Pope visit here a bargain

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto
Voice News Editor

In publicity and sales revenue, still be a million-dollar jackpot. But in dollar terms, how much is brotherhood worth? Can you put monetary value on an "uplifting of the soul?"

That's how the Pope's visit will really profit South Florida, say religious, business and civic leaders contacted by The Voice in recent weeks.

Although a $1.75 million price tag for 22 hours' stay may seem high at the moment, they predict that hosting Pope John Paul II will prove a bargain in the long-run, and not only in economic terms.


Most of the $1.75 million will be "spent on ourselves...in order for people to meet the Pope...Crowd control. Security. Traffic. Human need. That's where the money is spent."

Indeed, according to Father David Russell, financial coordinator of the visit,

$947,000 of the total budget is earmarked for the outdoor Mass at the Dade County Youth Fairgrounds, where between a quarter-million and a half-million people are expected to gather at 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 11.

The logistics of preparing for that single event are overwhelming: miles of fencing to keep people in "corrals" of 1,000 each, with streets and avenues in between permitting safe and easy access; a sound system that will enable the Pope to be heard throughout the square-mile site; barricades; scaffolding for the press and seating for the handicapped and VIPs; landscaping; directional signs; uniforms for stewards; facilities for drinking

The formal results were announced at a luncheon attended by approximately 125 pastors at St. Bartholomew church in Miramar. One VIP guest was the new Catholic Center at the Everglades migrant camp. Story, photo, pg. 14.

ABCD goes over the top!

By Betsy Kennedy
Voice Staff Writer

Their cup runneth over -- again!

In response to the needs of Catholic charities and ministries, parishes in Dade, Broward and Monroe raised $5,571,673 for the 1987 ArchBishops' Charities and Development drive.

It is believed that parishes may have been inspired by the coming papal visit here in September and pushed harder than ever to top the minimum ABCD goal of $4.9 million to help defray costs of the historic event.

The formal results were announced at a luncheon attended by approximately 125 pastors at St. Bartholomew church in Miramar. One VIP guest was Father Jan Januszewski, a Polish priest and pastor here who survived the horrors of a Nazi concentration camp, died Tuesday at the age of 75 of cancer.

At 11:30 a.m. today (Friday) Auxiliary Bishop Norbert M. Dorsey, C.F.R. was the principal celebrant of a concelebrated Mass of Christian Burial for Father Jan in St. Justin Martyr Church, Key Largo, where he was pastor since 1974.

A soft-spoken man, whose greatest aspiration in life was to serve his God and his Church, Father Jan, as he was affectionately known, was born in 1911 in Sadki, Poland. Ordained at the age of 24 to the priesthood, he was serving in a small village near the Western border of Poland when he was seized by the Nazis and sent to a concentration camp along with six other priests.

Despite warnings from parishioners and friends that he should leave his church, he had refused.

Since he "never had any intention to seek revenge" because he believed in "divine justice," Fr. Jan was reluctant to discuss his experiences in the Nazi camp at Dachau. However, in 1971 he did give an interview to The Voice on the occasion of the death of his friend, Father Adolph Fedorowicz, who also served in Miami, and whom he had met at the Dachau camp.

When the Nazis came to arrest Father Jan, he recalled that one of the Nazi officers said to him, "Father, Jesus suffered, and now you must." Members of his family had all been shot and his younger brother, also a priest, had been killed at his church altar four months after ordination.

"The world thinks only the Jewish people suffered at the hands of the Nazis," Father Jan observed during the interview. "Certainly the Jewish people suffered beyond human belief. But there...page 12"
Rich nations must aid debt of 3rd World

WASHINGTON (RNS) — A prominent U.S. Catholic bishop told a congressional subcommittee March 4 that a solution to the Third World debt crisis “should entail significant sacrifices on the part of those who benefit materially from this situation.”

Archbishop Rembert Weakland of Milwaukee, who headed the committee that drafted the bishops’ pastoral letter on the U.S. economy, testified before the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations.

He acknowledged that the U.S. bishops are not expected to bear the brunt of Third World debt, which stands at an estimated $1 trillion. But he noted that their discussions with fellow bishops in Latin America and Africa had shown that a coalition of religious and civil liberties groups had given them special insight into the impact of the debt on poor people in those countries.

Archbishop Weakland denounced the massive transfers of wealth through debt repayments to industrialized nations from countries where upwards of 800 million people live in depths of poverty that he described as “so miserable that it is beneath any description.”

The prelate said that the debt — the largest part of which is debt owed by Third World nations to the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and the World Bank — is a major issue for the bishops because “the spiritual health and substance of the people we work with are threatened by debt.”

While acknowledging that the bishops have no formula to propose, Archbishop Weakland said the U.S. Catholic Church and other religious groups have generally argued that both creditor and debtor nations must make sacrifices in finding a solution.

Pair charged in stabbing deaths of two Buffalo priests

NEW YORK (RNS) — Two youths were arrested March 9 and charged with the stabbing death of two Roman Catholic priests who lived in neighboring parishes in inner-city Buffalo, N.Y. The Rev. A. Joseph Forlizzi, 74, a priest at St. Bartholomew’s Church, and the body of Msgr. David P. Herlihy, 74, were found March 8 in the rectory of St. Matthew’s parish.

Each priest had been tied up, bound and stabbed, and money had been stolen from the safes in both rectories.

U.S. Bishops aidesy aid to contras be shut off

WASHINGTON (NC) — Msgr. Daniel F. Hoey, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, urged Congress to shut off U.S. military aid to the contras in Nicaragua “as soon as possible.” In a letter to members of the House and Senate, Msgr. Hoey, who chairs the conference’s administrative commission, said the bishops are fighting against the Marxist Sandinista government of Nicaragua. “We urge that such aid be terminated as soon as possible,” he wrote.

Churches file brief in support of Rev. Moon’s Unification Church

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (RNS) — Church-state relations “are fundamentally threatened” by two former members of the Unification Church who are suing it for allegedly brainwashing them, according to a brief filed March 9 with the California state Supreme Court. The lawsuit, filed by a coalition of religious and civil liberties groups.

The brief was filed by Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the National Council of Churches, the National Council of Churches and the Southern California Ecumenical Council. It urged the court to reject the suit brought by David Molko and Tracy Leal, who charged that they were fraudulently recruited into the church by street preachers and brainwashed into becoming members.

Homosexual support

DURING a rally outside St. Patrick’s Cathedral, a priest shows his support for Dignity, a national organization of Catholic homosexuals.

More than 45 percent of Americans diagnosed as having AIDS, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome, are homosexuals. A number of those have been identified as homosexually active. (NC photo)

Congress urged to help parents of needy students despite courts

WASHINGTON (NC) — The head of the U.S. bishops’ education committee, saying the U.S. Supreme Court two years ago “virtually destroyed” a program aiding disadvantaged non-public school students, urged Congress to give parents grants to help restore the program. Bishop William A. Hughes of Covington, Ky., chairman of the bishops’ Committee on Education, called for a parental grant as an option in the Chapter I program, the part of the Education Consolidation and Improvement Act that funds remedial classes for poor and disadvantaged students.

The Supreme Court ruled in 1985 that public school teachers could not go into religious schools to provide remedial instruction.

It’s about time farmworkers got toilets, water, says Catholic official

WASHINGTON (NC) — A Tennessee judge’s ruling exempting students from reading textbooks their parents found objectionable will severely damage the public school system, according to a law professor at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Richard D. F. Grant, director of educational affairs in the Catholic University’s Department of Education, said the ruling would provide an easy way for parents to have children withdrawn from public school classes. “It is simply not feasible to maintain a viable public school system from which students might continually be excused on an ongoing basis.”

The bishops have called for a parental grant in the Chapter I program as an option for those who benefit materially from this situation.”

Interfaith group now needed more than ever, says cardinal

BOSTON (NC) — Some 35 prominent civil rights advocates and Catholic leaders meeting in Boston have helped chart a new future for the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice. Convened at the invitation of Cardinal Bernard Law of Boston, the participants noted that the interfaith justice conference’s task has changed dramatically over the past 30 years. “The fact that there is a continuing need for a national Catholic group to foster interreligious and intercultural ‘communication, collaboration, reconciliation, and conversion,’” Cardinal Law said that recent racial incidents have created a new willingness to examine the problem of racism in America. “It’s a good time to do this, but we’ve got to move quickly,” he said.

Mass for gays ordered stopped by New York Archdiocese

NEW YORK (NC) — The Archdiocese of New York has ordered an end to the weekly Mass sponsored by Dignity at St. Francis Xavier Church, a Jesuit parish in lower Manhattan. Dignity, a support group for Catholic homosexuals, has about 100 chapters across the country. In addition to promoting social and spiritual support for homosexuals and women, it advocates changes in church teachings and practices regarding marriage and homosexual activity. Many had expected the archdiocesan action since New York’s Cardinal John O’Connor, in October, had given an indirect endorsement from Bishop Francis J. Mugavero in the neighboring Diocese of Brooklyn that Dignity Masses could not be held in churches or other facilities of his diocese.

Gutenberg Bible to be auctioned to fund Catholic seminaries

LOS ANGELES (RNS) — One of the 47 known copies of a portion of the Gutenberg Bible still in existence will be auctioned May 23 in New York City. It was ordered by the widow of Edward Doheny, an oilman, from the printer of the first American Bible. Doheny stipulated that if the collection were sold, the full proceeds must go to the “religious and educational purposes of the seminaries.”

