really meant to change."

But the director of Prison Ministry in the Archdiocese of Miami says "if they want a more merciful look at the federal system," which is "very conscious" of hiring chaplains from many different denominations. Father Santo himself was hired by the federal government a year ago to serve as fulltime chaplain at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in south Dade. At that time, he was the only Catholic prison chaplain anywhere in the state of Florida.

Although being hired by the prison somewhat restricts the freedom of a chaplain, Father Santo says the job offers tremendous potential, over and above the work done by priests of other faiths.

"We're 'wounded healers,'" he says. "We're really are...wounded healers. We can offer some ways of healing but only because we're also broken. Our brokenness may not show in the same way."

Waren served several years as a volunteer in the Alderson federal prison and then was counselor of prison ministry programs for parishes in the Winston-Salem area of North Carolina.

She works with inmates who are "one of the toughest ministries" because "it's a lot of watering down without ever seeing the fruit. No matter how much a person can set himself right with God, or with their families, if they're doing 50 years, they're going to do a good portion of those 50 years. You can [only] offer them hope."

Nevertheless, visiting those in prison is a holy calling, and one that more Christians should get involved in, Waren says.

"I think that Christian people have to re-examine what we're being called to be about. As Catholics, we really believe in the dignity of the person and in a God who totally forgives, who doesn't hold a grudge. And if that really is true, that most of all is in conflict with other people...Just because they broke the rules does not make them an inherently evil person."

Inmates simply "are people who are locked up, who are lonely, and who need to hear the Gospel." We need people who will go in and do that. That's the bottom line."
Charismatic leader: we need renewal
by Brett Browning, Voice staff writer

It was a time for rejoicing, praising God, and linking hands in prayer.
But the Miami Archdiocesan Catholic Charismatic conference held last weekend in Hollywood was also a time for reflecting on the need for greater unity and for a renewed spiritual commitment in the Charismatic movement.

Over 3,000 South Florida Charismatics attended the three-day conference at the Diplomat hotel which

‘I have talked to thousands of people in many cities and there is a lessening of a sense of vitality among Charismatic leaders,’ --William Beatty

featured singing, speakers, and a prayer and healing service. The conference concluded on Sunday with a Mass consecrated by Archbishop Edward McCarthy and several priests.

The spacious ballroom at the hotel was rented after hundreds were turned away at last year’s conference because of lack of space, but William Beatty, the Executive Director of the National Service Committee of the U.S. Catholic Charismatic Renewal, said Saturday that many areas are experiencing a decline in membership.

Beatty, one of the principal speakers at the conference, spoke of the support Charismatics have received from bishops and the Pope but warned that problems within the movement itself currently threaten its momentum.

‘I have talked to thousands of people in many cities and there is a lessening of a sense of vitality (among Charismatics) in many situations,’ he said.

‘I see a certain bewilderment about where is all this going, a disorientation about what we’re caught up in and what God is doing, even a growing lack of the use of spiritual gifts.

Prayer meetings are becoming kind of shared prayer meetings, prayer groups. The Charismatics are dying up.

Beatty said many people are looking upon their baptism in the Holy Spirit as a one-time occurrence, something that “happened to them back in 1972 or 73.”

The Charismatic director also sees a lack of unity among its leaders.

‘One leader said to me, “I use to be an angel until the backsliders ate my wings off.” Some of the other problems he mentioned included the fact that the average age of participants is getting older, many leaders suffer “burn-out” and, there is almost a universal lack of priestly involvement.

Another principle speaker, Marilyn Kramer, the President of Charismatics In Missions Inc., a Catholic missionary evangelization society, also spoke of the need for unity in the prayer community and urged those who attended the conference to act on their faith.

‘What good is it (faith),’ she said, “if you see a man who comes into the auditorium with no clothes and you say goodbye, good luck, hope you get fed, hope you find clothes. Faith without works is death.”

‘What are you doing with your time and your money?’ asked Beatty. ‘Are you being more generous with the Lord and his people?’

These are the important signs of a real spiritual evolution and not the number of prayer groups or Charismatic meetings you attend, he said.

In fact, many of the difficulties within the Charismatic movement stem not from too little involvement but from too many people trying too hard to be exemplary Charismatics, Beatty said. Some are wearing themselves down by attending too many prayer meetings and Charismatic events.

‘A lot of us can resemble the church in Corinth—very busy but something’s missing. Despite all that spiritual activity Paul had to re-instill in them a fresh understanding of the Fear of the Lord and of the love of God.

‘Some of us have come into a land of Charismatic plenty and we have forgotten our utter need for God. I think the Lord wants us to rediscover that and realize that everything we have is pure gift.”

In fact, it is a realization of our weaknesses rather than pride in our spiritual accomplishments that lies at the heart of the message of Christ, well-known music minister Paul Lambert said Charismatics at the conference.

Lambert, who with his musical partner Roger Grenier is currently leading retreats and conferences throughout the country, spoke last weekend about the mystery of the cross.

This was a stunner and David was a weakening compared to huge Goliah, he said.

