He'll tell the Pope all about us

At planning sessions in Rome

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

"I've got my homework done," says Archbishop Edward McCarthy, so now he's ready to meet with the Pope.

The "homework" is a 10-minute presentation on the South Florida area, our history, our strengths, our concerns, which Pope John Paul II will use to prepare for his visit here on Sept. 10 and 11.

On March 15, the Archbishop will fly to Rome to present it personally to the Holy Father. Also presenting their "homework" will be the eight other bishops whose dioceses will be visited by the Pope this fall, along with the heads of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the U.S. Catholic Bishops (NCCB) and the U.S.

"This hasn't happened in the past," Father Long said. "It's true that the religious representatives were being considered." The hope now, he added, was that the Community of believers' opinions will also be sought on stage television news, he said.

The Vatican delegation, in forum discussions which were also attended by Soviet religious affairs officials, discussed which were also attended by Soviet religious affairs officials, discussed the role of believers.

"For the church to promote the role of believers, there must be a dialogue which is open and balanced and provided a platform to any peace effort, said U.S. peace forum in February was unusual-

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Several religious leaders were inter-

Father George Clements, who made world headlines by adopting several kids in Chicago, huge youths who made dramatic readings at Christ the King Church in Miami. (Photo by Prewt Browning)

A 'Father' who really IS

"I got up there and I jumped in that pulpit and I screamed and yelled and said 'Well, all right, if you won't adopt I will!'"

By Prewt Browning
Voice staff writer

Adopting a son is not something a Catholic priest just wakes up on a Monday morning and decides to do.

And it wasn't that easy for Fr. George Clements, either, the pastor of Holy Angels Church in Chicago who gained international attention when he adopted a teenage son in 1981.

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Archbishop said he will briefly outline the history of the Church in Florida, including our status as the first place in the United States where Catholics took root. Florida, in fact, comes from the Spanish term for Easter, 'Pascua Florida.'

"Today, 'this is a very vital, growing area," the Archbishop said, noting that an estimated "800 people a day" move into the state. He plans to tell the Pope that South Florida is the "new Athens, Rome, Constantinople," the place where the Northern Hemisphere meets the Southern.

"We've received many refugees here.

The Feb. 14-16 international meeting on the theme, "For a World Without Nuclear Arms," represented a small breakthrough for Soviet Christians, he said.

"I think the community deserves some recognition," Archbishop McCarthy said. As far as problems or concerns, he plans to include in his report some of the findings of the scientific survey of Catholics which was carried out as part (continued on page 3)
USCC supports 'pro-family' bill

WASHINGTON (NC) — The U.S. Catholic Church has urged senators to back legislation providing temporary job leave, saying the measure represents "a good first step toward a 'pro-family' policy for working people."

In a letter to each senator, Msgr. Daniel F. Hoye, USCC general secretary, sought support for the Parental and Medical Leave Act of 1987, S.249. The bill, introduced by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., and Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., would provide 18 weeks unpaid leave for men and women workers when their children are born, adopted into the family or seriously sick, and 26 weeks' time off for the worker if he or she is sick or injured.

The version of the bill pending in the House of Representatives also offers temporary job leave for workers who must help care for elderly, sick parents, and for those who are temporarily unable to work or who are needed at home for short periods to care for their children.

Bishops should tell pope their views, says educator

WASHINGTON (NC) — Bishops concerned over Vatican treatment of the U.S. church should forcefully plead their case with Pope John Paul II, Fr. McBrien said in a speech at The Catholic University of America. Fr. McBrien, head of the theology department at the University of Notre Dame, said that both the Jesuit order and the bishops of Brazil have successfully challenged negative papal views. "There is an opportunity available to the U.S. bishops now," he said. "When the U.S. Catholic bishops have their opportunity to meet with the Pope, they can advance from their September visit. They cannot afford to neglect the lessons of the Jesuits and their Brazilian brother bishops." Fr. McBrien said.

Priests, nuns arrested in protest against farm sale

HARLAN, Iowa (NC) — Four priests and a nun were among 19 persons arrested at a protest in Harlan against the forced sale of a failed farm. Arrested were Father John Cain, rural life director for the Archdiocese of Dubuque; Fathers Eugene Comon and Father Thomas DeCarlo, both priests of the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa; Father John Mally, priest of the Archdiocese of Omaha, Neb.; and Blessed Virgin Mary Sister Gayle Brabec, who works in the Sioux City Diocese. They were arrested in a pre-arranged deal as they tried to block the path of Sheriff George Cavanaugh on the steps of the Shelby County courthouse.

High Court rejects parental consent case

BOSTON (NC) — The U.S. Supreme Court declined to take up the case of a Minnesota law requiring consent of both parents or a judge before a girl under age 18 gets an abortion. As usual, the high court provided no reason for its refusal.

The court had been asked to consider the case even though it has not yet been heard by a federal appeals court. In December, the court had refused to grant expedited treatment of the same court case. It had been asked to merge the case with that of an Illinois parental notification law pending before the high court. The court is expected to hear arguments on the Illinois case April 1.

Speaker: Ethical conflicts profound for medical people

BOSTON (NC) — There is "profound potential conflict" in the dual responsibility of doctors and nurses to preserve life and relieve suffering, said a speaker at a Boston conference on ethical issues surrounding nutrition and hydration for dying patients. Sponsored by the Saint Louis-based Catholic Health Association in early February, the conference drew theologians, ethicists, medical personnel, lawyers and members of pastoral care staffs.

Neonatologist Dr. Michael Epstein said dilemmas become most acute when people of good will "advance equally powerful moral arguments for doing opposite things."

Priests must keep 'fit' to remain in armed Forces

WASHINGTON (NC) — Priests who fall short of the military's physical and professional standards should not stay in the armed forces just because there is a shortage of Catholic chaplains, said a Department of Defense study. The report, "Study in Representation of Religious Faiths in Armed Forces," had been mandated by Congress last year after complaints about shortages of Catholic, Jewish and Orthodox chaplains in the military. The study rejected use of a quota system in deciding how many chaplains from each faith group should be promoted and kept in the military. "The military chaplaincy requires persons who are physically fit and professionally qualified to meet the strenuous demands of the chaplain's profession."

Blacks have forgotten their 'roots,' says bishop

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (NC) — Black families, many struggling to cope with unemployment, substance abuse and single-parent homes, have forgotten their "ancestral roots," said Auxiliary Bishop J. Terry Steib of St. Louis. They need to rediscover the age-old values of love, the extended family and placing God at the center of their lives, he said. Bishop Steib, one of 11 Black Catholic bishops in the United States, made the comments when he spoke at a black history month celebration sponsored by the Black Catholic Caucus of Greater Kansas City.

Doctor: Religious help disabled more than science

NEW YORK (NC) — Religious communities can do more for the handicapped than science can, a physician who is a national leader in rehabilitative medicine told an interfaith forum in New York Feb. 24. "You have the hidden rehabilitation system, not L," said Dr. Henry B. Beits, head of the Chicago Rehabilitation Institute, one of the largest such agencies in the nation. As director of the institute, he said, he found his main challenge was to "convey hope to patients capable of 'total despair.'" Where the physician is a "failure," he said, the religious community can deal with the human spirit and bring the hope that is "the greatest healer of all psychic wounds.

FBI spied on leading 'peace bishops,' says NCR

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (NC) — The Federal Bureau of Investigation compiled doodles on two leading "peace bishops," Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle and Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit, according to the National Catholic Reporter. The Kansas City-Based Catholic weekly, through a request to the FBI under the Freedom of Information Act, obtained 30 of 165 pages of documentation on the two prelates. The other 135 pages could not be released because the material dealt with national security, had involved criminal investigations, or, if released, could compromise the privacy rights of third parties or confidential sources, the FBI told the newspaper.

Employees fired for beliefs will still get state benefits

WASHINGTON (NC) — Employees fired from their jobs because their religion forbids them to work on the Sabbath cannot be denied unemployment benefits, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled. The high court in an 8-1 decision Feb. 25 ruled that Paula A. Hobbis, a Seventh-Day Adventist from Almonte Springs, Fla., should not have been denied benefits by the state of Florida. Such a denial constitutes violation of religious freedom, Justice William J. Brennan wrote for the majority. Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist was the lone dissenter.
Fasting, abstinence required during Lent

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Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (no meat). Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Soviet religion conference more open than usual

"If you want to talk about peace in the world, you can’t leave out the millions and millions of believers—that was what we kept pushing," Father Long said.

The day after the meeting ended, the Vatican representatives were among those who met for nearly three hours—apart from the summit meeting of the Holy See and the Soviet Union, a meeting of the Holy See, Pyotr Demitchenko, who "seemed to recognize that religious leaders have a mission to say," Father Long said.

A major difference between the forum and previous Soviet-sponsored discussions, the priest said, was the lack of prefabricated conclusions in support of Soviet policies. "It was billed as an open discussion, and that’s pretty much what it was," he said.

A statement worked out by the religious delegates, most of them Soviet Orthodox Christians, was "more balanced" than in past meetings, he said. "It was U.S.-basing. It took note of Soviet (peace) proposals, but not in a one-sided way. I found this significant," he said.

Father Long indicated that such openness was not expected by the Vatican, which coordinated Catholic attendance at the forum. "In hindsight, I think there could have been a better Catholic representation, that we could have done more positive work," he said. Vatican officials, he added, asked for and received a detailed report on the meeting from him and the other two delegates.