Sen. Hatfield warns evangelicals against ‘creed of greed’

NEW YORK (NC) — The word “Christian” is among the terms most abused and misused by evangelicals, Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Ore.) told the 45th annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals last week. In a pre-recorded message addressed to the Baptist layman said that “individuals can call themselves ‘Christian’ or their fellow believers ‘Christian’” but “are not ‘Christian’ just because they come from a Christian church.”

Sen. Hatfield challenged his fellow evangelicals to “pause and ask ourselves, is the body of Christ thinking about the poor and the disadvantaged?”

Newark Catholic priest pleads guilty to child sex charges

NEW YORK (NC) — A 54-year-old Roman Catholic priest who spent 27 years in a Newark, N.J., parish has pleaded guilty to a federal count of sexually assaulting three pre-teens, one of them a altar boy. The Rev. Richard M. Galdon was re- signed his duties in 1984 after being charged last year to enter treatment after allegedly committing various sexual acts with the boys, aged 10-12, between 1971 and 1974. He was ordained in 1968 and has served as archdiocesan chaplain to the Boy Scouts, is on administrative leave and cannot dress as a priest or celebrate Mass publicly.
The Vatican document, issued March 10 by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, reiterated Catholic teaching that responsible procreation is the will of God — and that those who go against it hurt their marriage, the family and the church. It also urged scientists to strive for...  

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The 40-page document, “Instruction on Respect for Human Life in Its Origins and on Procreation,” was issued by the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, said consultation for the document, some in their capacity as mothers and some in their capacity as researchers, were studied. One of the preparatory sessions, he said, had the nature of a “real collegial act.”

Banned methods
- Surrogate motherhood, in which another woman bears the child.
- Use of sperm or egg donors other than the husband and wife.
- Artificial fertilization of an unmarried woman or a widow, by any sperm donor whatsoever.
- Artificial fertilization, even between marriage partners, “which is not the fruit of a specific act of conjugal union.”
- Fertilization “in vitro” — “in glass,” or outside the womb — even when the reproductive cells come from both parents and the couple intends to implant the embryo.
- Approved was artificial assistance with intrauterine insemination, a technique in which sperm is inserted into the uterus.

Couples’ infertility tied to many factors

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The Vatican document did not specifically mention the tubal ovum transfer process, but the Sinays and their associate pastor, Precious Blood Father Larry Hemmelgarn, believe the procedure could be approved.

According to Dr. David McLaughlin, a member of the medical team that initiated the procedure at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, in 1983, “the two main criteria that TOT meets are that fertilization occurs in vivo (in the body) and that the sperm is collected from the married couple and fertilized by an air bubble so that conception does not occur outside the body.”

McLaughlin explained, "Who can say for sure when conception occurred," said Sinay, noting that intermarriage took place two months before the procedure and again the next day.

This is the second time Mrs. Sinay, 37, and her husband, 41, have undergone the procedure and become pregnant. They ended their earlier miscarriage at 20 weeks in January 1986. The Sinays said they were reassured that the odds were “one in 50,000” that the genetic defect that caused her earlier miscarriage would reoccur. They expressed “cautious optimism” that a healthy baby will be born this time, noting that this February 26 showed a normal 14-week fetus.

Married more than 11 years, the Sinays said they feel fortunate the ova ovum transfer process was available.

Technology, morals at a crossroads

By Jerry Fliteau

WASHINGTON (NC) — “What is technically possible is not for that very reason morally admissible,” declared the Vatican instruction on technology and morality released March 10. Or, as Archbishop Roger Mahony of Los Angeles paraphrased it, “Having a baby at all costs isn’t always the greatest good.”

The new Vatican entry into one of the most disputed and rapidly expanding intersections between morality and technology drew reactions from around the world. Even those who disagreed with some of its points, however, welcomed other conclusions, such as the condemnation of the commercial use of human embryos.

Among Catholic theologians there was wide support for the document’s rejection of technological exploitation of embryos and for its repudiation of the use of third parties for the production or gestation of a child.

Key criticisms from within the Catholic theological community seemed to center on the document’s rejection of “test-tube” babies as a possibility for infertile married couples.

From the broader Christian and Jewish religious community that issue was also a central point of debate about the document.

The Italian bishops moved almost immediately to seek laws in Italy that would bring public policy in line with the moral positions taken by the document, but in the United States some moralists and scientists accused the document of simplistic thinking about the relation between love and morality in modern pluralistic societies.

Newspaper reports on reactions at fertility clinics around the country indicated that clinic personnel and their clients did not think the document would affect them. Many said that an infertile Catholic couple wants children, the instruction would not deter the couple from using techniques like IVF to give them a child.

Titled “Instruction on Respect for Human Life in its Origin and on Procreation,” the long-awaited document was issued by the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

The instruction said all artificial procreation of human life must be measured by two “fundamental values...the life of the human being called into existence and the special nature of the transmission of human life in marriage.”

What was morally approved under those norms was only that technologically assisted a married couple to use “test-tube” babies which keeps procreation completely within the marriage and helps rather than replaces the marital act.

The document called the idea that any couple has a “right” to children by whatever means necessary a “myth,” and said “society cannot accept ownership” but “the supreme gift” of marriage.

A long list of procedures available today, some still experimental, others considered standard, was ruled out as immoral because of the “special nature of the transmission of human life in marriage.” These included:

Moralists, mothers consulted

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One Vatican official said women from different countries were consulted on the document, some in their capacities as mothers and some in their scientific capacities.

In the United States, women in studies show...
VATICAN CITY (NC) — More than a million young people from around the world are expected to join Pope John Paul II in Buenos Aires for a World Youth Day celebration April 11-12, Vatican officials said.

In a meeting April 11, the pope is expected to answer some 20 questions posed by the youths, on topics ranging from human rights to foreign debt, the officials said.

"This meeting will be centered on the concrete fruits of love — we’re not just saying, ‘love each other’ or ‘try to be good,’" said Cardinal Eduardo Pironio, president of the Vatican’s Council for the Laity. He said the encounter would emphasize themes such as hunger, poverty and defense of human rights.

"Will something change as a result? I’m convinced it will," Cardinal Pironio said at a Vatican press conference March 17. He said that while injustice and human rights violations are not going to suddenly disappear, in Latin America or elsewhere, the young people will be more effective evangelizers after the meeting.

The pope plans to celebrate Palm Sunday Mass for the youths and officials on the last day of World Youth Day. This is the first year the papal meeting is being held outside Rome. It is scheduled as one of the last events on the pope’s March 31-April 13 trip to Uruguay, Chile and Argentina.

New pro-life film talks about ninth-month abortions

WASHINGTON (NC) — Few Americans realize that legal abortions are performed through the ninth month of pregnancy, pro-lifers said at the premiere of a new film, "Eclipse of Reason," produced by Dr. Bernard N. Nathanson. The film, a sequel to Nathanson’s controversial "Silent Scream," which shows the effects of a suction abortion, was shown at a special congressional screening. "Eclipse of Reason" shows a dilation and evacuation abortion — the dismemberment of an unborn child within the uterus — performed during the 19th or 20th week of pregnancy, according to pro-life advocates. It is the first film to once performed abortions but now opposes the practice.

Philippine cardinal tells priests: Stay out of politics

MANILA, Philippines (NC) — Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila has told young archdiocesan priests not to back candidates campaigning for congressional elections in May. In a document, "Catechism on the Role of the Church in Political Activity," the cardinal also said priests should only speak on political issues under certain conditions. According to observers in Manila, the document appears to be drawn largely from a letter of Pope John Paul II to Philippine bishops several months after the 1988 revolt against former President Ferdinand Marcos. Philippine church leaders — especially Cardinal Sin, the official document in the revolt. On May 11, Filipinos are to elect a two-house legislature similar to that of the United States.

Rebel priest tells family: I’m safe, not dead

CEBU CITY, Philippines (NC) — Father Rustico Tan, the chief negotiator for Cebu area rebels in peace talks with the government, has assured the public that he is safe and secure. "Eclipse of Reason," the last event of the pope’s March 31-April 13 trip to Uruguay, Chile and Argentina.
Abortion is privacy, Catholic jurist says

WASHINGTON (NC) — Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan described himself as a "devout Roman Catholic" who is "not hostile to religion" and thinks the Constitution protects abortion rights under the right to privacy.

Brennan explained his views on his faith, church-state questions, abortion and capital punishment in an interview with National Public Radio. A tape of the interview was made available to National Catholic News Service in late February.

The justice has been portrayed as one of the architects of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision legalizing abortion. He was a member of the 7-2 majority in that case, although he did not author the majority opinion.

He has also opposed some forms of assistance to parochial schools, public school prayer — including a moment of silence law that specifically supports prayer, and the death penalty. He has also opposed some forms of assistance to parochial schools, public school prayer — including a moment of silence law that specifically supports prayer, and the death penalty.


His Catholicism proved to be a controversial subject at his confirmation hearings in 1957, after President Eisenhower nominated him the year before.

In the radio interview, the 80-year-old justice noted that at his confirmation hearing, he was asked whether he would do his Catholic faith, conflicted with the U.S. Constitution.

He said he replied that "obviously, where there was a constitutional principle that was in conflict with any principle of my faith, my responsibility as a justice of the court was, of course, to apply the Constitution as I saw it that should be applied."

"And that's the way I have acted," he continued, "and I don't see any inconsistency whatever between that responsibility as I defined it and my going to church and receiving the sacraments, as I do every week."

Asked by National Public Radio what protection under the Constitution provides the right to an abortion, he answered, "It's a constitutional right that every individual has, male and female, and it happens in the case of the female to include the right, within the limitations that (were) set out in the Roe and Wade, to have an abortion," he said.

He said that just as he continues to dissent from the court's death penalty views, justices who disagree with him about abortion should continue to dissent from the current court majority's abortion opinions.