‘This is a God who delights in taking those things that seem insignificant and using them in a great way’

‘There’s nothing pretty about the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, but he wants us to look at it as what once was ugly is a means to his grace.

‘What is ugly to us is our weaknesses, our trials, the people who drive us crazy—we don’t want to look at them. Those things are like the cross of Jesus… and God is saying look at it, I know its ugly but look at it, I’ll heal you.”

Although there was an emphasis on acknowledging shortcomings and purging personal obstacles to spiritual growth, the mood at the conference was anything but somber.

Led by Roger and Paul (Lambert and Grenier) and music ministers Charles Stracuzzi and Chris Dorman, the Charismatics sang dozens of songs in several different languages, spoke in tongues, and extended their arms, palms upward, to receive the Holy Spirit.

Members of Charismatics In Missions danced hands and danced down the aisles Saturday night.

Beatty in a positive note mentioned the “hundreds of thousands of Americans Catholics who love God with all they’ve got.”

In only 19 years of the Catholic Charismatic renewal, he told his audience, in the United States alone there have been over 10 million Catholics who have been baptized.

‘But it’s only just the beginning of what God wants us to accomplish. We have only just begun.’

Faith brought her physical, spiritual healing

Prent Browning, Voice staff writer

Signs and wonders will follow those who believe, says the Bible.

Some evidence for this can be found in the life of Jackie Tucci, the Director of Catholic Charismatic Services for the Miami Archdiocese, who shared some personal experiences at this year’s Catholic Charismatic Conference about how prayer and faith has had a direct and dramatic impact on her life.

Tucci, who founded the first Charismatic prayer group in South Florida during the late 1960’s, said that she went through a period where she was starting to “lose her way” spiritually even though she attended church every Sunday.

She was also going through a period when her father was in a deep coma, she was pregnant, and her brother-in-law was a drug addict.

‘I had a wonderful husband, good friends, but somewhere inside me there was this great big hole.’

She described how one day she was invited by a friend to a Protestant mission and underwent a baptism of the Holy Spirit, an event that had been predicted for her.

After she became involved in Charismatic meetings who needed to be cured, she said.

And I said it was me and they came and laid hands on me and I was completely cured.

Her daughter, Karen, was born with a hole in her heart and wasn’t expected to live a normal life span. After praying for her recovery, her daughter had X-rays which showed the hole had completely healed.

The doctor said “I don’t know what’s happened here but the hole is closed.” He said “go home and get down on your knees and thank God.”

Her son also had serious medical problems, having convulsions when he was a baby that were expected to cause brain damage. He is now completely normal.

Ironically, considering their respective ailments, her son Keith is now a resident in neurosurgery and her daughter is a neo-natal nurse.

Although there are dramatic examples of the power of faith, Tucci said, anyone can triumph over their adversaries with the help of Christ.

Anyone of us who are not ashamed to profess Jesus Christ before men, we are the victors.

‘I think what God is trying to get across to us,’ she said, “is that the greatest signs and wonders that we’ll see are that we are going to see people and places worshipping God that we never felt possible.”

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25 years in exile

Close to 7,000 white handkerchiefs waved at the night at Marine Stadium Sept. 8 as Cubans celebrated the annual feastday of Our Lady of Charity of Cobre, patroness of the island. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the statue's arrival in Miami. As has become the custom, the celebration, an unabashed mixture of patriotism and faith, opened with a Rosary, followed by the arrival of the statue of Our Lady by boat. The statue's home-coming is the Shrine of Our Lady of Charity, just across the bay from Marine Stadium.

The Mass which followed was concelebrated in Spanish by Archbishop Edward McCarthy (right), incoming auxiliary Bishops Aquinas Roman and Norbert Dorsey and more than 50 priests, deacons and seminarians of the archdiocese. (La Voz photo/Araceli Cantero)

Emotional welcome for political prisoners

The purpose of prison ministry is "to reconcile (the inmate). To reconcile him to the Christian community," says "we care about you," and in so doing raise his self-esteem. If he thinks good of himself, he's more likely to do good."

And caring for a criminal does not minimize concern for the victim, he points out. "The victim is also helped if the criminal is changed, because the criminal is less likely to be a criminal again. You don't have to make a choice between the two."

The bottom line, for Father Santo, is "what did Jesus say? How did He treat the person who was feared or despised or detected? ... [Prison ministry] is work for everybody who claims they're Christian."

To volunteer, call Father Santo at 757-6241, Ext. 186, or the Office of Lay Ministry, Ext. 370.

Priest: People in prison need to feel God's love

"Christians need to hear that that's not Christian. If we say [those things] we're saying something that goes against what Jesus said," he adds.

Ironically, the inmates who could be helped the most -- juveniles -- are receiving the least from the Church, Father Santo says. He would like to see more volunteers working with Youth Hall and the courts to see that kids are turned away from crime before it becomes a way of life.

"If there's any place where we need a chaplain -- goodness, isn't it the juvenile facility where we could have an influence?" he asks.

One thing is clear, Father Santo says. Crime is not a problem for psychologists or sociologists only. It's a problem for anyone who believes in God and the inherent dignity of human beings.