Father Long, in an interview in January, expressed some skepticism about Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev’s "perestroika" policy extending to the religious sphere. After attending the forum, he said he still thinks religious leaders are cautious about the chances for more religious freedom.

Despite a few positive signs, such as allowing more seminarians and the establishment of an Orthodox church center in downtown Moscow, there still seems to be "no further development of a policy of religious freedom," he said.

The priest said he was impressed, however, by Gorbachev’s speech to the forum. "He spoke frequently of the moral obligations in the working of peace, and used the word 'conscience,'" he said. Father Long is a professor at Rome’s Pontifical Oriental Institute who has closely followed Soviet developments, and has attended the previous seven sessions of the forum. In his absence at the forum could help Catholics in the Soviet Union.

Meanwhile, there are new up possibilities for further contacts between the Holy See and the government about the question of religious freedom," he said.

Soviet Catholics at the forum included a Lithuanian bishop and priests from Latvia, he said.
VATICAN CITY (NC) — Arrest warrants have reportedly been issued for U.S. Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, head of the Vatican bank, and 23 others in connection with the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano, Italy's largest private bank.

Italian magistrates involved with the case refused to publicize details about the arrest warrants. But a judge investigating the case, who asked to remain anonymous, told Associated Press that a warrant charges the archbishop, who heads the Vatican bank, with being "an accessory to fraudulent bankruptcy," in the 1982 collapse of Italy's largest bank.

The director of Archbishop Marcinkus' former bank, Domenico Pepe, was arrested last week in Rome.

Archbishop Marcinkus, the Ciceri, Ill., native, said that he had received no official communication from Italian authorities.

"I haven't heard anything about it," Archbishop Marcinkus told National Catholic News Service from the Vatican. The archbishop, who is also pro-president of the Vatican City government, currently has a residence inside Vatican City.

The Vatican, reacting to reports that arrest warrants were issued for U.S. Archbishop Paul Marcinkus and two other officials of the Vatican bank, said that a 1929 treaty commits the bank and its directors to Italian legal "interference." A statement issued by the Vatican press office Feb. 27 strongly defended the archbishop, the bank's president, saying he had given "substantial and sincere collaboration" to investigators probing the case — even though he was not obliged to do so.

Jesuit says Church has more to offer than 'sects'

ROME (NC) — The growth of Catholic lay movements has shown people that the church "has much more to offer than religious sects," said Jes. Father Fio Mascarenhas. The president of the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal, Father Mascarenhas, who said lay movements are a sign of "noticeably increased and intensified participation of the lay faithful in the church's life." Father Mascarenhas spoke at a press conference inaugurating the Second International Colloquio of Ecclesial Movements, sponsored by the Vatican-based Commission and Liberation and German-based Schönstatt movements, the colloquium was to bring together 170 representatives of 17 international Catholic movements.

Pope calls on doctors to respect 'moral criteria'

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II called on doctors to respect "fundamental moral criteria" in their research and experiments. He said their mission was "the affirmation of the right of man to his life and to his dignity." Doctors must deal with problems of whether the doctor's moral order, the pope told Italian surgeons during an audience at the Vatican with members of the International College of Surgeons. The surgeons were attending a congress in Rome. "The good of man is the fundamental motivation that must guide you," he said.

Killers of missionary pose threat to Italian town

KIDAPAWAN, Philippines (NC) — Eight men on trial for the 1985 murder of an Italian missionary have been moving about freely on Mindanao island, despite having been denied bail. Local church officials said the freedom of the eight defendants, who were charged with the April 11, 1985, murder of Italian Father Tullio Favalli, a member of the Pontifical Institute for Foreign Missions. Father Favalli was murdered on April 11, 1985, in a village in Umbria.

San Salvador bishop says peace requires sincerity

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (NC) — While a new peace initiative proposed by El Salvador's Catholic hierarchy was tentatively accepted by a rebel leader, San Salvador's archbishop has said the effort will not be successful unless all concerned desire it. The mayor of the city, priest Adan Varela, has proposed a 43-page report on alleged human rights abuse by Salvadoran counterparts.

Pope plans 19-city trip to mediate border dispute

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II plans a 19-city tour of Latin American countries March 11 to 13 to mediate a border dispute between Chile and Argentina to commemorate his successful mediation of an Argentine-Chilean border dispute. The schedule for the March 31-April 13 trip was made public by the Vatican Feb. 28. It includes a meeting with the president of the Argentine government, currently has a residence inside Vatican City.
Ex-hostage now doubts Reagan

TORONTO (NC) — Servite Father Lawrence Martin Jenco, who was held hostage in Lebanon for 18 months, said President Reagan assured him that his release was not part of an arms deal but said the Tower commission report has him question the president’s credibility.

Speaking in Toronto Feb. 22, Father Jenco said Reagan sent a personal telegram assuring him that the United States did not send arms to Iran to get his release.

"I want to believe the president," Father Jenco said in Toronto. "I would be shocked to learn that I, a single man with no children, was traded for arms that could cause so much death and devastation in the Middle East. If they’d come to me, I would have said no."

But Father Jenco told the Associated Press March 1, three days after the Tower commission released its report: "Wow, I’m very confused. I think (the Reagan administration) came to the conclusion that it was a mistake."

"I had to accept his word that I was not exchanged for arms. Now I read this and I have a deep question mark, a question mark of credibility," the priest said.

The Tower report found that Father Jenco was released two days after the Iranian government made a partial payment for missile parts.

The priest, who was working in Lebanon as a Catholic Relief Services employee, was released by his Shiite Moslem kidnappers in July 1985. He had made a promise to his fellow hostages Thomas Sutherland and Terry Anderson, still being held in Lebanon, Father Jenco was touring North America to remind the public of the grave situation in the Middle East and to help secure their release.

Speaking to the Slovak Canadian Business and Professional Association in Toronto, Father Jenco asked his audience to stay informed and find out the truth about the struggle in the Middle East. He asked the public to pray for the hostages still being held in Lebanon and "for all hostages everywhere, whether they be Christian, Moslem, Jew, black or white."

If anything is to improve in the Middle East, the priest said, Christians and Moslems must build on what is common to both religions — a belief in one God and in a single community on earth with one and the same origin and end.

Although Father Jenco eventually made peace with the men who brought 18 months of pain to his life, he said he would never return to the Middle East. He believes that Lebanon must solve its own problems and that the Palestine Liberation Organization, Sunnis, Druze and all other political factions must sit together and decide on a new constitution for the country before anything can be resolved.

Father Jenco added that one possible solution to the struggle in Lebanon may be to allot each religious group or political faction a separate piece of land.

The soft-spoken missionary described "the lonely, boring and frightening" time spent as a hostage. His ordeal began when he was kidnaped by an armed group, the Islamic Jihad, in Beirut apparently for the hostages still being held in Lebanon. Father Jenco told the Associated Press March 1, three days after the Tower commission released its report: "Wow, I’m very confused. I think (the Reagan administration) came to the conclusion that it was a mistake."

During his 18 months in confinement the priest was often chained and blindfolded but managed to make prayer beads out of a piece of string.

He also talked at length with his captors about religion and politics, and shared their "joys and disappointments, marriages and deaths." The priest described his captors as "deeply religious and committed young men."

Father Jenco said later it was only his faith in God and his missionary training that helped him survive being kept in a closet for a month. He described standing gagged and bound, repeating the words, "Lord, Jesus, have mercy on us" hundreds of times.

Vatican envoy defends some college control

SOUTH ORANGE, N.J. (RNS) — The Vatican ambassador to the United States has defended the right of the Pope and local bishops to play a role in running American Catholic universities, even if such a role causes a cut-off of federal funding because it violates church-state separation.

"We cannot give up Catholicity to get federal funds," Archbishop Pio Laghi said following a speech on Catholic higher education given at Seton Hall University Feb. 18. "We have to pay a price to keep Catholicity."

Archbishop Laghi, apostolic nuncio to the United States, defended proposed Vatican guidelines that call for church leaders to have a greater say in what Catholic universities teach, especially in theology. Critics of the Vatican document contend that church-state separationists would bring lawsuits if the guidelines are enforced. Judgments against the Catholic Church could result in a loss of as much as $500 million in federal aid per year, the critics says. But the Vatican diplomat said he was confident that American Catholics would make up the loss if federal funding were cut off.

Archbishop Laghi added that American input into a worldwide consultation on the final draft of the document, due this year or next, would be important. "If 50 percent of Catholic universities are in the United States, we must take account of the framework of Catholic universities in this country," he said. There are 235 Catholic universities in the United States.

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A Shiite Moslem Amal soldier talks with Palestinian children at a school in Beirut where hundreds of refugees have taken shelter after fleeing the Buri Al-Barajeh camp in Beirut. (NC/UP photo)

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Respect Life!

"I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say."
NC News Service

Catholic priests are still imprisoned in Vietnam and ordinations are discouraged, but admissions have increased since the communists captured South Vietnam in 1975, said Archbishop Paul Nguyen van Binh.

The 76-year-old archbishop of Ho Chi Minh City — formerly Saigon — also said contacts with the communists has been easier in the south than in the central or northern regions of the country.

However, a U.S. State Department report said that the church "appears to have more successfully survived in the cities than in the countryside." It also said refugees from Vietnam have reported "constant government harassment of the Catholic Church."

Archbishop Binh's comments were published Feb. 11 in the French Catholic weekly magazine, La Vie.