NEW ORLEANS (NC) — Young people between the eighth grade and age 23 may attend the youth rally with Pope John Paul II in the New Orleans Superdome Sept. 12, organizers announced.

The committee planning the rally announced that only young people in that age group, along with one adult chaperone for each 14 young people, will be permitted to take part in the rally.

Sister Pat Cormack, a Sister of Mercy of the Holy Cross and co-chairwoman of the youth rally, said the 12 participating dioceses in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and west Florida will receive a portion of the tickets based on the percentage of young people taking part in school and religious education programs in their dioceses.

Some tickets will be set aside for distribution at the national level.

Protest against prostitutes

Members of Blessed Sacrament Parish in San Diego wave to passers-by during a demonstration along El Cajon Boulevard to protest the presence of prostitutes on the street. Blessed Sacrament Church also is located on the boulevard. (NC photo)

Guidelines set for youth rally with Pope
Church: Poor should be budget priority

WASHINGTON (NC) — The federal budget should care for the poor, reduce military spending and ensure that any tax increases levy higher rates against those most able to pay, the U.S. Catholic Conference official told congressional budget committees.

In a letter to each member of the House and Senate budget committees, Msgr. Daniel F. Hoye, USCC general secretary, urged Congress to "develop a budget resolution that reflects a concern for the human dignity and basic rights of all citizens, especially the poor."

His March 13 letter was released in Washington by the USCC, public action arm of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

When determining the budget, he wrote, "I urge you to follow three general criteria:"

- "Funding for the basic needs programs for the poor must take precedence over other areas of the budget that are less fundamental to the protection of human dignity."
- "The level of military expenditures should be reduced in real terms."
- "Careful consideration should be given to the need for raising additional revenues, with the stipulation that "those with relatively greater financial resources should pay a higher rate of taxation."

He also asked the committee members to "reflect on the opening words of the bishops' recent pastoral letter on the economy," which stated words of the bishops' recent pastoral letter on war and peace, "that the fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies and institutions is this: They must be at the service of all people, especially the poor."

Msgr. Hoye cited the need to reduce the federal deficit but said questions arise regarding the best way to do so.

He said programs that provide such basic items as income, food, shelter, health care, education and employment "have been cut dramatically..."

The bishops' intent, he said, is to strengthen the economy system and help everyone to benefit from it, especially those falling through the "so-called protective net that is supposed to guarantee basic economic rights to all our citizens."

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Montana prelate: "Economy is bishops' business"

HELENA, Mont. (NC) — Arguments that bishops cannot write intelligently about the economy are based on the same faulty logic used against critics of the Vietnam War, trying to discredit them because they were not military tacticians, said Helena Bishop Edward F. Curtiss.

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WASHINGTON (NC) — Welfare benefit levels and much of the welfare system itself constitute an "affront to conscience" and are in need of reform, the executive director of Catholic Charities USA told a House subcommittee.

Father Thomas J. Harvey, whose organization represents diocesan Catholic Charities agencies, said subsidies for families in need of welfare "has declined about 40 percent in real dollars."

"The poorest people have become poorer even as we somehow expected to see them pull themselves up by their bootstraps," he said.

Father Harvey testified March 10 before the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Public Assistance and Unemployment Compensation about the main federal welfare program, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, or AFDC.

"Current benefit levels and much more about the AFDC program are an affront to the conscience," he said. "I pray this both because of the religious teachings of my church... and because it is undeniably a joy that is shared by the other religious denominations which make up our pluralistic society."

He recommended an immediate change in welfare policy so that more families with two parents at home can receive welfare. He likewise recommended a minimum benefit level for welfare recipients in every state.

Although welfare is a federal program it is administered by the states.

At the present, some states deny welfare to families with two parents at home, and welfare levels vary widely from state to state.

"There can be no reason" for denying welfare to families with two parents at home "other than a desire to cut down on government spending or poor program design," Father Harvey said. "And there are not sufficient reasons to foster desertion or cheating. Other than an emphasis on work, there is no other consensus in this nation than that welfare ought to help families, not hurt them."

Catholic Charities USA supports "a well-crafted set of programs designed to help most adult recipients move to participation in the workforce," he added. "However, we most strongly urge participates in such programs be voluntary for mothers with small children, and any adult necessary in the home to care for a disabled child or adult."

The Catholic Charities official also suggested that the working poor should be permitted to retain their Medicaid benefits, at least temporarily, and be recipients of "available and affordable day care."

In addition, "I believe history quite clearly tells us that there ought to be a national welfare program," he said. "Finally, it should be obvious that benefits should be indexed for inflation..."

His recommendations closely resemble those also made to Congress by the U.S. Catholic Conference.

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VATICAN CITY (NC) — The Chilean and Argentine governments hope Pope John Paul II's April 1-6 visit will help galvanize their people for change, reconciliation and human rights gains.

human rights is the main issue fueling division in each nation, but there the similarity between the two ends.

Argentina has an elected civilian government trying to heal national wounds after almost eight years of bloody military rule. Chile has a 12-year-old military government constantly criticized for its human rights record and running into stiff domestic opposition over its constitutional plans for keeping control at least through 1997.

Voting with the governments will be political opposition groups maneuvering to turn the pope's general calls for peace, reconciliation and human rights into support for their partisan plans.

The situations highlight the social and political cleavages of the Catholic Church in both countries, where almost all the inhabitants profess Catholicism.

In addition, they show the tenuous relations between the military and civilian governments in Latin America, where coups rather than elections have set the agenda recently.

Pinochet moved to improve human rights rights conditions in March by legalizing the activities of the Marxist political parties and by reintroducing voter registration.

Political party activities had been illegal since Pinochet's 1973 coup toppled constitutionally elected President Salvador Allende, a Marxist. The coup ended 46 years of democratically elected governments, a Latin American record.

The harsh repression that followed drew strong international human rights protests, including condemnation reports by the United Nations and the Organization of American States.

Domestically, the strongest criticism came from the Catholic Church, especially the Vicariate of Solidarity, a human rights agency founded after the coup by the Archdiocese of Santiago, Chile. The vicariate accused the government of summary executions, kidnappings, illegal detentions and torturing of political prisoners.

Its activities helped fuel the continuing tensions between the government and the bishops, many of whom also opposed the Allende government.

"For some time now, the Chilean Church has been distancing itself from the right-wing military regime, precisely and only because of its cruelty and immoral repression. The amazing thing is that the armed forces do not understand this," said Auxiliary Bishop Jorge Hourtion Poisson of Santiago.

Pinochet, however, enjoys a good deal of public support. Tens of thousands of people demonstrated in Santiago in his support after an assassination attempt last September. Some bishops publicly acknowledge that many Catholics are comfortable with the Chilean President Augusto Pinochet: Church has been strongest critic, though many Chileans support him.

Any hints of the pope's attitude toward the Chilean situation may come the morning of April 2. In three separate events the pope will meet Pinochet, address the Chilean bishops and talk to residents of Santiago's poor neighborhoods.

"We can find no justification for this continuing inhuman oppression, and we warn that it is a measure that does great damage for the present and the future," the letter said.

Among the signers were the southern African bishops' conference president Bishop Wilhelm Nagel of Kokstad, Cardinal Owen McCaig of Cape Town, and Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban.

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Chilean President Augusto Pinochet: "Church has been strongest critic, though many Chileans support him."
Happy birthday, De colores!

Hispanic Cursillo celebrates 25th; called 'founding father' of many lay movements

By Ligia Guillen
Staff Writer, La Voz

More than 3,000 people braved a downpour recently to paint one night "de colores," as the Hispanic Cursillo movement celebrated 25 years of life in South Florida.

"Cursillo," which originated in Spain in the late 40s, is a weekend-long series of talks, group sharing, personal reflection and prayer designed to continue their evangelical work and strengthen the Church. (In South Florida, the Cursillo movement began in Spanish and later expanded into English.)

Some of the Cursillistas who attended the "no holds barred" celebration at Tropical Park March 7 were from Central and South America, the rest from Miami and other South Florida dioceses.

The occasion was so solemn it included one archbishop, four bishops, 35 priests and 20 permanent deacons. Commendations were distributed, some gusty rain made a cameo appearance and even 25 white doves, one for each jubilee year, flew above the crowd at one point.

Below, on a 32-foot-long flatbed trailer, was the altar, "colored" with banners from nearly every church and apostolic movement in the Archdiocese. Everyone who spoke at the event agreed that Cursillo has been the "founding father" of almost all the local Hispanic lay movements.

"Who founded Camino? Who founded the marriage and family [Encuentro] movement?" asked Bishop Enrique San Pedro, an ex-Miami priest who now serves as auxiliary in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston, Texas. "Cursillos!" he himself replied as the crowd burst into a long applause.

"Let all those permanent deacons stand up who made a Cursillo prior to their ordination," said the bishop. Nineteen men stood later explained that he had made a Cursillo after his ordination.

Bishop San Pedro and the other ecclesiastical dignitaries spoke at the end of the Mass, when Manuel Campbell, current coordinator of Hispanic Cursillos in the Archdiocese, invited them to stand and share their "witness," as is customarily done at Mass, when Manolo Campa, current coordinator of Hispanic Cursillos in the Archdiocese, invited them to stand and share their "witness," as is customarily done at Mass.

"Cursillos have opened hearts and awakened a new energy and apostolic zeal," said Miami Archbishop Edward McCarthy.

Annually, five Spanish Cursillos for men and five for women are held in the Archdiocese. A year and a half ago, they began taking places at Casa Emmaus (Emmaus House), which sits on three acres of land in South Dade and can accommodate 80 people. Most of its construction was accomplished through volunteer labor.