"I don't think society sees that people are changed," he says. "If they are changed, it's not that we have to change the criminal, it's that we have to change ourselves.

State must hire more Catholic prison chaplains

Another South Florida priest hired two Protestant chaplains, then asked Father Santo to find a Catholic priest to serve as a volunteer. "Why didn't they call me before?"

Neither does the Church lack priests for the job, he says. "It may take some of an effort on our part, but there are certainly priests and deacons and sisters who are interested."

"Chaplains are an absolute need," Father Santo adds.

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Pope decries terrorism from mountaintop

By Augustino Bono

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II took a helicopter ride over 7,000 feet into the Italian Alps to visit a shrine to peace, a mountaintop statue of Mary. But in the dramatic scenery of an isolated peak set against the backdrop of a snow-covered Mount Chetif, the pope addressed one of the world’s most violent phenomena.

"It is necessary, and without delay, to do everything possible to put an end to the incessant escalation of terrorism" and "insane episodes" of violence, has drawn the world’s scorn.

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Pro-life litmus test and the media ox

By Fr. Virgil C. Blum, S.J.*
President, Catholic League

President Reagan has been accused of employing a judicial litmus test in selecting candidates for the Supreme Court as well as for the federal appeals and district courts. The Constitution, however, is silent on the subject of whether it is permissible to require certain justices to resign and cry because pro-abortion lawyers cannot pass muster under the Reagan regime.

This should come as no surprise. The Lichter-Rothman study revealed that 90 percent of the most influential journalists in the print and electronic media approve the killing of unborn babies.

Their complaint is that applying a political and philosophical litmus test to judicial candidates violates the spirit of the Constitution. If they were serious they would be displaying crass ignorance of American political history. Every president since Washington has appointed individuals to the federal courts who would reverse their own principles and values in judicial decisions.

One president — Franklin Roosevelt — even tried to pack the Supreme Court with New Deal-inspired justices. Had Congress approved his bold scheme, FDR would certainly have applied a litmus test to exclude any candidate not ideologically sympathetic to his New Deal legislation.

However, despite their claims to objectivity, the media have their own pet interpretations of the Constitution. It is simply a question of whose ideological ox is being gored at the moment. There is a whole new philosophy at work in the media since the time when President Carter set up judicial screening commissions with a long shopping list of ideological criteria.

Each candidate, for example, had to have "proper feminist credentials," which means in plain English that he or she approved of abortions. Of the 258 judicial candidates who passed Carter's screening process, only a handful of pro-lifers slipped through the cracks. This was clearly an ideological litmus test. The difference was that the Carter ideology had the media's stamp of approval.

As the Soviet sphere of influence continues to spread around the world while denying the people of the world their basic human rights, we are all too small to question our own behavior. We cannot know the divine law. It is irrefutable. The Catholic Church's 2000 year old history.

In American history, the priestly powers at the Last Supper, guided by the Holy Spirit, then this should have meaning.

And if women did not receive the special call to the apostolate of the Twelve, nonetheless they are invited to follow Christ as disciples and co-workers.

—Edward Stark, Buffalo, N.Y.

Theologian's ideas are smorgasbord

Editor:

After reading the comments by Father Curran in the recent issue of the Toledo Catholic Chronicle one could conclude that the deficiencies in Father Curran's right reasoning are most likely responsible for his lack of appreciation of the scandal he is inflicting on Mother Church. His exhibited thinking is indigenous to sophomoric intellectualism.

One wonders how it has been possible for Father Curran to occupy such a high position in the Catholic University of America for so long; and why has the Vatican been so lenient in dispensing judicial notice. Pray God that Father Curran be not typical of the Catholic Bishops abandon their sociological directives; but follow the teaching of the apostle of the Church, we are none in secondary positions, we have only different functions, but all are of first importance. If we believe the Church is guided by the Holy Spirit, then this should have meaning.

—Rev. Virgil C. Blum, S.J. is a Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Emeritus of Political Science, and Founder and President of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights.
Is there a limbo?

Q. Recently I became involved in a discussion with a well-educated young man about the validity of limbo. My position is that it is not tenable. He brought up limbo as an example of Catholic theology that has been revised. Just how has said dogma been revised? I have been under the impression that dogma is not revisable. Are there any other examples of this kind of revision? (Wisconsin)

A. The word "dogma" simply means "teaching." Much confusion has resulted, however, from failure to remember that not all teachings of the church carry the same level of authority or, if you will, infallibility.

The fact is that there are three basic types of dogma: 1) those that Jesus is truly divine and truly human, is of a higher order than the Bible; 2) the teaching and belief of the church on the precise nature of original sin; 3) the church teachings have changed through the centuries.

The church once strongly held, for example, that the sun revolved around the earth. Galileo was silenced and condemned by the official church for his teaching. In 1794 Pope Pius VI condemned an infant who dies without baptism. Obviously, since not long after Galileo, the church has changed its understanding of the meaning of the sun's revolving around the earth. Galileo's teaching was nothing new or unusual. It was simply teaching that has been changed. The teaching of the church is always subject to change and development in the light of changes in our understanding. (By Fr. John Dietzen)

Watching children grow

I am now in a most gratifying phase of motherhood: Watching my children grow through the events in their adult lives.