About 100 priests are still in "re-education camps," the archbishop said, although "the bishops tirelessly appeal" to the government for their release.

Only 250 active priests serve the 3.5 million people of Ho Chi Minh City, the archbishop said. All Vietnamese seminaries were closed for the past five years, he said, but the government has allowed the reopening of the seminary in Ho Chi Minh City, limiting seminarians to 50.

Archbishop Binh said he has been able to accept about 15 priests since 1975. Religious orders are not allowed to accept new members, he added.

The State Department report also noted the imprisoned priests and the church's "curious" that "after the liberation catechesis hours are limited, adult conversion and catechism programs are on hold." A former seminarian has reported that no Catholic priest has been ordained since 1980, the report, titled "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices," stated.

The report said authorities "routinely disapprove" half of the applications parishioners are required to submit for permission to attend services and often schedule "required, voluntary work and other activities" during services.

"In some cases, daily Masses must be celebrated before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m."

Archbishop Binh said that while catechism hours are limited, adult conversions have increased.

"Conversions are more frequent, more easily accepted, the added, calling it "curious" that "after the liberation there have been more conversions than before."

The report said that in the south, the communists has been easier in the south than in the central or northern regions of the country.

"From the first years I have suffered much from a lack of understanding," with the Vatican, he added. "But now things are better."

The archbishop said he does not know if the government-formed Committee for Solidarity of Vietnamese Patriotic Catholics risks becoming "a national church." He said he tries always to keep it under my authority as bishop, "but in preserving friendly relations with the priests who are members."

The State Department report said most clergy and laity have ignored attempts to develop a national church and weakened links with the papacy.

It also said priests and nuns are subject to surveillance, and "priests who do not follow government subjects are subject to confinement in remote villages, house arrest and incarceration." The government requires most Religious to work full time in secular jobs, "thus limiting their church activities," it said.

Although the church in the south has been able to work in cities, "the teaching role of the church has been severely restricted, and many churches and all but one Catholic parish have been closed, said the report.

The Department, thousands of Catholics have been forcibly relocated and made to work on government construction projects," the report said.

In the La Vie interview, Archbishop Binh refused to talk about the situation of Archbishop Nguyen Kim Dien because the subject was "too delicate and too sad," the magazine said.

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WASHINGTON (NC) — The U.S. Supreme Court said Feb. 23 that it will rule on the constitutionality of a Virginia law designed to keep sexually explicit magazines and books from the eyes of Juveniles.

The justices agreed to review a 1985 law that makes it a crime for bookstores and newsstands to display sexually explicit material where juveniles may examine it.

The Virginia law was challenged by a coalition of national booksellers and publishers, who argued that the measure violated their constitutional right to free speech.

A U.S. Court of Appeals last July struck down the law as unconstitutionally broad. The court ruled that the law unreasonably interfered with the booksellers' rights to sell the material, impaired adult access and would do little to prevent a deter-

mined juvenile from viewing sexually explicit books or magazines.

Mary Sue Terry, Virginia state attorney general, said in asking the Supreme Court to hear the case that at least 27 other states have similar laws restricting the display or exhibition of pornographic materials to juveniles.

The magazines could be placed in sealed wrappers or could be taken from the shelves and kept under the counter, she said.

The booksellers argued that the law would require them to remove many best sellers from their shelves, to refuse juveniles entry into their stores or to build costly “adult only” sections.

The Supreme Court will schedule arguments and issue a decision on the case during its term that begins in Oc-

tober.

Ohio bishops oppose death penalty

CINCINNATI (NC) — In a new pastoral letter on capital punishment, Ohio’s 13 bishops have called on Cath-
obles to include the death penalty “in the agenda of the life issues which are at the heart of Catholic social teach-
ings.”

The letter, “Justice and Mercy: Re-

assessing the Death Penalty,” was re-

leased March 3.

In the letter, the bishops also urged Catholics to work toward legislation that would abolish use of the death penalty and asked the governor to use his authority to commute death sen-

tences.

Ohio has 71 persons on death row.

The last execution in Ohio was in 1983.

“We are troubled by the increasing use and acceptance of the death pen-

alty throughout the United States, and in particular, by the prospect of the re-

sumption of its use in Ohio,” the bishops stated.

“Killing may seem to be a solution to the problems of society, but, rather than solving our problems, killing con-

tributes to the lack of respect for human life which is at the source of such problems.”

The Ohio bishops, who also spoke

against capital punishment in 1977, are

addressing the issue again because “executions may well begin again, and we wanted to get in our voice,” said Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati, chairman of the Ohio bishops’ conference and vice president of the National Conference of Cath-
obles Bishops.

Archbishop Pilarczyk said the new

letter goes beyond the 1977 letter in its discussion of healing and recon-

ciliation.
Pope John Paul II will visit Miami; Columbia, S.D.; New Orleans; San Antonio, Texas; Phoenix, Ariz.; Los Angeles; Monterey-Carmel, Calif.; San Francisco; and Detroit during his Sept. 10-19 trip to the United States.

Bishop Walsh, the federation’s episcopal moderator, said it is difficult for U.S. youth to identify with the pope and strengthen their faith, said Auxiliary Bishop Daniel F. Walsh of San Francisco.

He urged youth ministers to prepare for the event by organizing youth on the local level.

The pope, he said, “has provided a golden opportunity” to create an atmosphere in which the young can continue to strive to meet the ideals and standards set by the International Order of the Golden Rule.

We are proud of our membership, and we will continue to strive to meet the ideals and standards set by the International Order of the Golden Rule.
Historic youth rally planned for Palm Sunday

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

Pope John Paul II has called the youth of the world to focus on the theme of reconciliation for Palm Sunday April 12.

In accordance with his request, a special celebration is being jointly planned for Palm Sunday (April 12) by the Youth, Young Adults, Campus Ministry and Religious Education offices of the Archdiocese. The rally, followed by a Mass, will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral with Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy presiding.

According to Michael Galligan-Stierle, director of Campus Ministry, "the event tonight is the first time these groups [Youth, Young Adults, Campus Ministry] have worked so closely together. It's an opportunity for college students to assist the youth in their growth in the event, the young people will prepare spiritually for the Holy Father's visit to our city."

Each department will be in charge of organizing its role in the event, and each will gather for prayer at various sites on the Cathedral grounds before entering by procession for Mass.

Father Jose L. Menendez, director of youth ministry, is coordinating a procession led by the youth. They will carry palms into the cathedral where the Archbishop will bless them.

"We tend to think that the youth aren't interested in religion. But many of them are deeply interested and this rally will give them a chance to voice their faith and their commitment to it," Father Menendez said.

Sister Rose Monique Pena of the Religious Education office is preparing packets of materials which will be distributed to the youth and young adult groups.

"The packets are being created to help them through the weeks of Lent. They are centered on reconciliation and Christ..." said Sister Rose Monique.

Anyone who is a member of the youth, young adult and collegian community in the Archdiocese is invited to be a part of this historic Palm Sunday celebration.

The participating departments have asked that a pledge form be filled out and submitted by any person who wishes to participate so that a tally can be maintained. Anyone interested can call 757-6241 in Miami and ask for the appropriate department to obtain a form.

More information about the rally will appear in upcoming issues of The Voice.

Outdoor Mass tops Pope's crowded agenda

At this rather early date many of the details are tentative or, in the words of one Secret Service agent, "cast in the details are tentative or, in the words of ABCD will go to help defray the cost of the papal visit.

Money raised through the ABCD campaign is used for Archbishop's charities, and development drive already has collected most of its $4 million goal.

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of the Archdiocesan Synod process. Among the chief concerns are the large numbers of young people who are not receiving any religious education, and the seeming acceptance by many adults of a secular, non-Catholic morality.

The good news in the survey, which the Archbishop said he also will share with the Pope, is the fact that a vast majority of South Florida Catholics, practicing and non-practicing alike, believe in the basic tenets of the faith, the Creed.

The Archbishop said he hopes that, while he's here, the Pope will "encourage and recognize" not only Catholics but the entire South Florida community for "the good things they are doing," and "their generous acceptance of thousands of immigrants and refugees."

He also hopes the Holy Father will "address a little bit the importance of religion for the welfare of our nation...You really can't have freedom unless you have a sense of moral responsibility."

This visit will mark only the third time that Archbishop McCarthy has visited with the Pope in Rome. The two met for about 10 minutes in 1983, when the Archbishop led a group of local Catholics on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the Vatican, on the occasion of the Archdiocese's 25th anniversary.

That same year the two also had a private, half-hour meeting when the Archbishop made his "ad limina" or five-year visit to report on the state of the Archdiocese.
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Priest adopted three boys to set an example for parishioners

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and yelled and said, 'Well, all right, if you won't adopt I will!'

A reporter contacted him the next day to confirm his decision, and later that day Cardinal John Cody called, finally reaching him the next morning.

'I got on the phone and he was furious. He said, 'You are always doing these crazy things, there will be no announcements, priests don't make announcements, it's against canon law, it's foolishness, it's against everything 'stand for'.

After he talked with the cardinal, Fr. Clements called up a theology professor who was an expert on canon law and asked him if there was anything prohibiting priests from adopting children. The professor called him back several hours later and said that he had gone all the way back to the Middle Ages and there was nothing at all about adoption in the law.