"Apostolic movements are a gift from God," said Auxiliary Bishop Agustin Roman, "and Cursillistas are involved in nearly all of them." The crowd's applause forced him to stop talking. "Long live Msgr. Roman!" they shouted.

Miami Auxiliary Bishop Norbert Doneely followed, saying, partly in Spanish and partly in English, that he wished to make a Cursillo. He signed off with the traditional greeting of Cursillistas, "de colores."

Also present to wish Hispanic Cursillos a "happy birthday" were its former spiritual directors: Fathers Miguel Arrillaga, Jose Hernandez, and Rafael Escala, along with Romeo Rivas, who has held the position for the past seven years. In fact the only past spiritual director who couldn't be present at the celebration was the first one, Father Primitivo Santamaria.

Throughout a quarter-century of existence, one of Hispanic Cursillo's most important accomplishments has been the development of a "school for leaders," now under the direction of Enrique and Chiqui Venta. Each Wednesday evening, about 250 people gather at Casa Emmaus to attend three different levels of classes. The emphasis is on religious preparation and the training of leaders.

Venta says the "school" is the "right arm" of the Cursillo movement. Plans are being made to open another one in Broward and a third one for young men.

"That one will be geared toward the unique cultural needs" of younger Hispanics, said Venta. "Classes will be given only one Friday a month, during 12 months, and we'll teach in 'spanglish.'"

"We all had something to do with Cursillos at some point," concluded architect Felipe de Leon, coordinator of the Hispanic pastoral team. Cursillos' 25th anniversary, he added, is a historic one for the entire South Florida Church.

More than 3,000 people gathered at Tropical Park for Cursillo's 25th century celebration, among them were representatives of nearly every parish and Hispanic pastoral movement in the Archdiocese.

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Father Januszewski, Holocaust survivor

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were also others," he added explaining that more than 1800 priests were sent to Buchau and other camps and less than half of them survived.

Father Jan, who was assigned to bricklaying or death, told he lay awake at night praying that God would take him and that he would not be alive in the morning. He spoke of eating dog food when building guard dog kennels, which made him the envy of his Germans. We were guilty of being criminals, ministering to God and our blocks. That was our crime."

"Rescued by troops of the American Third Army in 1945, Father Jan assisted displaced Poles throughout Germany and in 1951 was brought to the U.S. by the late Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, then Bishop of the Diocese of St. Augustine. He was assigned as an associate pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, Jacksonville. One year later he was reassigned to St. John the Apostle Church, Hialeah, where he served until 1960. In addition he was assigned to minister to the spiritual needs of South Florida's Polish community. Following a one-year assignment at Blessed Trinity Church, Miami Springs, he spent four months at St. Anastasia parish, Fort Pierce.

From 1961 to 1968 he was administrator of St. Joseph Church, Stuart, and then became administrator of San Pablo Church, Marathon. Four years later he was named administrator of St. Mary Star of the Sea parish, Key West, and Dean of the Monroe County Deanery. He was also moderator of the Monroe Deanery of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Burial will be in the Priests' section of Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery.

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**Church to honor marriage prep volunteers**

**By Prent Browning**

For the Archdiocese's marriage preparation programs to run smoothly, a small army of volunteers is needed. This April 4th they will be honored for their efforts at a special Mass which will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral by Archbishop Edward McCarthy at 10:30 a.m.

"These people have a very silent ministry," says Carol A. Farrell, director of the Family Enrichment Center. "They're unsung heroes and a lot of marriage preparation depends on them. Nothing has ever been done to say thank you to them."

As part of the preparation required by the Archdiocese, engaged couples must take pre-marital inventories (PMI), questionnaires that ask them a number of questions concerning areas of marriage that they may not have discussed. They also must go through either a Pre-Can, Engaged Encounter or Camino program, where they listen to talks and advice from married couples and reflect on a number of topics assigned to them. All the married couples who work on these programs are volunteers, and, in total, there may be as many as 1,000 involved. But many do not look on it as work, and are very generous with their time. Ed and Mary Kay Usher, for instance, have done nine to ten Engaged Encounters a year since 1982. "We find it very rewarding," says Mary Kay. "When we got married almost 13 years ago there was no marriage prep. And we've told couples that we really believe we could have avoided some of the problems that we had if we had had Encaged Encounter; just for the communication skills and some of the other things that we try to give them. Since we believe so strongly in that, we don't find it a chore to work."

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**Young adults: Are you at peace?**

**Theme of 3rd annual conference**

The third annual Young Adult Conference will be held Saturday, April 11, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bay Vista Campus of Florida International University.

This year's theme is "Young Adults: Are We at Peace?" The keynote speaker will be Mary Carter-Waren, a married young adult with a Master's in Peace Studies from St. Thomas University, who has worked as a social minister and educator in the Catholic Church for 10 years.

Workshop topics include: Christian decision-making; broken relationships; healing and recon-ciliation; adult children of alcoholics; marriage, prayer, and lay spirituality; and social justice issues.

There will also be a panel discussion on "Being Catholic and Young Adults in the 90's."

Cost for the entire day is $20 before April 1, $25 afterward.

For brochures and registration, call the Archdiocese's Young Adult Office at 757-6241 in Dade; 522-5776 in Broward; or 861-4253 in the evenings.

Families are changing - they make up and break up. Individual ambitions ebb and flow with age and status. Who gives? Who takes? When does family conflict become family crisis? When do doubts turn into disaster?

St. Francis Hospital is proud to introduce Family Workshop, a safe and caring place where every member of your family can come for support, advice and understanding. Join us from 10 am to 2 pm for our special free seminars: Saturday, April 11 - Everybody Wins - Resolving Family Conflicts, with Judith Viorst, author of "Necessary Losses." Saturday, May 9 - Feeding the Generations with Linda Cicero, Food Editor, The Miami Herald. Reservations call 868-2736.

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**Lithuanians celebrate 600 years of Christianity**

Lithuanians in Miami will cel-brate the 600th anniversary of their nation's conversion to Christianity with a Mass this Sunday, March 22, at 2 p.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 900 SW 26 Road.

Father Vincent Andzulis, a Miami priest of Lithuanian descent, will be the principal celebrant of the Mass, which will be said in Lithuanian, and Father Victor Dabasis of St. Petersburg will be the homilist.

A local Lithuanian women's choir, "Banga," will sing, and women also will wear native costumes during the presentation of the offertory gifts.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II will mark the Lithuanian anniversary with a special Mass on June 28, and the U.S. bishops have asked churches here to mark that day as "a day of prayer for the persecuted church of Lithuania."

Lithuania is a predominantly Ro-man Catholic country of about 3.5 million inhabitants. It lies on the eastern shores of the Baltic Sea and is the largest of the three Baltic states, which include Estonia and Latvia.

On June 15, 1940, Lithuania was occupied by the Soviet Union. Since then, the Communists have waged a virtual war against the nation's deeply-rooted Catholicism.

Nearly half of all the churches and chapels in the country have been closed and converted into warehouses, and the government rarely, if ever, gives permission for the construction of new churches.

The Cathedral of Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania, is now used as an art gallery, and the Church of St. Casimir, patron saint of the country, is a museum of atheism.

Despite the persecution, however, and the fact that it is a crime to openly practice Catholicism, nearly all newborn children are baptized in the Church; 80 percent of the people are given religious burial rite, about 60-70 percent are openly or secretly married in the Church.

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**Notre Dame U. seeks parish histories**

The University of Notre Dame Library wishes to expand its Parish History Collection in Catholic Americana. They seek donations of parish histories and other works which document the life of the parish, including silver, gnarled, diamond, or centennial celebrations. Contact Charlotte Ames, Catholic Americana, University of Notre Dame Library, Notre Dame, Ind. 46556.
Youth radio-thon goal: $100,000

By Araceli M. Cantero
Editor, La Voz

Miami's Catholic young people need to raise $100,000, and they want to do it in a single day.

But they're not planning to hold up a bank. They have a better plan. This Saturday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., they'll be talking to you on the radio, to ask for your kindness and support.

That way you'll have your hands free, and it'll be easier to stick them in your pockets and bring them out full, empty.

"It's for a worthy cause," said Mercy Lara, one of the project coordinators for the Archdiocesan Youth Center. "We all have a son, nephew or grandson who could benefit from it," she said, explaining that the funds will be used to build an expansion to the current Youth Center in South Miami.

The new wing will house offices, a conference room and a library that will be used to build an expansion to the current Youth Center in South Miami.

Youth radio-thon

The conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nativity Church, 4497 W. 1 Ave. in Hialeah. Some freshments will be provided, but participants are asked to bring their own lunch. For more information, call 651-4497.

The conference is a dialogue in which we can talk and listen to each other and become more sensitive to one another," says Archbishop Edward McCarthy in a letter of invitation.

The conference will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Nativity Church, 5220 Johnson Street, Hollywood. Some of the topics that will be covered are annulments, "healing after divorce," the role of remarried Catholics in the Church and blended families.

Local

Separated from Church? Come home!

Catholics who have been away from the Church because of a marriage situation are urged to "come home" on March 28, when the Archdiocese of Miami will sponsor a day-long conference in Spanish.

This conference is "a dialogue in which we can talk and listen to each other and become more sensitive to one another," says Archbishop Edward McCarthy in a letter of invitation.

When you come home is "easier than you think," says Father Jose Luis Menendez, director of Youth Ministry for the Archdiocese. He has christened the project "Outreach Services.

Even though the total cost is estimated to be $166,000, he says the $100,000 goal of the radio-thon is "sufficient to build the main building. The rest can be done by volunteers."

This marks the second year that Lara, a well known ex-radio announcer, has put all her energies and "connections" into convincing Spanish stations and sponsors to carry the radio-thon.