A recent incident in my daughter Margaret's life made me think about this. Margaret and her French husband, Jean-Claude, ran their own business overseas for several years before returning to the United States to have a baby. In the last six months, they have spent most of their savings to pay medical bills, to get re-established and here to start a small home-decorating business. Last week something went wrong with the baby.

"When Jean-Claude came home, I took one look at his face and just knew what had happened," my daughter said. "All of the tools which he had just bought had been stolen from the van. The whole investment - gone! We were so upset."

"Of course, we lost the baby and he was laughing. He didn't know that the tools had been stolen," Margaret explained that pretty soon the tools didn't seem so important, compared with the baby. She said that she felt no anger towards the thieves who probably were desperate for money, "The way I look at it," Margaret said, "when we live in such a material world, gaining things and losing things is all part of the balance of nature."

This is a far cry from the reaction Margaret had six or seven years ago when three of her "precious" silk blouses were stolen from the dry cleaners. She was terribly upset and crying, and I hoped then that she would grow beyond such a strong attachment to personal belongings.

It makes me happy to see the enormous growth which has taken place in Margaret, especially since the birth of her son, six months ago. Giving birth opens your eyes to understand that only life and love are important. The rest falls into place when you get your priorities straight.

I can recall an even earlier time when I was on vacation in Miami, Florida / THE VOICE / Friday, September 19, 1986 / PAGE 17

Letter to a student

My Dear Friend:

You're back to school and feeling depressed. Please don't be discouraged because you're unhappy. It's normal at this time of year - a new challenge and many choices. What passes once you've found your purpose in life.

Then you begin to live for a higher purpose, not your happiness per se, but the plan itself. Happiness is a by-product. The idea of purpose or destiny inevitably becomes a factor in your thinking and the Christian concept of Divine Providence begins to make sense.

You have made all things for a purpose. You have a purpose in life. If you listen carefully to the movements of your own soul when it is free from passion and the bliss that comes from selfishness and sin you will sense the marvelous harmony of your life with God.

This is unclear right now, open your heart in prayer. Read the words of Jesus and receive Holy Communion frequently. The Bread of Life was given to us to feed our spiritual hunger. If you are wise you will pray to find your purpose in life.

By Fr. John Catoir

Time capsules

Attila the Hun inherited his kingdom which was centered in present-day Hungary. He ruled jointly with his brother Bleda until 445. Five years later, he demanded Horonia, the sister of Emperor Valentinian III, as his bride and half of the West Roman Empire as her dowry. When Valentinian refused, Attila invaded the Empire and captured many cities.

As he neared Paris, the French run, St. Genevieve of Paris, persuaded her fellow citizens not to desert their city but to pray for deliverance. Impressed by this unusual form of defense, Attila converted to Christianity and returned to his homeland.

On his return march, Attila met the forces of the Roman General Aetius. Attila lost the Battle of Chalons as Attila's Comet was sailing by in 451. Attila returned to his homeland where he died two years later and his kingdom died with him.

In 193, Pertinax became the Emperor of Rome. His first act was to curb the lawlessness of his Praetorian Guard. But the guard retaliated and ended his reign and his life after three months. Then they sold the Emperorship to the highest bidder, who was Didius Julianus. But the guard soon tired of Didius. They murdered him and replaced him with Septimius Severus.

"There's Nothing Like It, send a stamped self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48 Street, New York, New York 10017.)

The nun who saved Paris

In 1914 A.D., Halley's Comet was blamed for a Chinese plague that spread throughout the known world, killing 4,000,000 people in Italy alone.

By Frank Morgan

...In 1889, the Ayres Sarcapilla Company claimed in an advertising that since its product had come on the market, the life expectancy for Americans had increased 20%.
Dear Dr. Kenny: I read with interest your recent column titled "How Do I Find a Job?" which dealt with the entry of a widow into the work force. I would like to point out to your readers the value of volunteer experience and of including it in resumes.

Many skills, talents and abilities used in volunteer work can effectively be transferred to the job market. Consider the person who organizes fundraising activities or coordinates a workshop or does data entry. She knows about these activities and the people she contacts. These activities allow for the development of leadership qualities, money management, organizational and people skills as well as encouraging one to be punctual, accept responsibility and initiate creative programs. In addition one can volunteer in the area nearest to the job market or taking this step for the first time should consider volunteer work as a way of polishing old skills, exploring careers, gaining experience and finding income.

I recently contacted a voluntary action center or volunteer bureau if there is one in their area. If not, they can make a direct contact with an appropriate community agency or organization, many of which depend on volunteers. Then, if and when they decide to join the work force, they will be able to draw on their volunteer jobs for recent experience and letters of recommendation. They will also have made a contribution to their community.