Sticking to his decision, at first he doubted its newsworthiness, but later that same day he received calls from Chicago newspapers and local TV reporters. The next day, a Tuesday, The New York Times, The Miami Herald in London, Le Monde in Paris, Der Tagesspiegel in Berlin, Izvestia in Moscow, and newspapers in Madrid, Tokyo, Mexico City and several other cities.

'And then I got the call 'a correspondent from L'Osservatore Romano (the official Vatican newspaper).'

'The correspondent said 'Pope John Paul II has heard the news. The pope is very interested in this. He wants to compliment you on this and he wants further information.'

'Right after that I got a call from Cardinal Cody who said 'I just wanted to let you know that we're issuing a statement in which we praise your efforts.'

Not long after that hectic week Fr. Clements heard about a teenager in a Lutheran Orphanage who was the only boy there who was going to spend Christmas alone.

When the pastor asked the boy, Joey, if he would like to spend Christmas with him, Joey responded that he had a lot of relatives and friends and didn't think he would have time to visit him. 'That's my boy,' Fr. Clements said was saying to himself. 'He would lie, but he wasn't just anyone's for the asking.'

After a few more visits he made the decision to adopt Joey.

'The day before Christmas I picked Joey up. He said 'Wait a minute I've got to get the Slimy Brothers (two pet lizards)' and he jumped out of the car. All I could think of was the Slimy Brothers, how am I going to explain this to the rectory much less the Slimy Brothers.'

Adjustments had to be made on both sides. While the rectory was getting used to such peculiarities of a boy's life as pet reptiles, Joey had to adapt to the more formal atmosphere of the church.

There was the time, for instance, when he greeted an African Archbishop with 'Hey, what's happening, brother.' And then there was the time when he listened attentively to a bishop's story only to comment, 'Sounds like a lie to me.'

But the experience has made Fr. Clements even more committed to inspiring church involvement in adoption. Joey is now the oldest of three teenagers (16, 17, and 18) adopted by Fr. Clements.

The One Church, One Child organization focuses on children who have traditionally had the most difficult time finding permanent homes—minority kids and children past the toddler age all the way up to age 17. It has members in 26 states and has been responsible for 6,000 adoptions in the United States.
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was distributed to hundreds of retreat
leaders and seminaries.
about what he feels are the short-
comings of the Church, he "is very
loyal-and comfortable with Church
tradition. Like Archbishop Hunthausen
(of Seattle, who was recently stripped of
some powers by the Vatican), I'm not
perceived as an iconoclast or an angry
man."
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is trying to create a Christianity (and a
continuing process of conversion) where
self-surrender is not necessary."
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Father Richard Rohr

Priests ponder spirituality, conversion

At continuing education conference
By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

Spirituality and psychology can be cooperative partners in a person's spiritual growth, said Father Richard Rohr, OFM, a nationally recognized authority on retreats and conferences to church leaders.

One of a team of four workshop speakers at the 14th annual convention of the National Organization for Continuing Education of Roman Catholic Clergy, Fr. Rohr delivered a lecture in which he sometimes lambasted the Church for not allowing the clergy — or laity — enough spiritual freedom.

More than 150 priests who direct their ministries in dioceses and religious communities throughout the U.S., Ireland and England attended the NOCERCC meet at the Konover Hotel on Miami Beach.

Father Rohr joined a team of four other speakers who led workshops on the theme, "The Continuing Formation of Priests-Growing in Wisdom, Age and Grace."

Dressed in casual, non-clerical garb, the priest listened intently as Fr. Rohr encouraged them to aspire for "spiritual decisiveness."

"As people who are hungry in spirit, we have a need to solve and then ignore. But we must risk some degree of fear. That is why a lot of us don't get (truly) converted. In the Catholic Church what we are naming as prudence and obedience is actually fear...the fear of being wrong."

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Taking fire at the Church for what he
Of TV and parish councils

Church's use of media, marriage laws and parish councils among top issues being studied by General Services Commission

By Prent Browning

Voice Staff Writer

How can the Church improve its use of the media to get its message out into the world? Should prayers for annulments be mandated? Is there too much cultural diversity in worship in the Archdiocese? These are just a few of the major questions that are currently being studied by the Synod General Services Commission.

The 24-member commission recently summarized the topics brought up at parish hearings in order to begin studying them and formulating recommendations to the general Synod body (consisting of 100 prelates, laity and religious) for its consideration.

Specifically, the commission is studying topics relating to the Tribunal (which handles all questions of canon law, including marriage annulments and dispensations), the Communications Dept., ecumenical and interfaith relations, Archdiocesan administrative and legal services, and general issues dealing with Church unity and discipline. (For a summary of the major issues and a listing of commission members see box.)

One desire that was expressed repeatedly at the hearings was for a better understanding of and wider dissemination of Church policies and beliefs. "People are hungry for information, they're hungry for knowledge," says Julia Ceravolo, who is working on the Communications Subcommittee of the commission.

This was clear at parish hearings throughout the Archdiocese, where the need for more Catholic TV and radio programs was brought up a total of 123 times.

"Catholics are often asked, says Ceravolo, why don't we have continual Catholic presence on TV and on the radio, since that's the best way to reach people, and why don't we have our own Catholic radio station?"

Some parishioners recommended that those Catholic programs that are available on cable and commercial TV be publicized more. Other people thought that The Voice should be more "orthodox" and be made available in large restaurants, hotels and other public places.

Other suggestions relating to communication included: improving parish bulletins to make them an "educational tool" and expanding the Archdiocese's public relations department to enhance the image of the Church.

Lack of knowledge

A lack of understanding about some topics was evident throughout the issues, but perhaps not quite so dramatically in those concerning the Tribunal.

"Many, out of misinformation, believed that the Tribunal was either too lenient or too rigid," says canon lawyer Cecilia Bennett of the Archdiocesan Tribunal. "It is not that simple, and the lay people were greatly misunderstood, and to many still, unknown," the commission report summarized.

There was a legitimate interest, says canon lawyer Cecilia Bennett of the Archdiocesan Tribunal Subcommittee, in having the Tribunal "more responsive on a parish level" and in general more accessible.

Divorce and remarriage was another subject that was repeatedly raised.

"There is a large concern that the remarried Catholic should have access to the Eucharist (even without an annulment). That concern came across in the parish hearings and in the phone surveys," says Bennett.

Moreover, some people felt the Archdiocese should be more flexible in granting dispensations for interfaith marriages.

The commission is dealing with some other controversial topics that are sure to generate debate. One of these issues concerns the conflicts that can arise over language and liturgical diversity in various multi-ethnic parishes.

"The question of unity and uniformity is an issue that is going to have to be broadly confronted," says Father Gerald LaCerra, Archdiocesan Chancellor and Executive Secretary of the Synod General Services Commission.

"The diversity of the Archdiocese seems to be problematical for a large number of people." Related to this were many objections from South Florida Catholics to a perceived theological diversity, especially on Church teachings such as abortion, artificial birth control and homoeosexual activity.

Another potentially sensitive issue is the consensus among the lay at the hearings that parish councils should actually be mandated to assist in administering parishes. The subject was raised 206 times at the hearings.

The general feeling was "that there was too much for priests to do and they actually need someone to help them out," says Susanne Polombo, whose Administrative Service Subcommittee is reviewing the issue.

Power for councils

Parish councils are already encouraged but it was felt that the councils should be mandated, she said, because a lot of priests are reluctant to allow them.

A need was also expressed for the responsibilities of a parish council to be clearly defined. "The parishes who have them felt they were really just a name and they don't play any real role," Polombo says.

Another area where there was a call for Church action is in ecumenical and interfaith relations. "People wanted to know why we aren't doing more (with other faiths and denominations); why don't we hold more prayer services together," says Terry Sundy, secretary to Bishop Norbert Dorsey and chairman of the subcommittee that is studying the subject.

In addition to ecumenical and interfaith prayer services, there was interest expressed in the establishment of an office for ecumenical and interfaith affairs and in creating more and better education programs on interfaith relations.

Other issues that were raised included:

- The Church and bishops' relationship to social issues. Opinion was evenly divided on whether the Church should be more involved or less active in social issues and politics.
- Parish boundaries. Parishioners felt they should have more freedom to choose where they wish to worship.
- The need for an office for parish life. It was repeatedly brought up that there is a lack of communication among parishes and a need for more services to be made available to them.
- Free legal services. The suggestion was made that the Archdiocese should provide free legal services to specific groups such as the elderly or those with immigration difficulties.
- Decentralized services: Some people wanted more Archdiocesan services to be made available outside Dade County.

Members

Following are the members of the Synod Commission on General Services:

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Issues

The following is a consolidated list of the major issues being studied by the Synod General Services Commission.

1. Mandate parish councils to assist in administration.
2. Establish a continuing Catholic presence on TV and radio by expanding programs in the electronic media.
3. Create a Catholic radio station and a Catholic TV channel or station.
4. Require more uniformity in the Church both in matters of belief and in matters of liturgy and practice.
5. Increase interfaith prayer meetings and dialogue and provide more education on interfaith relations.
6. Permit reception of Communion by divorced and remarried Catholics who have not obtained annulments.
7. Improve communications in the parish by making parish bulletins more informative and educational.
8. Create programs that would allow more freedom for parishioners to worship outside their own parish.
9. Provide information on the role of the Archdiocesan Tribunal and Church regulations relating to marriage.
10. Make free legal services available to immigrants, the elderly and other special groups.