Last year the young people raised $70,000, which enabled them to hire a professional counselor for the Youth Center as well as refurbish an old convent which had been donated by the Archdiocese. Located right near Biscayne Bay, behind La Salle High School, the building now houses meeting rooms and a chapel.

This Saturday, AM stations La Cubanisima (WQBA), Radio Mambí (WAVO), Cadena Azul (WRHRC), Unión Radio (WCMQ) and Radio Alegre will turn their microphones over to the young people, who want to assure the world that all is not "lost" with the next generation.

Lara promises the day's program will be crammed with "youngsters, entertainers, athletes, and very interesting people." The purpose of the radio-thon is not only to raise funds, she said, "the main reason is to raise the image of young people.

"We have hundreds of youngsters who struggle every day to do their best," said Father Menendez. "It's good for people to get to know young people who are not a problem."

At each radio station there will be volunteers answering the phones, along with cashiers and accountants. Outside, in the meantime, young people will be taking to the streets to promote their cause, while a contingent remains at the Youth Center praying for the project's success.

"Young People's Day"

The radio-thon has been endorsed by the Public Accountants Association, and the cities of Dade County have proclaimed March 21 as "Young People's Day."

La Voz photo/Araceli Cantero

Father Menendez, Youth Ministry director, shows Youth Center expansion plans to Joey Lay of St. Michael parish and Sandra and Societa Arguelles of St. Dominic. (La Voz photo/Araceli Cantero)
**Spiritual boost is 'priceless'**

By Ana Rodriguez-Soto

Voice News Editor

Chairman of the Catholic Potato Chip Co. of Miami and the store's owner, Elia H. Chapman, an Episcopalian who is chairman and chief executive officer of Knight-Ridder, the company which owns The Miami Herald, Jewish co-chair is David Paul, chairman of CenterTrust and the Roman Catholic co-chairs are Armando Codina, a prominent developer, and Athalie Range, a businesswoman and public relations consultant.

Other members of the committee are Hank Meyer, a Jew and one of the most prominent public relations men in South Florida; David Walters, former U.S. ambassador to the Vatican; Steve Clark, mayor of Dade County; and Judge Thomas Tenta, all Catholics.

Asked specifically how the businessmen planned to raise the funds, CenterTrust President David Paul said, "All of us have various networks. Hopefully we'll tap those networks." Other Russell said it was evident from the moment the Pope's visit was announced that, religious differences aside, most leaders wish to contribute to the event.

"I haven't spoken to anyone [businessman] who isn't greatly enthusiastic about it, very much and excited," Hank Meyer told The Voice. He added that "the event is going to be a morale booster." The [papal visit] is good for the community. Indirectly it will help everybody."

The Archdiocese's own fund-raising efforts are: "The Archdiocese is going to serve as an advertising medium for the community," said Father Russell. The money raised will be spent on food, souvenirs, transportation, etc. "The little that's left will be put toward helping people who believe, and people who are in need in our community." The money will be used to fund the Pope's trip and to help others.

The other side of the coin, in purely economic terms, is that those half-a-million people will be spending money here, on food, souvenirs, transportation and lodging if they come in from out of town.

Bill Anderson, research coordinator at the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau, worked up some preliminary figures which indicated that 10 percent of those people will come from outside Dade and Broward counties. The census estimate is that 22 hours in Miami is the average of two days, he added up their hotel, food, and transportation expenses, plus the money tourists spend on the street will be spent by everyone on such things as souvenirs, and came up with $10 million.

That's actual money that will change hands—from papal watchers to local merchandise—during those 22 hours on Sept. 10 and 11.

Indirect revenue that when money filters through the community might be as high as $25 million, and Anderson says "that's just a rough estimate. We're just saying here's an idea of the potential. It probably is going to be more than that."

Imagine the numbers of people who are going to be coming to Miami to spend money," says Cesar Odio, Miami City Manager.

Dade County Manager Sergio Pereira adds, "we couldn't purchase the publicity...the eyes of the world will be on Dade County."

Indeed, from the moment the Pope touches down at the airport to the moment he leaves the next day, and nearly every second in between, he will be on television, and South Florida will be his backdrop.

Local television channels 4, 7, 10 and 23 (Spanish) have pooled their resources to provide the moment-to-moment coverage, while Channels 6 and 51 plan to air special programs.

The live coverage will involve about 60 cameras in different locations and more than 350 television news people, not counting the engineers who support them, says Larry Wallenstein, news director at Channel 6 who is serving as liaison between the local stations and the U.S. Catholic Conference.

"What we're talking about is doing live television at a scale that has never been done before in South Florida," he says. "We'll be available to media all over the world."

**Spiritual boost**

But the Pope's impact on South Florida transcends economics, says Hank Meyer, a Jew and veteran public relations man who has volunteered to help a group of local businessmen raise nearly $1 million of the $1.75 million the Archdiocese will need to pay for the papal visit. (See accompanying story.)

"It transcends how many people will visit and what has to do with a sense of the Pope and all that he stands for as a representative of the Holy See. It's an historic occasion for the entire community." He described the Pope's visit as "a spiritual inspiration, an uplifting of the soul" for "all people who love, and people who believe, and people who have faith...I think that people will be enriched by the experience."

The county itself is planning to use the occasion to promote peace and good will among the different ethnic groups, says Paul. "There is a lot of things we want to do through our parks and recreation department...We want to emphasize unity and I would think the Pope is the perfect individual to do so."

"It's terribly exciting," says David Paul, CenterTrust president, a Jew, and co-chairman of the business group which has promised to help raise funds for the visit.

He called the Pope's "a worldwide message of peace" and said "it's a terrible attitude" to view his visit here only in economic terms. "Well be spiritually enriched by it."

"It's not a celebrity coming to town but a pastor with a mission," says Father Russell. And the Pope, "is not coming simply to distribute Communion to Roman Catholics...He comes as..."
Jews, Catholics share a church

By Prent Browning
Voice Staff Writer

A new Jewish synagogue was having difficulty locating temporary quarters in the Kendall area. Nothing seemed to be working out. But then came help from an unusual source - a Catholic church.

St. Catherine of Siena offered the use of their church for Sabbath services on Friday nights and on the High Holy Days.

That was four years ago and since then the Jewish congregation, Temple Shir Ami, has expanded from 12 families to 250 families, and will be moving into its own temple this month.

As a token of their appreciation, Rabbi Brett Goldstein of the congregation presented St. Catherine's new pastor, Fr. James Quinn, with a plaque last week.

"Many Reformed Jewish congregations begin meeting in a church," said Rabbi Goldstein after the presentation, "but this is the first time I've heard of it in a Catholic church, and certainly not in Kendall."

Fr. Quinn, who has served at St. Catherine for only six months, said he is aware of the sharing between the two denominations in other areas, but that it is rare where the Catholic Church will share its facilities with a Jewish congregation.

"We were quite accustomed to sharing a facility with the Jewish community," said Fr. Cyril Hudak, who was pastor for most of the time that the Jewish congregation used the church. Fr. Hudak will be attending dedication services for the new Jewish temple on March 22.

Rabbi Goldstein said that when he originally approached Fr. Hudak with the request to share the facilities "he didn't equivocate, didn't hesitate, he said 'you need it, you got it.'"

"There are always some people who are less comfortable meeting in a church because they're not used to it, but by and large we are a liberal congregation anyway, and most of our people were just thrilled with the hospitality of the church," the rabbi said.

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Although it is a bit unique for a Catholic church, it isn't that unusual for St. Catherine. It is the third time that the parish has shared the church with Jewish groups over the years.

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Ex-CCS exec ordained

Tom Honold, former Executive Director of Catholic Community Services in Broward, recently was ordained a deacon, the last step before priesthood, by Auxiliary Bishop Norbert Dorsey at St. Mary's Cathedral.

Rev. Mr. Honold currently resides at Theological College while completing theology courses at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. His ordination to the priesthood is set for May 16.

Rev. Mr. Honold was born in Philadelphia, PA, and moved as a teen-ager with his family to Whitehorse, NY.

Although he initially entered the seminary studying for the diocese of Syracuse, he left St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, NY, to work for Catholic Charities Agencies, first in Rochester, NY. and then in Harrisburg, PA.

In 1975, Rev. Mr. Honold was appointed Administrative Director of what was then known as the Fort Lauderdale Catholic Service Bureau. Later, Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, current Archdiocesan Director of CCS, promoted Rev. Mr. Honold to Executive Director when the Broward Agency was reorganized and named Catholic Community Services.

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That more contributions will be trickling in, raising final tallies even higher. ABCD totals by county were $2,852,040, for Dade; $2,565,594 for Broward and $154,039 for Monroe.

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SARDINAS to Associate Pastor, St. Helen Church, Fort Lauderdale, effective March 18, 1987.


F. Pellicoro

A Mass of Christian Burial was consummated Wednesday in St. Mark's Church for Frank P. Pellicoro, volunteer producer of the Archdiocese of Miami's Sunday TV Mass for Shut-ins for more than 25 years.

Miami's Auxiliary Bishop Norbert Dorsey served as the principal celebrant of the Mass for Pellicoro in the church where he was a member for 38 years as a minister, lector and choir member. Concelebrating with the Bishop were Father John Laughin, pastor of the Miami Shores parish; Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, founding pastor, and priests who celebrate the TV Masses which air on Channel 10.

A native of New York City, Pellicoro died Sunday, March 15, due to a massive stroke. He was 79.

He was past president of the Miami Serra Club, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, past grand knight of the Miami Beach Council and a member of Marian Council.