An individual who has never worked for pay but has given many hours of community service as a volunteer has skills and qualifications to offer a prospective employer, and today's employers recognize this. -- director of volunteer bureau, Massachusetts

Thank you. Unemployed readers of our column, especially those with long and stagnant records, should benefit from your remarks. When one cannot both speak of volunteer work and say one's contributions are good experience to use, it is good advice to use the "down" time to improve work skills. While this is often done through formal education, it can also be done through volunteer work.

As the writer notes, volunteer work is an acceptable way to fortify a resume. This can be especially useful for mothers who have raised their children, but are entering the formal work force for the first time.

Be selective. Pick your place to volunteer carefully. Choose work in the area in which you eventually hope to find employment. Be willing to perform small tasks. Be a "gofer," a receptionist, or helper at any office. Learn while you work.

Volunteering is like the old-fashioned apprenticeship system.

When a person wanted to learn a trade, he worked alongside an expert craftsman.

Volunteering not only gives you a chance to work, it also places you in contact with people in the work world. You might impress your supervisor or meet other potential employers. You are better off out where the action is, meeting people, making contacts and getting local.

Volunteering is one temporary answer to unemployment and for short periods, but a productive way to prepare yourself while you wait.

It has three big advantages. First, you are doing something worthwhile. Second, you are building a resume, both with creditable work and personal references. And third, you are learning practical skills.

Volunteering can be more than a charitable donation of time.

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

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Shy? You're not alone

By Dolores Curran

I was painfully shy as a child, a self-assured young mother admitted in a workshop. "Now I see my own child struggling with this problem. How can I help him?"

"How did you deal with it?" I asked. "What helped you overcome it?"

She thought nervously. "I didn't. I'm embarrassed to say I'm still shy."

"Those around her reacted with disbelief. "You? Shy?" one of her friends exclaimed. "You're one of the most confident people I know."

"It's all surface," the shy mother replied. "Underneath I'm really insecure, especially with new people and situations. I wouldn't come today if you wouldn't insist." There was a slight rustle of empathy and I asked,

"How many of you have wondered why you are shy? Three fourths of the group raised hands."

Shy people are in the majority of our culture. A recent survey indicates that 40 percent of college-aged students consider themselves shy; with another 40 percent, that fear of social situations is now intense enough to classify themselves as shy."

Shyness can be a painful affliction. It doesn't help to tell basically shy persons they should not feel shy. They know their limitations and they genuinely care about others. They know their limitations and they genuinely care about others.

"Shyness is an unusual preoccupation with oneself - how are others perceiving me?" the most effective method of overcoming shyness is not a lifetime affliction. It can be cured and avoided in the future.

For those suffering from shyness, I recommend Philip Zimbardo's book, Shyness: What It Is, What To Do About It, and for parents of shy children, I recommend the same author's The Shy Child. Both include information and helpful suggestions on learning to deal with failure, perfectionism, rejection, and insecurity so that there will not be a lifelong affliction.

Having the stigma of shyness is that it cannot be changed. It can, and has, been, with considerable success. Much shyness stems from learned behavior which can be unlearned if one makes the effort.

Shyness is the only alternative, but a productive one. It places you in contact with people in the work world. Consider the person who organizes fund-raising activities for the Kennys, Box 872, St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Ind. 47978."

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A tribute to Fr. Jim Young

By Sister Virginia McCall, PBVM, Director of Ministry to Separated and Divorced, Family Enrichment Center

The death of Father Jim Young has left those who knew and loved him stunned with disbelief. His understanding, compassion and genuine care has enabled countless men and women to reign a sense of dignity and self - acceptance.

Divorced Catholics? There is a person I like to suggest, but unfortunately we don't know her name. She is the woman, who had been divorced by five men, whom she married at Jacob's Well (John 4:20). This is the woman, who came to the well at an off-hour, probably to avoid the townspeople and was surprised to find an unusual rabbit sitting there. (Rabbits were taught never to speak to women in public and especially not Samaritan women). Yet a job had her by the ear and then goes on to share himself with her...offering her the water of life. In the woman, is startled that the rabbit knows everything about her and when she asks if he is the lost longing Messiah, "Who are you?" The woman, who has been divorced by five men, is the first person who has ever asked her this question."

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"The same Lord who called his followers, when they married, to commit themselves to each other until death; reveals his merciful compassion for those who suffer."

Father Jim Young is dead but his spirit lives on through the countless lives he has touched. He will be sorely missed but not forgotten.
What do bishops think of TV?

The power TV wields over Catholic counteract TV.

Thinking goes, because men in such high positions don't have the time or inclination to watch, "My Sister Sam" or "Dallas." Therefore, they don't realize bishops: they are out of touch with their newspapers. Of the 30, a dozen responded, some choosing to remain anonymous; others went public with their views. For the final column, I'll share their responses with you. The project began when I pondered a familiar charge against bishops: they are out of touch with their people simply because they live in a different lifestyle. This is especially true regarding television, the thinking goes, because men in such high positions don't have the time or inclination to watch, "My Sister Sam" or "Dallas." Therefore, they don't realize the power TV wields over Catholic individuals and families, and therefore, they don't expend any special effort to counteract TV.