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In a positive way to try and help others. He left behind hundreds of admirers unexpectedly that Ruperto was ill, he around him, say his friends. "He faced it with the same faith he had when he was well...he was a fantastic person and he really loved God," said Mercedes Iannone, associate professor of pastoral ministries at the University in Miami he once said, "The worst kind of campus minister is one who builds himself up into a mini-star instead of a minister...then when he leaves his programs disintegrate."

Joe Ruperto, campus minister

If you were having a bad day and you happened to run into Joseph Ruperto, chances are your outlook would become a bit brighter.

The 39-year old director of campus ministry at St. Thomas University had a way of communicating his enthusiasm for life and his love of God to everyone around him, say his friends.

He left behind hundreds of admirers when he died Feb. 24 of cancer. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Feb. 26 at the Convocation Hall at St. Thomas.

Of his endeavors as director of campus ministry for St. Thomas University in Miami he once said, "Themiracle Worker, will be conducting a Retreat for the blind on Friday, March 27th, Saturday, March 28th and Sunday, March 29th.

All blind persons, 18 years old and up are welcome to attend.

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Immigration law questions answered

Aliens such as this one may be helped or hindered by new law.

12. What are the employer record-keeping requirements?

Employers must verify the legal status of all new job applicants by examining documents that prove work authorization and indicate the person's identity. Any one of the following documents are sufficient to prove employment eligibility:

• A U.S. passport;
• an unexpired foreign passport with work authorization;
• certificate of naturalization;
• alien registration card (green card) with work authorization.

13. How will the government know these requirements have been fulfilled?

The Justice Department will distribute forms on which employers must swear under penalty of perjury that they have made proper verifications. Employers must retain the signed verification form up to three years. Failure to comply with the record-keeping requirements will result in fines of $100 to $1,000 per violation.

14. Can employers ask aliens to post bond or security to offset any penalties or fines resulting from employer sanctions?

No. This practice is strictly prohibited. Employers who violate this prohibition will be subject to penalties of up to $1,000.

15. Does the law prohibit discrimination in the employment of persons on account of national origin or citizenship status?

Yes. Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 is applicable to discrimination based on national origin. In addition, the new law protects persons not protected by Title VII, i.e., those discriminated against on the basis of alienage or citizenship status.

Agricultural Provisions

16. Does the law extend permanent residence for certain special agricultural workers?

The law grants temporary status, with adjustment to permanent resident status after two years, to any farmworker who has performed at least 90 man-days in agriculture from May 1, 1985 to May 1, 1986. Adjustment can be expedited by one year with proof that an individual has worked 90 man-days in each of the last three years.

17. Will the INS need a search warrant to enter open fields?

The INS will need a properly authorized search warrant in order to conduct raids in open fields.
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More Irish rejected divorce

By Fr. Francis Canavan, S.J.

In June 1986 the people of the Irish Republic, in a referendum, rejected a proposed constitutional amendment that permitted legal divorce. The London Daily Telegraph opined that the massive vote against the introduction of divorce manifested the difference between Irish people with the past rather than the future" which is "both their national curse and a substantial part of their national charm." Does Hanfin, a member of the Irish Senate who led the campaign against the divorce amendment, had a briefer and more perceptive explanation: "The people don't want to divorce culture.

The key term in Senator Hanfin's comment is "culture." A culture is the set of customs, conventions, attitudes, and beliefs that shapes both the way in which people understand themselves and their society and the way in which they expect one another to act. A divorce culture not only allows divorce but affects a whole people's understanding of marriage-and the way in which they expect one another to act.

The liberal individualism, mind, focused on the individual hard case, sees divorce only as a necessary escape from a failed marriage. Such a mind does not, perhaps cannot, see the extent to which the solution to the hard case, becomes the social norm, at the same time that it happens to a large extent in Sweden, according to David Poppenoe, a professor of sociology at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, who has been a visiting professor at the University of Stockholm. In an article distributed by the Swedish Information Service in New York, he says: "The Swedish marriage rate is now the lowest in the industrial world, and the non-marital cohabitation rate is the highest. But whether Swedish couples marry or just live together, they very often don't stay together, for "the rate of family dissolution in Sweden may also have become the highest in the industrial world. "Many Swedes (especially younger Swedes) says Dr. Richard Mouw, professor of social ethics at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.: My own view is that the decision to have someone else bear one's child is a highly questionable thing. I have serve doubts about it because it tends to treat surrogate mothers as a mere vessel or vehicle. I think that there is a bond that takes place between the mother and child that grows inside of her that simply can't be reduced to an economic deal. I have problems with the idea of surrogate mothering because it takes something very sacred and precious and reduces it to an economic transaction.

The Rev. Richard McCormick, S.J., John A. O'Brien, professor of Christian ethics at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.: It is my opinion that we should avoid third party involvement in procreation. Whether it's donor sperm, ovum or a woman's womb, the question is always going to be, are we going to take a human being that we should avoid third party involvement in procreation. Where's the issue of whether, as the line can be drawn, then it should be honored. On the other hand, there is a precedent for allowing a birth mother a period of time to change her mind. Perhaps there's something similar going on there.

Dr. Robert Nelson, director of the Institute of Religion of the Texas Medical Center in Houston: My hope is that the judge will rule that the contract is not valid because that decision will mean that "family dissolution" is higher among non-married than married couples, so Sweden may outstrip the United States. But then, divorce assumes that a child and what will not, and it's hard to have wisdom on that. On one hand, I would want to affirm couples or individuals having children, but nonetheless I remain cautious about it.

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Rabbi Seymour Siegel, professor of ethics and jurisprudence at Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York: I am personally on the side of the St. Simon for two reasons; first, because the husband is unquestionably the father of the child, and second, I believe in the sacredness of contracts. In all civilizations, a society depends on the reliability of contracts. If contracts become so dispersed, and so confusing, we'd have more difficulty living than we already have. My feeling is influenced by the fact that Mrs. Whitehead has had two natural children already - she has known the ties before. She entered into a contract with free will and with forthrightly. In Judaism we are very pro-activists. We want to do whatever we can for childless couples to have children.
Teen pregnancies need moral solution

"...Reverend Virgil C. Blum, S.J., is a Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Marquette University, and Founder and President of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights..."

Many Americans were alarmed to discover that, in 1986, over a million teenage girls in the United States got pregnant. The statistics are truly staggering. Yet hardly anyone seems terribly upset that 400,000 of those girls—40 percent—kill their own babies before they saw the light of day.

After two years of brainstorming, the National Academy of Science came up with two solutions to "the problem" of adolescent pregnancy. The first was a plea for giving teenagers greater access to birth control information and paraphernalia, accompanied by "aggressive" promotion. Naturally, this recommendation got plenty of ink from the press.

The other received little press notice, although it was by far the more important of the two. The Academy reported: "Several studies of social and psychological factors associated with adolescents' sexual behavior conclude that self-perception as having marketable sex attributes and sexual competence and self-importance as perceived by the academy, is at the heart of teenagers' sexual decision-making."

The article was broken by Washington Post columnist William Raspberry, who pointed to the obvious conclusion of the report: "Teenage sex and its staggering consequences have less to do with contraceptive mechanics than with values." At the heart of teenagers' despair, and search for meaning in the dangerous game of sex, is the absence of personal values. In many cases, they are the victims of functional illiteracy and all of its destructive consequences: the loss of personal dignity, self-worth, and hope of achievement.

Education Secretary William J. Bennett would agree with this analysis. The advocates of contraceptive mechanics, he said, "try to view sex and all of its consequences as the loss of personal dignity, self-worth, and hope of achievement.

Professor James S. Coleman of the University of Chicago has the answer. In his new book Public and Private High Schools: The Impact of Communities, he reaffirms his 1982 finding that Catholic schools generally do a better job of educating students than do public schools. The community of families surrounding the Catholic schools, he argues, plays a vital role in advancing the schools' values and achieving their goals. If this is true of Catholic high schools, it is true still of Catholic elementary schools.

Such community is of utmost importance, he said, because "the constraints and limitations" of the family. This view may be the reason, he said, that Catholics, with their respect for the traditional family values. Perhaps the school should not be an agent of the state or of the larger society, but an agent of the community of families closest to the child.

Unlike public schools, Coleman notes that Catholic schools are agents of the still-activ religious community, of which the family is an integral part. "The religiously based schools," he argues, "is thus in a better position than is the public school to support and sustain the family in its task of raising children."

"Sex education without family-based moral values says to students, 'Here's your body, keep it clean and do what you want with it.' This approach has resulted in more than half of all teens losing their virginity by age 17 and more than one million U.S. teenagers becoming pregnant each year.

Establishing school-based birth control clinics would go a big step further: The state would effectively say to teenagers, 'Here are birth control devices, enjoy yourself, and if you get pregnant, we'll refer you to an abortion clinic.' That is why school-based birth control clinics will not solve the problem of teenage pregnancy; they will aggravate the problem and make it all the more difficult to solve.

New abortion pill will devastate all classes

Editor:

The social impact of RU-486, the abortion pill from France should be considered long and hard before we approve it here. The social impact will be enormous.

The upper and middle classes in the Western world will be destitute and the poor will be propagated or

U.S. Catholics are in adolescence

Editor:

Making numerous trips to Central America the last several years, and talking about their plight, makes me uneasy as I hear the present debate going on in our Congress and Media. For instance, the Mayor of San Pedro Sula, Industrial Capital of Honduras, and Sister City to North Miami Beach, hosted an elegant reception for my team and me with the press a couple of years ago.