He was also a past member of the Barry University Board of Governors and in 1983 was awarded the Archdiocese of Miami Primum Regnum Dei Medal (Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God) by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy, a member of the faculty at Gretnay Englewood and a native of Scarsdale, New York City, and several nieces and nephews. Burial was in Our Lady of Mercy Cemetery.

—Official

The Pastoral Center announces that Archbishop Edward McCarthy has made the following appointments:

THE REVENERGE ERNESTO MOLANO to Chaplain, Catholic Lawyers' Guild, effective March 5, 1987.

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Sistine mystery

Ceiling's cleaning will reveal what serpent hands to Eve

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The serpent winds around the tree four times before its body turns into that of a woman with unsurpassed strength giving some darkened substance to a naked Eve as Adam stands beside her.

"We won’t know what it is (the substance) until after the cleaning," laughs Walter Persegati, secretary of the Vatican Museums.

Persegati was commenting on Michelangelo’s painting of the temptation in the Garden of Eden.

The painting is atop the curved ceiling of the Vatican’s Sistine Chapel and is part of the epic biblical scene of the 16th-century Renaissance artist. The frescoes, on the chapel walls and ceiling, illustrate the Bible from the Creation to the Last Judgment.

The works are artistic masterpieces attracting millions of visitors a year to the Vatican Museums. 

"We have always attracted controversy. That is when the Vatican began the delicate task of trying to clean the frescoes without damaging them.

The cleaning, a small section at a time, has gone on without closing the chapel to museum visitors.

The aim is to remove nearly 500 years of soot, dust, candle smoke, grime and salt deposits from rain seepage that have darkened the paintings. They have formed a dullish gray "skin" over the frescoes, hiding Michelangelo’s delicate colors and detail. The task also involves removing the retouchings and varnishes of previous restorers.

But this has produced complaints that the cleaning process itself may endanger long-term life of the frescoes. The restoration also has produced some surprises about Michelangelo.

The bright reds, yellows and greens buried under the dirt give a new image of Michelangelo as a user of brilliant, vibrant colors. But this discovery has not been easily accepted by some art scholars who worry that the Vatican restorers might be adding too much paint over the original colors.

Not so, says Gianluigi Colalucci, head of the restoration project.

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The six-month period was filled with scientific study of the artist’s paints and techniques as compared to those of restorers decades and centuries later.

Under the fresco process, water-based paint is applied to wet plaster and when the plaster dries, the paint becomes fixed into the wall or ceiling.

Restorers found that Michelangelo painted so vividly that he did not use a varnish layer to add luster. Varnishes were used later restorers trying to recapture the original brilliance because their cleaning techniques could not remove the bulk of the dirt.

Restorers speculate that Michelangelo made his colors so bright because they had to be seen through the dim candle and torch lights of his day. Another criticism of the Vatican restoration is that it might produce long-term damage to the frescoes because of the cleaning solvent used and because the cleaning is exposing the fresco surfaces to modern pollution.

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Vatican document deserves study

Following is a statement by Archbishop Edward McCarthy on the media coverage of the Vatican instruction on biomedical techniques.

The instruction of the Holy See on surrogate parenting, artificial insemination, etc. has created a lively discussion in our community on these gravely important issues. The media has rendered a significant service in bringing this important document to the attention of the faithful.

By its very nature, the media tends to report immediate reactions, allowing little time for mature reflection. The impression is sometimes given that the validity of such a document depends as much on its widespread acceptance or rejection as it does on its validity in teaching, unalienable rights of the unborn and the vulnerable child might be in a few quarters. For these reasons, we owe it to everyone to place this document in its proper context.

1) In our times, the question is rightly being asked whether we should do something just because it has been made possible by technological progress. The most catastrophic instance of this has been the use of the nuclear bomb. Long-range issues touched on by the Vatican document may have an equally devastating effect on civilization. These are serious questions which merit the attention of every thinking person.

2) I ask that consideration be given to the fact that this Instruction, prepared by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, was approved by the Pope, is the result of widespread consultation and is in response to requests for guidance made by theologians, scientists and doctors around the world. It represents the authentic teaching of the Universal Church arrived at through prayer for guidance by the Holy Spirit, careful reflection, study, and consultation.

3) The Instruction is proposed as a guide to legislators on the principle that the states have prefect power in matters of social affairs. Freedom cannot afford to exclude the voice of ethics and morality in guiding the behavior of society. I submit that moral accountability for conduct is gravely important for human welfare in a free society.

4) It is proposed as binding in conscience for Catholics. Conscience needs to be respected and properly understood. In the pastoral letter of the American bishops, "To Live in Christ Jesus," the role of conscience was well explained: "It is good faith if we act in accordance with conscience. Nevertheless, our moral decisions still require much effort. We must make decisions of conscience based on prayer, study, consultation, and an understanding of the teachings of the Church. We must have a rightly informed conscience and follow it. But our judgement are human and can be mistaken; we may be blinded by the power of sin in our lives or misled by the strength of our desires. Beloved, do not trust every spirit, but put the spirits to a test to see if they belong to God." (1 Jn 4:1, cf., 1 Cor 12:10)

Letter

Baby 'M' issue defies Scriptures, God

Editor: Is not surrogate motherhood just another form of physical prostitution, the selling of one's body for a price?

Now the question presents itself. Whose baby is it? Seems to me another question to be raised, not just a new one: Who, we might add, is Whose requests for guidance made by theologians, scientists and doctors around the world? If an object, a possession to be bought or sold; and that of the woman to a piece of machinery. To be sure, technology that seeks to subject any segment of a society to such a state of slavery is not advancing but unabating. Further, to require a woman to deny the natural bond of motherhood to fulfill her allegiance to a piece of paper is outrageous.

How ironic that, in this aftermath of the slaughtering of millions of infants since the legalization of abortion, we now find ourselves faced with a shortage of children. (The waiting list for the three million couples who want to adopt bears a minimum of three years.) Still, rather than turn to the Creator of life, man has tempted to "arrange for" and manufacture his own. Much can be learned from the Biblical account of one such triangle created by Abraham, Sarah, and their servant Hagar. In that story, it was Hagar's son, Ishmael, who was found caught in the middle (as today's 'Baby M'). In Genesis 21:11 we read that, when Sarah & Abraham, lacking faith, sought to bring to pass by their own doings the promise of God for a son, "the thing was very grievous."

A contention arose between the mothers (even as now, between the Sierrans and Ms. Whitehead), and God's advice to them all was this: "Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir..." (Gal. 4:30) In other words, though biologically the offspring of Abraham, the child should leave, the home of Abraham and Sarah and returned to his natural mother. One looked beyond the contract agreement and into the hearts of those involved; there he recognized the appointment of the surrogate as an act of presumption and unbelief. Refusing to subject Himself to the schemes of man, He again declared that He would Himself provide a son, even Issac, according to the promise.

Are Communists taking over Central America?

Editor: Making numerous trips to Central America the last several years, and talking to some of the leaders there about their plight, makes me uneasy. I fear there are signs going on in our Congress and Media.

For one thing, the Mayor of San Pedro Sula, Industrial Center of Honduras, and Sister City to North Miami Beach, hosted an elegant reception for the Canadian and into the hearts of those involved; there he recognized the appointment of the surrogate as an act of presumption and unbelief. Refusing to subject Himself to the schemes of man, He again declared that He would Himself provide a son, even Issac, according to the promise.

The many moral, ethical, legal, financial, emotional and psychological questions raised by the issue of surrogate motherhood should already have been demonstrated to our legislators that substitute mothering creates more chaos than the problems it seeks to solve. To avoid such future confusions, laws need to be passed which will prohibit the renting of wombs and merchandising of children.

John M. Stembridge
Former Mayor of N. Miami
How many baptism sponsors?

Q. What is the maximum number of sponsors allowed at an infant's baptism? Our daugh-
ter wants to have 10 sponsors (seven possible) to share the responsibility. They are very 
close to each other.
A. By Fr. John Dietzen

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they all wish to share so intimately in the new baby’s baptism. A couple of thoughts will help answer your question.

The church’s policies about this are clear. The rite for infant baptism states: “Each child may have a godfather and a godmother.” The Code of Canon Law is even more explicit: One godfather or one godmother, or one of each may be employed (Canon 873).

The reason for the limitation is simply the church’s recognition of the role of godparent an extremely serious one. The custom formerly prevailed in certain times and places of having numerous baptismal sponsors. The designation was considered primarily an honor; thus all those (five, 10, 20) one wished to honor were invited.

Obviously this confines the responsibility and dignity of the godparent. As we are aware from other situations, when everyone is responsible, no one is responsible.

The ritual for baptism points out, as I have explained several times in this column, that godparents commit themselves to serious obligations in accepting this honor, specifically during the baptism ceremony itself. The church wants it to be quite clear who those individuals are.

It must be remembered, however, that this in no way limits or minimizes the relationship of the rest of your family to the baby and its parents. After all, being a godparent does not magically create love and concern when it was not there before; even more surely, it does not one out.

Obviously your family sees itself in such a relationship. The babies born into that gang are lucky.

Q. Is it permissible for one to receive Communion if she is sure it is quite an hour since taking medicine? I am 78 years old and it concerns me very much. I hope you can clear it up. (Missouri)
A. By Fr. John Dietzen

Obviously many people, especially the elderly, are still confused about this.

It is quite true that Catholics generally are asked to fast for one hour before receiving Communion. This is simply one of the visible disciplines that have shown respect and reverence for the sacredness of the Eucharist.

However, the church law explicitly excludes sick people and the aged, as well as those who care for them, from this obligation.

You may wish to fast in some ways before communion as far as your health permits; this way you join your fellow Catholics in their prayer and self denial; as much as you can.

