Judith King, 6th grade teacher at St. Francis Xavier School in Overtown, helps Amane Burnette with her school work during a week in which the school marked Black History Month with special speakers and events to build pride in their innercity Catholic school.

St. Thomas U. says: 'We're back'

After a period of uncertainty the school now is thriving with new facilities, and strong international image. Centerfold

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Vatican urges legislation to prevent genetic abuses

VATICAN CITY (NC) — A new Vatican document condemns racism in a variety of forms and warns that recent developments in genetic engineering and artificial procreation might lead to "eugenic racism." It called for laws to prevent genetic abuse. Racial prejudice "blasphemes the Creator" and is a sin against Christ's message of love, the Vatican document said. Titled "The Church and Racism: Toward a More Fraternal Society," the document stressed the church's opposition to all forms of racism and said legislation and the personal witness of Christians are needed to combat prejudice.

Official: 'Bloodbath' may result from priest-backed uprising

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (NC) — A Haitian government official has alleged that Catholic priests are involved in organized uprising in Haiti and said a "bloodbath" might be necessary to stop the movement. Haitian Information Minister Andre Maxime announced Tuesday Jan. 13 official memorandum to the president of Haiti, Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril. The contents of the memo, subsequently leaked to the press, were broadcast in Port-au-Prince by three radio stations, including the Catholic Church's Radio Soleil.

Head of Canadian Catholic bishops welcomes papal statement on laity

EDMONTON, Alberta (RNS) — Pope John Paul II's recent statement on laypeople in the Roman Catholic Church is a powerful and positive document, says the president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop James Hayes of Halifax called the 44,000-word statement, the longest yet by Pope John Paul II, "a very clear and interesting document which deals with a number of ambiguities. The document's response to a Synod of Bishops held in Rome in 1987.

Nicaraguan government closes 75-year-old Jesuit University

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (NC) — Economic by Nicaragua's government to control runaway inflation has led Managua's 75-year-old Colegio Loyola, a Catholic secondary school, closed its doors after the government laying off some 60 professors and administrative workers due to the reduction in subsidies and an economic downturn that has cut the federal budget of nearly 45 percent. The Colegio Loyola, a Catholic Church is a powerful and positive document, says the president of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. Archbishop James Hayes of Halifax called the 44,000-word statement, the longest yet by Pope John Paul II, "a very clear and interesting document which deals with a number of ambiguities. The document's response to a Synod of Bishops held in Rome in 1987.

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Bishops: Paraguayan coup was destined to occur

VATICAN CITY (NC) — The recent coup deposing Paraguayan President Alfredo Stroessner was "something which had to happen," according to the Paraguayan bishops, who expressed "cautious satisfaction" with the country's new regime. Archbishop Ismael Rolon and other Paraguayan bishops spoke at a press conference Feb. 6 in the capital city of Asuncion. Their remarks were reported by Vatican Radio Feb. 7. Archbishop Rolon said relations between the church government had grown particularly tense in recent months. He said the successful coup led him to hope that there would be a "certain change" in church-state relations.

Ethicist: Moral questions follow use of aborted fetuses' tissue

DALLAS (NC) — If the U.S. government starts funding research into medical uses of fetal tissue, it risks "creating industries dependent upon the aborting of millions of babies," a medical ethicist told the Vatican meeting on the use of aborted fetuses Thursday (Dec. 2, in Rome. The bishops that recent moves toward approval of such research raise troubling moral questions about complicity in abortion and the possibility of women or clinics trafficking in human tissue. She said it was no exaggeration to say it would be a "certain change" in church-state relations.

Catholic conference lends its support to 'overdue' paternal leave legislation

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National:

Texas bishops push Bush for aid for refugee influx

AUSTIN, Texas (NC) — The Catholic bishops of Texas have appealed to President Bush for federal aid to help southern Texas, the nation's largest area of concentrated Central American refugees there. They also asked for legislation or administrative action to help Central Americans gain access to the job market.

Priest wins lottery jackpot, attends retreat for guidance

WASHINGTON (NC) — A Catholic priest from the Diocese of Sacramento, Calif., won a $6.7 million California State Lottery jackpot Feb. 6, and went on retreat to pray about how to use it. The millionnaire priest is Father Boleslaw Wadow, 32, known as Father Bosco, associate pastor at suburban St. Joseph's Parish in the Sierra Nevada foothills of Auburn, Calif., about 30 miles from Sacramento. Bishop Francis A. Quinn of Sacramento said Father Wadow had told him he bought only five or six tickets the day he won, but had great confidence he would take the jackpot because it was his last chance before Lent.
of the instruction provided. Much remains to be done. We pledge our continued support in this endeavor. In the area of religious conscience, care must be taken to see that public education never violates the religious convictions of its students. There is an acknowledgment dilemma in this since every public education system reflects a diversity of religious and non-religious backgrounds. Our nation was founded ‘under God.’ All political authority rests ultimately on this authority. God. Thus public schools are in the delicate position of having a background of theism and at the same time not wishing to offend the conscience of any student.