**By James Regg**

Intriguing questions:

What do Catholic bishops watch when they sit down to watch television for a couple of hours? Of course, bishops would tend to be more selective than the average tube buff. And this brings to mind a number of questions I recently put to 30 Catholic leaders—cardinals, archbishops and bishops—in an effort to find out what they think of the tube. I picked the 30 easily; they head the dioceses which use my TV column in their newspapers. Of the 30, a dozen responded, some choosing to remain anonymous, but most willing to go public with their views.

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"Don't know," while the entire remaining 10 checked off "no." The survey then gave them room to say what they think the Church could do. Here are some of the suggestions:

- Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, Galveston-Houston, Tx: "Raise the issue more frequently with parents and educators."
- Anonymous archbishop: "Increase the Church's use of TV as a constructive medium and also wholesome contributor."
- Bishop Howard Hubbard, Albany, N.Y: "Help people unravel the subtle messages TV communicates. Help people advocate for the type of programming that will present positive values."
- Archbishop Daniel Kucera, Dubuque, Ia: "Better education in making correct judgments; value training."
- Archbishop Edward McCarthy, Miami, "Follow suggestions of Sacred Congregation of Education on training seminarians to properly evaluate and use the media."
- Archbishop Whealon: "Somewhere give them the view of life as to be led by an educated, cultured, religious person, with trash to be eliminated."

Education, the key according to the bishops, which will help overcome TV's problems. What problems? To find out, I asked the bishops to rank five suggested problem areas according to seriousness. Their rankings, when compiled, show what the dozen Church leaders consider the worst problems of the tube (the results are listed with the worst problem first):

1. Sexual content of the shows
2. Lack of worth of most shows
3. Violence
4. Power of the ads
5. Lack of Church presence on TV

The first three problems were clustered closely in the voting and only Archbishop Whealon selected "other" writing in "total materialism" as his nominee for the second worst problem with television.

Next: What bishops watch and how they assess TV.

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**COURAGEOUS WOMAN--Sophia Loren stars as Marriana Miraldo and Hector Elizondo as her husband in " Courage," a TV movie based on the life of a woman who helped bust a $3.5 billion cocaine ring. The movie airs on CBS on Sept. 24.**

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Ted Danson has the charm of a serpent in this film as he slithers bravely around trying to be aloof and cunning. He's softened a bit in the massive commercial apartment building that is his home. Writer-director Blake Edwards pen seems fixated upon comic conventions. Playing two thugs, Stuart Margolin and Richard Mulligan provide the genuinely funny spark in the story. Danson's character is an unwholesome role model perpetuating the myth of male promiscuity and providing an acceptance of sexual irresponsibility which hasn't even the slightest redemption of satire.

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A thoroughly absurd comedy that becomes intellectually offensive. The tiresome, youth-oriented tale centers around the efforts of a group of insecure, graceless high school grads who go on their way through a summer on Nantucket Island and foil the attempt of a rotten rich kid and his demented dad to phase this way: "Do you think Church leaders watch enough TV to understand how it influences society, the home, families and Catholics?"

Only two bishops answered generally no while the remaining ten split in half between "yes" and "don't know." Archdiocese John Whealon of Hartford, Ct., added an additional thought: "I am not sure the question is valid. I have my daily responsibilities and cannot see this as something to be done. I must read and work."

My next question was: "Is the Church doing enough to help people cope with the power and influence of TV?"

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National Merit Scholar semi finalists named

Twenty students from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Miami have been recognized as semi finalists in this year’s National Merit Scholarship Program, an honor Florida honored at CDA convention

Florida’s Catholic Daughters of the Americas received two second place awards at the 41st National Catholic Daughters of the Americas Convention held this summer in Philadelphia. The awards were given for the state’s participation in the Heart Speaks to Heart Program. A special award was given to Court Holy Spirit of Pompano Beach for their contribution to the Bishops’ Foundation. Another award was given to Florence D’Emic for her contribution to the fund.

The Catholic Daughters throughout the United States have pledged $50,000 towards the erection of a new building for the Bishops in Washington, D.C.

Gibbons High School; Gina M. Bencardino, Susan E. Chaplin, Vincent M. Considine, Richard W. Hilton, Monica Manolas, Rolando M. Ochoa, Scott D. Oesterling, Michael Ryan, and John Ulofson from St. Thomas Aquinas High School; Kevin M. Taradico of Belen Jesuit Preparatory School; Luisa Ortíz from Carpal School of the Sacred Heart; Martin S. Hiriart, Mario M. Jardon, William H. O’Dowd, and Andre M. Sode from Christ the King Columbus High School; Patricia M. Balayra, and Grazie M. Pozzo from Our Lady of Loreto Academy; and Miguel A. Garcia from St. Brendan High School.

Look Hawks Family Homes

The Family Enrichment Center offering six Positive Parenting sessions on Thursdays starting Oct. 2 at St. John the Apostle Church in Hialeah, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Register at 885-4074. $40/couple.