(Not a Church of God Service)
Dear Dr. Kenny: In a recent column you said it was all right for underage teens to drink at home. How wrong you were!

Did you read the recent article in Readers Digest (November 1986) titled "When Your Child Drinks?" If you would, you would know that there are 3.3 million drinking teenagers in the United States who are already showing signs of developing serious alcohol-related problems. That is nearly one in five of all teens. Ten thousand young people die each year in accidents caused by alcohol.

Knowing this, how can you advocate young people drinking in your home? And breaking the law besides, since they are underage. Please correct this mistake for your readers.

As so often happens, you are confusing a desirable goal with strategy. You make it sound so simple. Choose a goal, like control of alcohol. Then order it to be forbidden by forbidding teens to drink.

For some, the way to prevent alcoholism and the problems that are caused by alcohol is to eliminate drinking entirely. Or at least to eliminate drinking for money right away. Again, let's ask, "Is this normal? If he were living today, what would he spend it on?" Could he use it to buy food? Or clothes? Or a place to sleep? Or is it normal feeling for kids? For teens? Do any of you occasionally feel like you would like to get away from the rest of us and be on your own?

Okay, let's go on. The dad realized that some young adults need to get away so he gave his son, whom we'll call Prodigal, some money and his blessing.

To stop again. Is this a typical thing parents do? Give their children money when they go out on their own and hug them and say a prayer for them? Probably, because parents don't like the idea of their kids starving or not having a place to sleep. Or is it normal feeling for kids? For teens? Do any of you occasionally feel like you would like to get away from the rest of us and be on your own?

But the dad had come to a realization. He realized that some kids were sick and tired of their parents. He realized that some kids were sick and tired of their parents. And that is what he meant when he gave his son some money and his blessing.

One day he thought, "Even the hired men at home have never lost you. That doesn't mean I don't love you. I'm happy because both of us have your brother back."

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NEW YORK NC) In an effort to get into American homes, the movie industry has increased its production of morally tasteful films.

Hollywood knows that it now takes barely a few months for a film to go from the movie screens to the videocassette recorder.

The increasing importance of television in the entertainment industry is shown in figures reported in Channels magazine. It said that last year for the first time, major motion picture distributors made more money from videocassette sales and rentals than from theatrical box office receipts.

Among those theatrical money-makers, morally sound films were well represented. Not one of the top five money-makers was morally offensive by USCC standards. And one-third of the top 20 films grossed more than $10 million and were suitable for family viewing.

Another third were rated A-II—adults—by the USCC. Unfortunately, the remainder were classified O—morally offensive. But happily, the 10 biggest money losers alone were rated O.

Twenty films were classified by the USCC as A-I, general patronage. In 1986, an encouraging increase in the quality and quantity of films for young audiences. It was further evidence that the home video market is influencing what gets produced.


The year had no blockbuster films grossing more than $200 million. But a simple Australian film, "Crocodile Dundee," was top money-maker, and earned $127 million. The import was distributed by Paramount, which also ran the second and third top grossers, "Top Gun," and "Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home." The three showed that old-fashioned values, a home-spun, upbeat hero, a modest romance and little or no violence could succeed at the box office.

Of the 209 films rated by the USCC in 1986, 77 were classified O—morally offensive. Reasons for the O rating included an unsavory mix of sex and violence ("Blue Velvet") explicit brutality ("Bullies") and presentation of themes and false values as suitable for adolescents. However, the Motion Picture Association of America continues to rate films with mature themes and false values as suitable for youngsters, thus obscuring the relevance of their PG-13 rating.

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New Religious commission

The new Commission of Religious which is replacing the former Sisters Council recently met at Barry University. The commission will seek to generate greater awareness of the contributions and needs of the Religious. They are pictured from left to right: Sr. Maureen McCuirran RSM, Brother Michael Brady FMS, Sr. Diane McCormick FSP, Sr. Rosemary Dewey RSCJ, Sr. Dorothy Beach ACC, Sr. Dolores Rodriguez STJ, Br. Robert Siccone CFC, Sr. Marie Danielle Amspacher SSND, Sr. Rosa Monique Perse OP, Sr. M. Brendan O'Brien CSP, Sr. Bertha Penabed SMR, and Brother Paul Johnson BGS. Missing from the picture was Sr. Lucy Cardot ODP.

Fr. O'Neill named Chancellor at St. Thomas U.

Fr. Patrick H. O'Neill, President of St. Thomas University, will become Chancellor of the University, it was announced today, and assume increased responsibilities for corporate development and expansion, further development of government and community relations, and April 3-July 1.
Fr. O'Neill will remain as President of St. Thomas University while a national search is conducted for a university president, and he will become Chancellor upon appointment of a President. A search committee has been assembled by the trustees. Fr. O'Neill will be coordinating and will seek to find an administrator with strong credentials who will be responsible for the day to day operations of the university.

The Archdiocese of Miami will hold their monthly Bible exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on March 21 to pray for youth and the Pope.
St. John Vianney College Seminary Chapel will be the location of a 40 hr. Eucharistic devotion from March 29-31. There will be a dinner Tuesday night following the devotion at 6:30 p.m.

Fashion Shows
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton will hold their second annual fashion show and luncheon on April 11 in the ballroom of the Plantation Holiday Inn. Adults $14, Children $10. Tickets available after weekend Masses or call 744-3300.
St. Andrew Women's Club will host "Fashions on Parade" on April 25 at 11:30 a.m. at the Coral Springs Holiday Inn located at University Dr. Spring fashion, tickets $12 available at 9950 N.W. 29th St. in Coral Springs.
Single/divorced/widowed
St. Andrews Single Again Group will hold a lecture on annulment on March 19 at 7:30 p.m., and on March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Harmony Hall, 2700 N.W. 99th Ave., Coral Springs. For info call 741-3955 or 484-4257.

FCC urges defeat of euthanasia bill
The Florida Catholic Conference is urging the defeat of a proposed bill that would include sustenance as one of the life-sustaining procedures which could be withheld or withdrawn under existing statute.
One of the things this bill (87-01) would do would be to rewrite living wills. According to the conference, "The fate of the past three years, so that people who assumed that the law meant what it said earlier would be rewritten would have their lives will be changed by the legislature.

Spiritual renewal
St. John Neumann Catholic Church, 12125 S.W. 107th Ave., in Miami is offering a renewal of the Gospel According to Mark from sometime in March through June at the Sheraton Riverhouse, 3000 NW 21 St., Miami, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. $8 per person includes breackfast, scripture teaching, personal witness, and music. For information call Norma at 266-3858 or Erne at 266-3591.
The Brownlow Women of the Light host their breakfast on the 3rd Saturday of each month through June at the Plantation Holiday Inn. Reservations must be made by the Wednesday prior to the breakfast. Personal sharing, scripture teaching, music. $8. To register, call Lila at 753-2007 or Sharon at 723-4406.
The Archdiocese of Miami Hispanic Catholic Charismatic Conference will be held May 22-24 at the James L. Knight Convention Center. For information and tickets call 527-7700 or Rev. Remocanis Carlino Haiti. P.O. Box 7502, Miami, Fl. 33155. Phone: 227-6977.
The Canusa will host a Lenten Getaway April 4-6 at 1015 CalleWolse, Conaclo, 1600 S. Dixie Hwy., Lantana, FL 33462. 862-2524.
All Saints Women's Guild will host a "Day of Reflection" for all women on March 28 at All Saints Parish Center, 10900 W. Oakland Pk. Blvd., Sunrise. Fr. Brenden Shannon will be retreat master. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 482-7872 or 744-5187.
The Chaminade Community of Faith Prayer Group and Fr. Dan Doyle, S.M., will celebrate a Mass with Prayers for Healing and Anointing of the Sick. The Mass will be held on April 6 at 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 500 Chaminade Drive, Hollywood.
The Youth Center Chapel, 333 S. Miami Ave. is having an exhibition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on March 21 to pray for youth and the Pope.
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Chaminade, Madonna set circus/auction
Chaminade Preparatory School and Madonna Academy announce their first ever Greater Auction Show in Town, to be held March 26 and 27 at the Chaminade Gym, 500 Chaminade Drive, Hollywood.

The combination auction/circus will begin Thursday, March 26, from 7 to 10 p.m. with a free admission of more than 500 auction items, which include a 1978 Oldsmobile, a 3.5" television, a Minolta Video Camera and a 1 C. solitaire diamond.
Computer, March 23, the auction will begin at about 8 p.m. It will be preceded by cocktails and a goody bag. An auctioneer will be Bill Foster, Hollywood's Man of the Year.

Throughout the two days, Madonna and Chaminade students will be performing as clowns, jugglers and animal tamers in the circus tent inside the Chaminade gym.

Rather than have separate fundraisers this year, the two schools will concentrate on one large party," explained Sister Pat Murphy, Madonna's principal. For tickets $10 per person, please call 989-7600 in Broward.
Shroud photographs to be exhibited

The display will be open to the public from noon to 9 p.m. daily. Admission is free but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 823-4722 in Dade.

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Bishops promote Church unity

"The bishops are the principles of the unity of their diocesan communities, and with the diocesan community they are witnesses to Christian hope in the midst of all their people, so that the Gospel, by being proclaimed and lived, may appear there as good news, salvation." (Pope John Paul II addressing the bishops of Switzerland in 1984)

Bishop Joseph Hart of Cheyenne, Wyo., is on the road—or on the telephone—a lot. Spending an estimated three of every five working days away from home visiting parishes and schools throughout the diocese, Bishop Hart says his job is the same as in any diocese: just the distances are different. Indeed, the Diocese of Cheyenne, with 60,000 Catholics, spans the entire state. Its nearly 100,000 square miles include Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks as well as vast rural plains. Thirty-nine parishes with a resident priest and 39 mission parishes occupy this territory; the farthest parish is 450 miles from Cheyenne. - "I don't even have an office," he said. "There are only three parishes in Cheyenne. If I had an office, who would come to see me there?"