His main concern was why so many members of our Congress and Media could not see the human face of the ordinary people rather than the Sandinistas. He said that Honduras and the other Central American States are not just extensions, nor trying to destabilize other neighboring states as are the

Sandinistas.

Now let me ask you and the American People, in light of Soviet expansion in the region, what is our role? Are we now helpless as a people in preventing the Soviets taking over the Panama Canal as in other Central and South American States?

Will millions of immigrants now flood our nation, overloading our already overloaded national debt, as they flee the dictatorship of the Kremlin? As the Kremlin continues to move at will and seemingly, with the cooperation of Congress-will be necessary for Americans to have to flee?

John M. Stembridge
Former Mayor of N. Miami

We will have to import labor from the third world nations as West Germany has already done to their regret. The numbers of the rapidly growing numbers of Muslim workers. Mr. Yasir Arafat need only sit and wait for Israel to disappear, being replaced by its Moslem population. Even at this time neither the Jews in Israel nor the native Germans are replacing their dead with new life.

What will happen when RU-486 hits the streets of the world? In the wave of the future will be Islam with its rigid moral code. The communist countries will have more control and will not decay as fast. We must remember RU-486 is only the beginning.

It is possible to contemplate arrosuptious abortion chemical warfare by one nation on another. Many defend RU-486 by saying that only an insensitive clump of cells is destroyed. Each of us was once just such a clump of cells as were our brothers and sisters including Shakespeare, Mozart, Einstein, Lincoln, Washington, Martin King and Mother Theresa; clumps all.

Professor Leon Kast wrote prophetically in Public Interest in 1972

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"Thoughtful men have long known that the campaign for the technological conquest of nature, conducted under the banner of modern science, would some day train its guns against the commanding officer, man himself."

Bart T. Heffernan, M.D.
Fort Lauderdale

Mission needs help in India

Editor:

I had requested your goodness to appeal to your kind readers to send me religious articles to my new mission. But I have not received much response. Please be kind enough to request your readers to send me rosaries, statues, scapulars, medals, used and unused religious Christmas and Easter Cards, holy pictures, used clothes and other helps for the mission taken charges recently. The streams of mission need is steady and unending. Please forward the 

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The Flame of Love devotion

Q. Some time ago I received some information about the Flame of Love devotion. (Ohio)

A. Some privately advanced devotions to Mary and other saints fall victim to two serious dangers: The devotees that "go beyond the bounds of sound doctrine or liturgy" or, on the other hand, "diminish her stature and sound doctrine or liturgy" or, on the other hand, "diminish her stature and sound doctrine or liturgy" or, on the other hand, "diminish her stature and sound doctrine or liturgy" or, on the other hand, "diminish her stature and sound doctrine or liturgy" or, on the other hand, "diminish her stature and sound doctrine or liturgy." The particular devotion about which you inquire is one of those which get so wrapped up in supposed powers specific it becomes hard to distinguish from plain superstition. We are told, for instance, that those who fast on bread and water on Mondays will free the soul of a priest from purgation. Those who say three Hail Marys on Holy Saturday, Mary's "mindful of my Immaculate Heart of Mary. Our Lady allegedly addressed to six ecclesiastical fascination with purgatory. Hail Mary during November will free 10 from purgatory, and those who say one "My children, my holy son's hand is prepared to strike down. It is difficult to change in the air and announce it before it is settled, to the the aggressive society

By Antoniette Bosco

In a sermon I heard recently the priest really hit me home when he talked about the aggressiveness in society. Toughness and winning are what it's all about -- up at the top, in the middle and in the bottom. We expect what we consider strength and spunk weakness. Competitive values are instilled in our children from the time they start school, if not sooner, and we teach them to toughen up to make it in the world.

We have the greatest admiration for those who beat out the competition to climb the ladder of success. It's taken for granted that winning is a desired goal -- and we don't even stop to think about just how much these values contradict teachings of Jesus.

In the sermon, the priest made everyone stop and think for a few minutes about the extent to which aggressive values have become second nature. He spoke about the symbols of sports teams -- the Giants, the Tigers, the Bears, the Wolverines -- all symbols of how to accomplish the top of the heap.

Yet Jesus came as the lamb of God symbolizing gentleness, vulnerability and sacrifice. Imagine, he suggested, a team called the "New York Lambs" or the "Boston Sheep." They would not only ridicule, they would be slaughtered.

How right he was. No matter how many times we hear Jesus' commandments to turn the other cheek and to love our enemies, few of us really want to put those words into practice in our everyday lives.

"Blessed are the meek," says Jesus. But few people believe that meekness will lead to anything on earth except ridicule and exploitation.

How many parents envision for their children a future of quiet achievements? How is the child trained to be a son or daughter who won an Olympic medal or rose to executive ranks in business than in one who lived a simple life of kindness and spiritual values without a drive for worldly goods.

How many parents hope to hear their son described as meek? To truly follow Jesus' teachings means sacrificing our ego much more than we are willing to do.

"Might makes right" is the perspective of needing to earn enough money to raise our families and provide secure homes. Generally speaking, the meek don't inherit good salaries.

In his 1974 exhortation on devotion to Mary, Pope John Paul IV repeated warning against devotions that "go beyond the bounds of sound doctrine or liturgy" or, on the other hand, "diminish her stature and sound doctrine or liturgy." The problem is that these unusual devotions are so numerous and so easy to believe that it's difficult to separate fact from fiction.

The church is like the stage, it goes through many seasons, some brighter than others. Back in the early 70s, the Broadway stage was called a dying art form. Walter Kerr the drama critic wrote in March of 1970: "There are fewer productions than ever before, fewer hits, emptier houses, fewer writers, disaffected audiences--nothing but doom, doom, doom."

None of the dire predictions about the death of Broadway ever came true. What happened was rather surprising. In the midst of the gloom a young playwright named Neil Simon emerged and strung together three smash hits: "Plaza Suite," "Promises, Promises," and "Last of the Red Hots." He went on to great fame and fortune in the 80s, winning hit plays and movies, carrying the whole entertainment industry along with him.

Why did Simon succeed? Walter Kerr later gave this intriguing answer: "Fundamentally I think he has learned not to listen. Perhaps he was born deaf. Not how not to listen. There are circumstances in which deafness is an indispensable virtue for success."

When asked what it was that Simon had not listened to, Kerr replied, "To the soothsayers, to the theorists who see no change in the American theater. The answer is settled, to the thinkers, the mourners, to fashion itself."

American Catholics and Christians generally have lived through some that the age-old opinion of meekness is, in my opinion, false. There are many soothsayer out there suggesting that the churches will be empty in 20 years. I, for one, have decided not to listen. I think the church is poised to gather a rich harvest in the next decades. She has remained faithful to Christ and shown herself to have an unshakable center, she perseveres as a strong bastion of moral integrity in a corrupt world, and she continually calls her people to holiness, insisting that holiness is not a luxury.

The church will be a port of the storm of life for many in the years ahead. Never let your confidence be undermined, Don't listen to the soothsayers. God is running this show and He has promised that the stage will not go dark.

Prophets of doom

By John Catior

(For a free copy of the Christopher News Note, Be of Good Cheer, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 East 48th Street, New York, NY 10017)
Dear Dr. Kenny: Today's youngsters are tackling challenges in elementary, middle and high school classrooms earlier than we did. In many cases, more and more kids can no longer sit down at the kitchen table, spout the answers and send their children back to the same old cookbook recipe of life with a general rubric of academic world.

Rather, the kids are studying things and doing things with computers and other learning tools that are totally foreign to parents. Avoiding anger and expressing anger or clarifying our own victims of the information explosion, what can we do to help our children? (Indiana)

When our youngsters out did us athletically, when they ran out, out shut or out wrestled us, we could herefore always fall back on the notion that we were still smarter than they were.

What a blow to our parental ego to discover our sixth-grader is learning things and performing mental manipulations beyond us.

Well, cheer up parents. Wisdom is different from intellectual skill. Wisdom comes only as a gift of age and experience. Parents, be wise.

Be wise enough to let your children teach you.

That may take a little humility, but what a delight for the youngster to reveal in the fact that she is teaching

By Dr. James and Mary Kenny

her mom or dad the "new math." As one youngster, who had studiously avoided doing homework before, told me: "I have to go home now and show mom how to do math."

Teaching someone else is a good way to learn.

You will be helping him master his lesson by requiring that he clarify it to you. That will also be a boost to his sometimes flagging self-confidence, to know that he knows more than his parents.

I am indebted to my high school son, a cross-country runner, who taught me how to jog and run in my early 40s. He was there on my 50th birthday, cheering me on when I ran my first marathon. I will never catch or out perform him, but we are both richer for the skills he has given me, and what he has taught me about running, and coaching, and dads in the process.

Let your children teach you the many manipulations of the computer, the sense of new math, how to draw, and or all about Abe Lincoln. Your need to know can be their motivation to learn still more. You do not have to be the expert to help someone learn. Sometimes the one who learns helps to be a "do" parent.

Another way parents can help their would-be prodigies is to set a time and place for homework. If you cannot provide all the expertise, you can at least structure the setting.

Agree upon a time. Immediately after dinner and before evening television.

Agree upon a place. Living room or kitchen table, but not in front of the TV set. Perhaps television should be off during everyone's homework hour.