The Beginning Experience Weekend, a weekend designed for separated and divorced parents who have already worked through the initial feelings of anger and despair, will be held Oct. 10-12 at the Lady of Lakes Monastery in North Palm Beach. For further information contact in Boca Raton at 427-5544 or Conchita del Portillo at 443-2290. In Palm Beach and Martin contact Kathy Cone at 627-4521.

The St. Louis Young Adult Ministry will sponsor a performance of “Another Reality” at St. Louis Parish, 7270 SW 120 st. in South Miami, on Sept. 20 at 7:30 p.m. “Another Reality” is a ministry of Christian illusion and drama performed by Ted and Joan Wrey.

Amor on “Accion,” a Catholic lay missionary group, celebrates its tenth anniversary at St. Michael’s Church, 2987 W. Flagler, on Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m. Contact Archbishop McCarthy.

The North Dade Catholic Widow and Widowers Club will hold a meeting and social at 7:30 p.m. at Visitation Church Social Hall, 100 N.E. 120th St., Miami. All faiths welcome. Call 651-9232.

The Bethany Support Group of St. Louis Catholic Church is sponsoring a talk, “Bereft, Burdened and Bewildered,” on Sept. 22 at 7:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room of St. Louis Church, 7270 S.W. 120th St., Miami. Free admission.

Newspaper aimed at black Catholics

A new newspaper, tentatively named The National Catholic Mentor, will focus on the black Catholic Community and is scheduled to appear this fall.

The newspaper will publish its first issue October 1st and then monthly until January 1987 when it will shift to a bi-weekly schedule, says Dr. Winston Peebles, the newspaper’s founder and president of Winton-Derek Publishers, Inc., of Nashville.

Of priority to the newspaper will be coverage of the black community and increased participation in the Catholic press by blacks.

Peebles sees the Mentor as a way of educating and evangelizing black Catholics.

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Peebles finds that blacks are in general ignorant of their church history as Catholics and that there is little cohesiveness between black Catholics in different parts of the country.

Subscription is $7 yearly. Parish rates available. Subscribe by writing to The National Catholic Mentor, c/o. dep., Jo Jaworski, P.O. Box 90863, Nashville, Tennessee 37209, or call toll free 1-800-826-2218.

The newspaper is also seeking organizations to sell the paper for profit.

“The Witness” to be performed at St. Agnes

“The Witness”, a story in word and song of the life of Christ as seen by His witness, St. Peter, will be performed by the Joyful Noise Ensemble at St. Agnes Church, 8 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the church, 190 Harbor Drive, Key Biscayne.

The Joyful Noise Ensemble is a voluntary group of singers from Palm Beach and Broward Counties dedicated to proclaiming the Good News. This particular group has performed the musical since 1979 and it has been well received in parishes from Orlando to South Miami.

Dance for Respect Life

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THANKSGIVING NOVENA TO ST. JUDE
Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and martyr, great in riches of miracles, near kinsman of Jesus, intercessor of all who invoke thy name, in the midst of great need, comes a heart burning with a present and urgent petition. We turn to thee, Oh, St. Jude, for help. Oh, Holy St. Jude, help us and make our petition heard. Amen. Publication promised.

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A solid relationship is built step-by-step

By Neil Parent
NC News Service

The wedding ceremony was exquisite. The bride and groom had looked to every detail, from the arrangement of the flowers to the selection of music. They had worked closely with the officiating priest in preparing the liturgy. Everything came off just as they had planned; it was a beautiful and fitting testimony of their love.

Unfortunately, their marriage didn't survive its first decade. It became another statistic in the rising divorce rate that has now reached epidemic proportions. For Americans marrying today, Catholic or otherwise, there is a 50 percent statistical probability that their marriage will end in divorce.

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As he tells Queen Gertrude: "When sorrows come, misfortunes come in bunches. Shakespeare has pointed out the evils that most were only too willing to overlook."

The complacency of the rich is ridiculed by Amos (first reading, Amos 6:1-7) and strongly condemned by Christ's own parallel (General reading, Luke 16:19-31). Within Christ's story, Lazarus, who was poor, is cradled in the bosom of Abraham. He becomes our "best friend in heaven" (second reading, Luke 16:19-30). Within Amos' story, Lazarus, who was poor, is cradled in the bosom of Abraham. He becomes our "best friend in heaven" (second reading, 1 Timothy 6:11-16).

If we could give Amos a descriptive title, "The Prophet of Social Concern" would serve him well. "The Prophet of Gloom," but he was simply pointing to an inevitable doom, precisely what we are now facing. It was because God has spoken to him. God wished to reveal. If he spoke out against evil, he was doing what God had given him to do. Thomas Tan (VHS SV) predicted that Amos' message would be "withered" before the roar of his words. It was the truth that made Christ act, and the same truth makes us act. God conceived of Amos as "a prophet of the prophetic spirit," with the idea that the "prophetic spirit" is the best kind of spouse and begins to look upon their partner as a mere person, supporting that person in his or her own sake, then real marriage is simply not present," he said.

And Thomas believes that a marriage should not be viewed as a finished product but rather as an ongoing process. Good marriages don't just happen because of chemistry or background, he added. They happen because people have made conscious decisions to work on them.