For Bishop Hart, it is necessary to perform many administrative duties by telephone. Some diocesan groups, such as the personnel board, meet regularly by conference calls.

When he is away from Cheyenne, the bishop calls home every morning to have his mail read to him. He takes notes, then calls back and personally dictates responses.

The almost constant travel in his ministry is difficult, Bishop Hart admits, but "it is vital for me to get out and talk to people." Bishop Hart regularly stays at a parish in Casper, a more centrally located city. There he celebrates parish Masses, participates in parish programs and frequently is invited to people's homes for lunch or dinner.

"I try to operate as a pastor," he said. "A pastor gets to go to people's homes. He has a close association with the people—it is on a first-name basis with all the people in the parish." Bishop Hart said he thinks people look to him to make the Church a place where they can touch God.

Bishop Hart said a primary aspect of his role as bishop is that of unifier—a point of unity within the diocese as well as with the larger Church itself.

Reflection questions

1. Are our Eucharistic Celebrations a real expression and experience of our unity in faith and life?
2. In this multicultural community are we building up Christian unity, sharing our diversities and complementing one another?
3. What am I doing to transcend the differences of culture and origins so that this unity may be fostered?
4. In our diocese, parish, group, family, does the unity of faith, love, fraternity prevail over jealousies or the spirit of sectarianism?
5. In what sense is the Holy Father the guarantor of unity?
6. Are there areas where our Archbishop's Pastoral "Blest Too Are the Peacemakers" can be implemented?
7. How do the Pastoral and the Holy Father's ideas help to invite and welcome home our lapsed brothers and sisters?

Youth Corner

Questions for reflection

Use the same questions as above.

To share

Each youngster should share the history, way of life, etc., of the original culture; if possible use songs, photos, slides, etc.

Puzzle

1. Do a puzzle:
   a) If the group is large, it can be divided into small groups and give each group a cardboard, scissors, markers.
   b) The leader of each group cuts the cardboard in as many pieces as people in the group.
   c) Give each person a piece of the cardboard in which he/she should express something of their original culture.
   d) Put together all the pieces of the puzzle.

By Father Eugene Laverdiere, SS

Scriptures

Who are the gifted ones?

By the gifting of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to witness to Christ in the world. This is our charism, our particular gift to the Church. We are therefore to be united in our efforts to live out this charism.

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Make a circle, joining hands, and ask The Lord to help us work so that "We all may be one."
This is the second in a series of Lenten reflections designed to prepare South Florida Catholics for the coming of Pope John Paul II next Sept. 10 and 11. The reflections were prepared by a committee headed by Father Thomas O'Dwyer and are designed for use by individuals, parish groups, and religious education classes. A limited number of copies of this catechetical series, as well as one prepared by the U.S. bishops, is available from the Archdiocesan Pastoral Visit Office, (305) 757-6241, Ext. 244.

Becoming 'body of Christ'

Introduction

The Holy Father is the Successor of Peter and comes to us as "the Guarantor of fidelity and unity." His principal mission as Successor of Peter is to keep united and strengthened all the brothers. Luke 22:52.

The Pope has repeated many times: "Be united among yourselves. May the unity of faith and love always prevail over differences of method, over jealousies and the spirit of sectarianism which would bring ruin on the Church."

Africa, February 1982

Message of Pope John Paul II

Unity and diversity in our nation.

- "The ideal and resolution of America is One Nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all."
- "I see the whole people of America, as one nation formed of many people. E pluribus unum: the many form a new unity."
- "You have different cultures, skills and human values and you put them to work, complementing each other and sharing them with others for the enrichment of your nation."

Chicago, October 1979

Unity in the Church

- "We though many, are one body of Christ"—Romans 12:5. "The Church too is composed of many members and enriched by the diversity of those who make up the community of faith and Baptism, the one Body of Christ."

Chicago, October 1979

- "One Lord, one faith, one Baptism."—Ephesians 4:5: "Thus we are all bound together as People of God, the Body of Christ in a unity that transcends the diversity of our origin, culture, education and personality—a unity that does not exclude a rich diversity in ministries and services."

Chicago, October 1979

Sacrifices as a foundation of unity

- Baptism: "Creates a sacramental bond of unity linking all who have been reborn by means of it. Baptism is the foundation of the unity that all Christians have in Christ, a unity we must seek to perfect."

Wembley Stadium, London, May 1982

- Eucharist: "At Mass the People of God gather together in unity around the altar to worship and intercede."

Wembley Stadium, London, May 1982

- "Coming together around the altar of sacrifice to break the Bread of the Holy Eucharist with the Successor of Peter, you testify to this even deeper reality: to your unity as members of the People of God."

Chicago, May 1979

Unity in doctrine and life

If the Church, the one Body of Christ, is to be a forcefully discernible sign of the Gospel message, all her members must show forth in the words of Paul VI, that "harmony and consistency of doctrine, life and worship which marked the first day of her existence," when Christians "devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42.

Unity with the Pope and bishops

"The Pope is the guarantor of fidelity and unity."Africa, February 1982

- "It is important for you to be united with your Bishops. They are the successors of the Apostles." London, May 1982

Once Paul had preached the Gospel, he taught those who received it. He shared the Gospel's background along with its implications—for example, that all those blessed in Christ had to learn to see one another as brothers and sisters in one family of God.

In his teaching Paul was prophetic. That is, he helped others see beneath the surface of things and recognized what was fully implied. For example, he showed the inconsistencies of denying the resurrection of Christ's followers while maintaining that of Christ (1 Corinthians 15). He also pointed out the inconsistency of divisions in a community of believers who share in the one body of Christ (1 Corinthians 11).

The example of Paul's life, on whom the Spirit showered so many charisms for building up the body of Christ, helps us grasp the nature and purpose of charisms in the Church today.
Cite Soleil is a three-mile long, one-mile wide stretch of what some consider the worst living conditions in the world.

The majority of its 150,000 inhabitants live and sleep in mud, sewage and garbage. Ten to 20 people share windowless, 10-by-10-foot dirt-floor huts built from wood scraps, cardboard and corrugated metal.

Through wide rivers of human waste run through the slum and spill their banks when it rains.

In an ill-bed Catholic hospital serving Cite Soleil, 73-year-old Dr. Paul Blough delivers about five babies a day, using only a scissors and clamps.

The retired obstetrician and gynecologist from Peoria, III., accepts no pay for his work. He lives in one room of a nearby guest house and visits Peoria during the summer.

Ninety-nine percent of Blough's patients go home with healthy babies one day after delivery.

Blough, a former parishioner at St. Mark and St. Vincent de Paul parishes in Peoria, came to Haiti in January, 1984. The father of six, Blough had considered doing charitable work after retirement. His wife, Pat, had died two years earlier.

So during a visit to Cite Soleil he dropped by a government administration office and asked if they had "somewhere someone could come and work."

That place was St. Catherine Labourer, a hospital run by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

"When I first went there, the OB department was two little rooms used for delivery," Blough said.

"When asked what piece of equipment he would most like to have, Blough replied, "water."

The city's pump to the area often breaks, and the hospital must bring in water by truck.

Blough said it would cost the hospital $25,000 to $30,000 to build its own water line.

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"Surprisingly, the babies are born in seemingly good health...it amazes me," Blough said.

He said problems occur when malnourished mothers try to breastfeed at home.

Only 50 percent of Haitian children live past the age of 5.

Blough said that through it all, the Haitian people make life tolerable. "They are just personally beautiful. They don't have anything, but they'll share everything."

"They have been suppressed for so long," he continued. "They are not a complaining people. They don't know what it is to have material things."

Woodcarver Gunther Geyer of Leavenworth, Wash., displays the head of what he believes will be the largest wood statue of Christ in the world. The carving will be 27 feet tall. (NC photo by Elizabeth Harburg)

LEAVENWORTH, WASH. (NC) - A Bavarian woodcarver living in a German-style village in Washington state believes in expressing his faith in a big way.

He is carving what he calls "the largest wooden statue of Christ in the world."

Gunter Geyer has had the project in mind for 45 years. Now, at his home outside of Leavenworth, a town in the Cascade mountains rebuilt to look like a German village, he is finally working on the statue which is to be 27 feet tall.

He has been collecting blue spruce for four years. The pieces, many of them massive, have been fitted, laminated and bolted together on the ground. There have been cracks. When that happens, "you cut in deeply and relaminate another piece right in."

The statue is meant to be the heart that will surround it to be a Christian complex that will be "a center of theater, art and worship," Geyer said, outlining his philosophy as "glauke, liebe un hoffnung." -belief, faith and hope."

"If you don't believe, you can't create beautiful art. I draw strength from the love of God that I feel in my life, even in my person," he said.

Geyer grew up in Germany where "we carved all winter. In the spring, my grandfather walked across the country selling our creations house to house."

His first piece, which he still has, is a deer poised at the edge of a cliff.

He is plans for his statue and the complex that will surround it to be a place of pilgrimage. "It will be dedicated to all sufferers...a place to put aside anguish."

In a pastoral message issued last October, Haiti's bishops explained life in their country. "These conditions can be explained by a lack of sensitivity to the suffering of the people. People exploit people and use their services but do practically nothing to elevate their living standard."

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (NC) - The retired obstetrician and gynecologist from Peoria, IIl., delivers about five babies a day but accepts no pay. (NC photo by Tom Demody)