Then give your youngsters credit in some fashion for completing his homework time. You may keep a log, note or chart his progress. He will be rewarded by being redeemed with an extra privilege or some small token or gift. If he has no official homework, encourage him to write or do math.

Don't be dismayed if you find your youngster must learn things that are beyond you. You can help. First, let him teach you. Second, provide the setting for study time at home. Both approaches are excellent ways to keep a child motivated in school.

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

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Let's stop TV's 'condomania'

By James Breig

cure all and strategic defense weapon against AIDS.

On CBS, "Caprey and Lacey" last fall for example, the latter insisted that her husband tell their son about condoms as part of his discussion on the boy's emerging adolescence.

Public service announcements and local stations have since announced that they will accept ads for condoms, claiming the noble reason of helping the public avoid contracting AIDS while not mentioning increases in their own revenue and doing nothing about producing public service commercials which endorse chastity, the main and only totally effective weapon against AIDS, venereal disease, unplanned pregnancy and sexual activity among teens.

It is puzzling to examine the different approaches TV has taken to two serious problems: drug abuse and teenage sexuality. The former is handled by the simple phrase, "Just say no.

Stars appear on public service announcements several times a day to denounce drugs and to encourage young people to resist the lure of chemical abuse. Situation comedies make it clear that the use of illegal drugs by anyone and the use of alcohol by teens is wrong.

On the other hand, TV's handling of sexuality comes from the "wink-wink," "nudge-nudge" school. Commercials and programs say: "Maybe you shouldn't have sex, but--wink-wink--since we know you will anyway, be sure--nudge, nudge--that you use a condom."

Television is saying, in effect, that it is expected, maybe even good, that 15-year-olds will sleep with each other.

Imagine if television battled drug abuse by saying, "Perhaps you should not take drugs, but since we know you will anyway, it is healthier to buy them from a dealer who doesn't sell an impure product. So here is a list of reliable pushers."

The most recent example of this condomania was seen on NBC. "Valerie," a show aimed a families and aired early enough for even the littlest ones to view, featured the teenage son being seduced by a girlfriend and resisting, not for moral reasons, but because he wasn't clear on who was doing what to avoid a pregnancy.

That episode was widely praised by Planned Parenthood officials as tasteful, a sure sign to me that it was garbage.

Being called tasteful by Planned Parenthood is like being called delicious by a jackal.

What are concerned people to do about this insanity? Here are a number of possibilities:

1. We can object on moral grounds, noting that TV bans cigarette ads, not because smoking is illegal but because it is a health hazard.

2. Catholics can protest by writing the stations which are airing the condom commercials and shows -- and that includes ads and programs which contribute to the problem indirectly. It is not just condom commercials and plots which exacerbate the situation; it is also the rampant use of sex--to sell everything and episodes which take for granted that sexual activity outside of marriage, among anonymous partners and between young people is good.

3. A very effective method of dealing with this onslaught has been largely ignored or avoided, namely, taking the time to sit down with our children to discuss sexuality, birth control, the Church's teaching and our own views with our kids.

It is easy to place the blame on television alone but what about us? Are we exercising our responsibility to guide our children?

Do we insist that they limit their viewing to certain hours of the day and a set number of hours per week? Do we explain why we make such rules? In our homes, do we allow publications which carry condom ads? We can improve the quality of TV programming.

"Mannequin" is a poor role model

Mannequin PG, A-III

A stock boy has his life changed when the mannequin he created comes to life and falls in love with him while helping to foil a villainous attempt to contribute to the problem indirectly. It is not just condom commercials and plots which exacerbate the situation; it is also the rampant use of sex--to sell everything and episodes which take for granted that sexual activity outside of marriage, among anonymous partners and between young people is good.

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Thousands of Knights of Columbus volunteers will be giving away “Tootsie Roll” candy throughout Florida March 6-8, while seeking donations to aid handicapped and retired citizens of the state. This is the thirteenth annual Tootsie Roll fund drive and will be conducted by Knights in 148 K of C councils throughout Florida.

Each of the councils asks the local organizations to be recipients of the funds collected in their area. Ninety percent of the proceeds remain in the local area while ten percent is available for use on a state-wide basis to help handicapped or retarded groups in special need. Local councils can nominate groups in their area to receive state-wide funds.

In the past twelve years, $2,797,000 has been collected by the Knights for this program. The Knights’ state-wide goal this year is $445,000 which will bring the total collected to over three million dollars according to John A. Hainzinger, Fund chairman. Joe Manetti of Miami. “Of the amount collected over the years, approximately 86% has been distributed to organizations working with the handicapped and retarded citizens. The percentage of funds distributed is one of the highest of all charitable fund drives in Florida.

Less than two percent of the funds collected were used for administering the program and two percent to pay for the candy distributed. No insurance of any kind or Council receives any of the funds collected for the handicapped and retarded.

New commission for religious formed

Religious are making to the Church and society, and the needs that Reli’s have if they are to continue to give to the Church effectively.

The Commission will begin its work by studying and addressing the issues raised by Religious at the Archdiocesan Synod hearings.

The Commission is comprised of twelve Religious: Sister Janeammie Amssperger, SSND; Sister Dorothy Beck, ACG; Brother Michael Brady, FMS; Sister Lucy Cardell, OSF; Sister Rosemary Dewey, RSCJ; Brother Paul John Kelly, SC; Brother Marcellus McKee, RSM; Sister Rosa Monique Per, OP; Sister Maria Dolores Rodriguez, SC; and Brother Robert Siccone, CPC.

Prayer petitions

“Call to me and I will answer you” Jer. 33:3. The employees of the Archdiocese of Miami Pastoral Center gather each Monday morning to pray for intentions of you, our brothers and sisters of the Archdiocese.

Petitions will be included in our daily prayer. Also, please pray as well as during this special time of community prayer. Anyone with a prayer request is invited to write to: Prayer Petition, Archdiocese of Miami, 9403 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33138.

Potpourri

The Columbiettes of Fr. M.J. Schott Memorial Center are having a Chinese Auction starting at 7:30 p.m. on March 20 at the K of C Hall, 600 Knights Rd. in Hollywood. Food served from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. For more information call Dorothy at 962-9776.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Holy Spirit 4935 will sponsor a dessert card party on March 28 at St. Elizabeth Gardens, Pompano Beach, Fl. Donation is $1.50. Refreshments served, proceeds for charity. For more information contact 941-3660.

The St. Thomas Unv. Auxiliary will present in annual Gala Luncheon Show on March 18 at Indian Creek Country Club, Miami Beach, 94240. Contact Catholic Women’s Guild, 120 N. Indian Creek Dr., Miami Beach, 33140. For more information call 362-3600.

The Family Enrichment Committee is sponsoring a golden wedding jubilarians in the Keys on March 14 at St. Peter Church, St. Peter’s Drive in Key West. Key at 1 p.m.

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The Pope: Pilgrim of Peace

The Pope is a constant pilgrim of peace, our lives are a constant walking. The poet, Leon Felipe, said:

"No one went yesterday, nor goes today, will not go tomorrow toward God through the same path I go."

For each man the sun has a new beam of light, and an un walked path, God's

Share: What does this poem mean?
Reflect about: Where am I going? What is my goal? What am I searching for in life? In what ways have I walked and in what ways have I fallen?

Abraham's walk
Read Genesis 12, 1-9. Reflect and share: To what is God calling me? What is the way He wants me to follow?

Pilgrim poster
Break up in small groups and each group:
Make a poster with a map showing the Pope's trips. In the map place photos, articles, phrases that the Pope has said during his trips, etc. Share the posters of all the groups. Place the posters in the Hall, or other visible place in the parish.

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4) Bring to mind your family: those close to you geographically and emotionally as well as those who are distant. Is there someone with whom you have experienced tension, or even a break, in the relationship? (If so, that name will probably be the first to come to you.) Imagine for a minute how it would feel to be able to embrace him/her again.

Jesus' wish for us is peace. A step toward it could be taken by making a phone call or writing a note indicating your desire for reconciliation and regret for whatever caused the difficulty between you. The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, may You Yourself prepare, in the wilderness of our hearts, the path of Your return.
The hills of our pride —fill them with Your hope.
The winding roads of our lives —straighten them with Your truth.
Let bloom in the desert of our souls the lilies of Your joy.
Then will we be able to see Your glory and adore Your presence in the face of each of our brothers and sisters. Amen.

(Author unknown)

Scriptures

Inside Paul's letter to the Ephesians

A passage from St. Paul's Epistle (letter) to the Ephesians provides the theme for Pope John Paul II's visit to the United States this September: "Unity in the Work of Service, Building Up the Body of Christ."

The U.S. bishops have asked that Catholics begin their spiritual preparation for the papal visit by studying this letter from St. Paul. Following is an overview of it.

By Katharine Bird
NC News Service

For many, the letter to the Ephesians is very difficult reading, said biblical scholar Pheme Perkins. Its language and images, and many of the issues "seem far removed from our own concerns." She is a professor of theology at Boston College.

To get the most out of a Pauline epistle such as the letter to the Ephesians, Christians "need a little map to guide the way and some basic ideas of how it is strung together," Perkins said. But it is an advantage that Ephesians is "very short, so one can go back and forth within it and see how its images" work together.

Self-evaluation

In an interview, Perkins gave some advice on how to read Ephesians, especially during Lent which is a "time for self-evaluation."