"Most married couples in a good marriage will say their appreciation and understanding of each other has grown in the time they have been together," Thomas said. "They will say the person they married years ago is not the person they love right now. There have been surprises, revelations, and changes."

Thus, it seems, even the greatest of marriages must unfold over a period of time. Each marriage is unique, with its own special history.

"I have a phrase for that," Thomas said. "I call it 'the Time is priceless. Building integrity, mutual affirmation and the love which supports a marriage takes time. Couples who wish to nurture their relationship know they must give it the attention it deserves."
A truly shared life

That's the challenge for married couples today

By Cindy Liebhart
NC News Service

The primary issue in marriage today is not how to preserve the individual identity and freedom of each partner's personal growth. The real challenge is learning to develop a truly shared lifestyle, becoming committed to growth as a married couple, said Dr. David Thomas in a recent interview. "The fact that people need to grow individually is all over the culture," said Thomas, director of the graduate program in family ministry at Regis College in Denver. Convincing people they need to work on adopting a married lifestyle 'which may demand that you change or alter your life, your personal plans, your priorities for the sake of the other, for the sake of the relationship,' is much more difficult.

Part of the shift in emphasis can be attributed to the phenomenon of two-career marriages. When husband and wife each have a career, in essence they lead 'separate lives with different colleagues, different pressures, different interests,' slow from work,' Thomas said.

Without determined effort, these couples can end up sharing living quarters and pooling economic resources but leading much the same lifestyle they did before marriage.

As our passage begins, Amos is lashing out against the leaders of both kingdoms, Israel and Judah (symbolized by their capitals, Samaria and Zion respectively). He is attacking their complacency. They were able to do something to stop evil, and they did nothing.

They deluded themselves into thinking that the prosperity they were enjoying would not be threatened by the rise of a powerful neighbor, Assyria. They assumed that God would protect them, even though they failed to protect the weak and the helpless.

To the contrary, they were inviting their trouble. Their wealth would prove too tempting for another nation not to envy. Furthermore, they were hastening God's anger.

With unmatched sarcasm, Amos describes these idle and overly comfortable leaders. "Wine, women and song," it seemed, was their sole preoccupation. They thought only of themselves, nothing of the poor and little of God.

Our final verse is the inescapable conclusion that Amos draws from their complacency. It is the "therefore" resulting from their failure to act.

As any prophet, he sought to stir the people to action. His anguish matches his anger, yet it did not stem the strength of his message. His words went unheeded, which is nothing new. By and large, they still go unheard.

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Priest-farmer cultivates souls

Priest-farmer Michael Gorman of the Diocese of La Crosse, Wis. stands in front of his McCormick-Deering threshing machine, one of two antique machines he uses in late summer to harvest oats and straw. Fr. Gorman learned the now-outmoded technique when he was a boy and has carried on the family tradition ever since. (NC photo)

About 65 people were cheering him on. The day's work yielded 234 bushels of oats and two wageloads of straw from five acres of oats. It was a homecoming for Fr. Gorman, who returned to the Diocese of La Crosse in July after studying canon law for two years in Rome. He recently received a new assignment to work in the marriage tribunal for the diocese and will serve also as the bishop's secretary.

Although he will always love his summer days back home on the farm, Fr. Gorman still prefers harvesting souls for the Lord.

Fr. Robert Novotny of Holy Cross parish in Wisconsin wants to open a music museum in his city. Over the years he has collected 15 antique pianos which he will contribute for display. He plans to visit Vienna, where he may get help from other collectors of antique instruments who will help him make his dream a reality. (NC photo)

Milwaukee (NC) - Most sabbaticals taken by priests involve updating academic or pastoral skills. The pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Milwaukee has decided to pursue a different set of "notes." The pastor of Holy Rosary parish in Milwaukee will spend a four-month sabbatical in Vienna, Austria, researching antique musical instruments. The trip will do more than satisfy his personal interest in musical research. He dreams of eventually establishing a museum of musical instruments in Wisconsin.

"The nearest such museums are in St. Paul, Minnesota and at the National Museum. There he met the Streicher family, he requested help at the National Museum. There he met the Streicher family, he requested help at the National Museum. There he met the Streicher family, he requested help at the National Museum. There he met the Streicher family, he requested help at the National Museum.

For the past 30 years he has been collecting pianos and now owns 15. His collection represents primarily the 18th and 19th centuries. The piano was invented around 1700 but it was not widely accepted until about 1750, when it began to replace the harpsichord.

During a visit to Vienna two years ago, the seeds of Fr. Novotny's present plan were sown. Searching for a 19th century piano made by the Johannes B. Streicher family, he requested help at the National Museum. There he met Alphonse Huber, an assistant curator, who took an interest in his search and introduced Fr. Novotny to museum director Gerhard Strader.

Fr. Novotny's dream of a Wisconsin music museum may materialize after his visit to Vienna. Several private collectors have expressed their willingness to exhibit their collections with his at an arts museum in Milwaukee to generate interest in the project.