Ephesians can help Christians see that "the values they have, the way they live, the unity they experience are not something derived from the world" but from God, Perkins explained. Ephesians falls into two major divisions. In the first half, through Chapter 3, a picture of Christ and a picture of Paul going about his work as an

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While the physical preparations for Pope John Paul II's 22-hour stay in Miami next month are now all the headline news, Catholics in South Florida should not forget that the papal visit requires spiritual preparation as well.

Building the massive altar for the Pope's outdoor Mass at Tamiami Park, for example, is no less important than building up our faith, our hearts and a spirit of true unity throughout our community, says Archbishop Edward McCarthy.

So in his most recent pastoral letter, "Blessed Too the Peace-makers," the Archbishop proclaims this a holy year in the archdiocese, time for "a massive pastoral effort to enliven and renew the lives of our people and of our Archdiocese, especially by furthering reconciliation with the Lord and with each other."

The Archbishop has called for homilies and education programs to focus on unity and reconciliation, since that is the theme for the Pope's second visit to the United States: "Unity in the Work of Service, Building Up the Body of Christ."

He also has called for pulpits exchange between Catholics and non-Catholics and "pope parties" in churches and neighborhoods to highlight the theme for the Miami portion of the visit: "Let us offer each other a sign of peace."

To aid South Florida's Catholics in their spiritual preparation, a committee headed by Father Thomas O'Dwyer, pastor of Good Shepherd parish, has prepared a series of reflections to be used by individual parish groups during this Lenten season.

The reflections are based on Pope John Paul's own statements during his pastoral visits throughout the world and may be used by schools, religious education programs, and small groups meeting in homes or parishes.

Beginning this week and continuing throughout the next three issues, The Voice publishes excerpts from these reflections in its "Know, Our Faith" section. Limited copies of the complete catechetical series, as well as one prepared by the U.S. bishops, also in anticipation of the papal visit, are available from the papal visit office, (305) 757-8241, Ext. 244.

Journey

Jesus, the "pilgrim" par excellence, traveled our earth to bring us the Good News of God's Kingdom. Before he was taken up to heaven, he called and sent his apostles to travel without bread or coin, to preach and minister as needed. Faithfully, they spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

Ever since then, men and women of faith have traveled countries and continents spreading the Good News. Saints and martyrs from every comer of the earth have journeyed to impart to all the Christian family their spiritual preparation, a committee was formed by Father Thomas O'Dwyer, pastor of Good Shepherd parish, to prepare a series of reflections to be used by indiviual parish groups during this Lenten season.

These included: forgiveness of sins, the effect of sin on the whole body of Christ; and the role of the Church in the celebration of Penance and in the world of reconciliation.

Reconciliation

To reconcile is to resume, to bring back to harmony. Reconciliation implies that a division has ended, that a separation has been ended, that a breaking has been repaired.

Reflecting upon this description of reconciliation...we are only too aware that if there is one characteristic that marks our lives in the world it is cleavage, conflict, divisions and disunity.

Message of Pope John Paul

At this moment in history, we stand in urgent need of reconciliation. Reconciliation between nations and between peoples of different races and cultures; reconciliation of man within himself and with nature; reconciliation among Christians. In a world scarred by hatred and injustice and divided by violence and oppression, the Church desires to be a spokesman for understanding and brotherhood.

In Nigeria your people have been faithful to the mystery of reconciliation and mercy as evidenced in the grace of the Office of going to confession. This fidelity is itself a gift of God. In so many areas in the Church throughout the world, the Sacrament of Penance, for various reasons, has become less used than before.

The Second Vatican Council and its implementation by the Apostolic See aimed at giving renewed emphasis to certain aspects of the Sacrament. These included: forgiveness of sins, the effect of sin on the whole body of Christ; and the role of the Church in the celebration of Penance and in the world of reconciliation.

But the Second Vatican Council and the Apostolic See in no way wished to initiate a process in which large sections of the Catholic people would abandon use of the Sacrament or neglect it in practice as to deny its importance in Christian living. As I stated in my first encyclical: "In faithfully observing the centuries-old practice of the Sacrament of Penance—one the practice of individual confession with a personal act of sorrow and the intention to amend and make satisfaction—the Church is therefore defending the human soul's individual right; man's right to a more personal encounter with the crucified forgiving Christ. As is evident, this is also a right on Christ's part with regard to every human being redeemed by Him: His right to meet each one of us in that key moment in the soul's life constituted by the moment of conversion and forgiveness." (Redemptor Hominis 20)

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Throughout his ministry, Paul was willing to suffer to bring about the reconciliation of people with Christ. "He brings the gentiles into the Church through suffering," Perkins observed.

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All Christians still are faced with and struggle with the challenge of carrying on Christ's task of reconciling people and nations, she said.

Not worldly values

Ephesians invites people "to formulate the challenge of Christian life and what it makes different from the general values of society and the world," Perkins said.

It is easy to read the letter, especially in its list of virtues, and think the author meant them to apply only to the pagans—in other words that the followers of Christ need not be concerned about these matters, Perkins pointed out.

But, she suggested, this is not just a list of virtues for other people to think about, especially appropriate for Lent, the idea of growth in the Christian life found in Ephesians.

"Growth comes as a sort of conversion with God," Perkins added. Ephesians encourages people to "imitate the love of God which Christ showed us."
Christian
day care enhances families

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (NC)—Toddler
giggles and play in a room where
Benedictine sisters once labored to pluck
curls for their traditional black and white
habits.

Babies sleep in a nursery that was
formerly the office of the order's mother
superior.

Five years ago, because of declining
numbers, the sisters moved out of the
huge, 100-year-old brick convent
building at Co-Cathedral parish. An
independent day care center occupied the
building until the summer of 1986, when
financial problems forced the
center to close.

Now the building houses the
Raven's Nest Child Care Center, a
parish day care center that serves nearly
100 children, ages 6 weeks to 13 years.

The Raven's Nest was chosen as a
name because two members of the board
of directors graduated from the
Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan.,
whose mascot is the raven. According to
legend, a raven saved St. Benedict from
eating poisoned bread.

While the idea of parish day care
centers is not new, it is spreading.

Infant and toddler care is needed
because of so many working parents,
said Mary Ann Diddle, 34, Raven's Nest
director.

"I don't think you can beat mom
staying home to care for her children,
she said. However, "many women must
choose a day care situation outside the
home. Our center provides loving,
Christian care."

Raven's Nest has 100 percent
occupancy and a waiting list, and only
advertisers by word of mouth. Parents-to-
be often seek to save slots for their
unborn children.

Diddle said the center ministers
during the day-to-day interactions the
youngsters have with the staff.

"The way the children are taught to
deal with one another in kind, gentle,
loving ways, they way they are loved,
corrected, cared for—that is the big
ministry," she said.

"When children are taught to pray
before eating, that has an effect on
families, including Catholics, non-
Catholics and the unchurched," she said.

"I had a parent report to me that at home
her 3-year-old would not eat until they
said grace."

Ministry to parents consists of
allowing time to go to work with a
minimum of guilt, knowing their child
is safe and in a place where good,
Christian care is provided, Diddle added.

Increasing concern about child
safety and child abuse is another reason
a parish may consider opening a day care
center, she said.

Because of parents' lack of
knowledge about private babysitters and
uncertainties because the sisters are not
licensed, a licensed day care center may
be preferable, Diddle said.

The Raven's Nest was licensed in
November after, "a lot of paperwork,
time and trouble," Diddle said. "But we
completed the application process
because we felt it is important," she said.

Fr. Pat Tobin, pastor at Co-
Cathedral, echoed Diddle's comments
about the center as a form of ministry.

"The Raven's Nest plays a meaningful
part in people's lives and enhances our
togetherness as a parish family," he said.

"We have high school students
volunteering to help us as part of their
confirmation apostolate," he said. "And
we have senior citizens involved in
caring for the children. There is a lot of
blending going on. That's good for all."

Mary Ann Diddle, director of the Raven's Nest Child Care Center in St. Joseph, Mo., holds a young child while two
others peek over a protective grate. The center, run by members of the Co-Cathedral parish is housed in a former
Benedictine convent and cares for nearly 100 children ages 6 weeks to 13 years. (NC photo by Julianne Koontz)

God's unexpected appearances

By Hilda Young
NC News Service

I carefully slipped my hand under
Joey's pillow, trying not to disturb his
sleep as I felt for the plastic sandwich
bag I knew held his tooth. It was an eye
tooth and it had fallen out dramatically
as he chomped a corn chip while we
were all watching the Bill Cosby
television program.

After we all had a chance to inspect
it closely, Joey asked what he should do
with it.

"Put it under your pillow for the
tooth fairy," was the unanimous answer
from his 14-year-old sister to his 8-year-
old brother.

While the tooth fairy's secret
identity has been family knowledge for
some years, her mystique has not faded.
It is still a thrill to leave that pearly
tooth in its place.

Soft light from the hall fell across
the faces of his brothers, John and
Michael. I knew they'd be after Joey
first thing to see if the fairy had left
anything. She has a reputation for,
missing the tooth sometimes on its first
time out.

I sat down on the edge of Joey's
bed and stroked his hair for a moment. I
was overwhelmed by awe and love.
Tooth fairy tears plinked onto his
pillow, just missing his left ear.

The tooth fairy had received much
more than she gave.

And God had manifested himself in
the simplest and most unexpected
fashion.

God often visits families in the simplest and most unexpected moments of
daily life...

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