In the area of education in human sexuality, for example, programs must take into account the whole person, present the ethical-moral dimensions of human sexuality, not be an expression of any one sectarian or secular philosophy, and respect the conscience of the students and the rights of their parents. Respect for self and other should be a constant policy of our schools.

There needs to be a continuing challenge to American ingenuity to develop an educational system that will provide, for self and other should be a constant policy of our schools.

We encourage our Catholic citizens to be informed and involved in the public schools. The Catholic community especially has had a long tradition of cooperating with public authority in providing civic instruction. We affirm this cooperation and pledge our support for our public schools in Florida.


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Let Catholic schools push vocations

VATICAN CITY (NC) — Pope John Paul II said Catholic schools should make a special effort to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life among their students.

"A school that educates must speak of vocation not only in general, but must also indicate the various ways in which the fundamental call to give oneself is concretized, including that of total dedication to the cause of the kingdom of God," the pope said.

Lay and religious teachers should "know how to make the call of Christ and the church resound and be heard in an individual form," the pope said.

Making young people aware of their own vocations is necessary but in itself "is not sufficient," he said.

In addition, teachers must furnish motivation and favor experiences leading to vocations and help "free the young from those pressures which make the reply to the call of Christ seem foolish or impossible," he said.

Above all, he added, the schools should try to provide a "climate of faith" for students, in contrast with the "multiple and contradictory cultural messages and life styles which permeate the social environment in which young people live."

The pope said he wanted to "underline clearly" that Catholic schools are church institutions that should always encourage peaceful solutions to overcoming the region's "difficult socio-political circumstances."

Political and government leaders "are invited to avoid intransigent attitudes or decisions which could distance them from the prospects of finding adequate resolutions to conflicts," the pope said.

Recently, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir revised a proposal for Palestinian autonomy in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. The plan would include pulling Israeli troops out of heavily populated Palestinian areas.

Shamir's proposal has been rejected by Palestinians before, and the prime minister has in the past refused negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization, which the U.S. and Israel designated as a terrorist group.

"All the peoples of the Holy Land, Lebanon and the entire region have the inalienable right to live in peace, freedom and dignity in their own homeland," the pope said.

"For Bishop's days, a truly Catholic social peace can become a reality only through an authentic and concrete respect for the rights of all, all the peoples, and the right to religious liberty," he added.
Vatican, Cuba plan papal visit--bishop

(NC) — Serious planning for a visit by Pope John Paul II is under way in Cuba, according to Bishop Sean O’Malley of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands.

The bishop said Feb. 7 that during recent talks with church and government officials in Cuba, including the minister of religious affairs, Jose Felipe Carneado, he found “great optimism” that the papal visit would be worked out, though possibly not until 1992.

Vatican officials also have said they expect the pope to visit the communist island nation but that no date has been set.

Bishop O’Malley, board chairman for the Northeast Hispanic Catholic Center in New York, went to Cuba for the annual meeting of the Northeast Conference of Diocesan Directors of Hispanic Apostolates, held Jan 29-Feb. 5.

The center, which provides staff services to the conference, announced that the meeting included 53 participants, the largest official delegation of Catholics to visit Cuba in 30 years. Bishop O’Malley said the ability to hold such a meeting in Cuba was a significant sign of progress in church-state relations.

On Feb. 4 a group of U.S. Catholic Church workers who attended the meeting issued a statement in Havana in which they said they saw prospects for a future “full rights” to the Cuban church. They also said they could “confirm the relaxing of tensions in these years.”

Bishop O’Malley said other signs of progress included governmental permission in recent months for 32 persons from various countries to come and work in Cuba.

He also cited permission for some nuns to come for the church to acquire a printing press.

The church wants to begin publishing a newsletter and producing religious education materials, he said. The printing operation, he added, could operate freely “as long as it was specifically religious and not any kind of critique of the government, which is not tolerated at all.”

Bishop O’Malley said the church in Cuba was still seeking permission to operate schools, increase its very limited works of mercy, secure access to radio and television and import books.

Bishop O’Malley said he was saddened to find the “reduced” condition of the church. He visited one parish, he said, that had a Mass attendance before the revolution of 5,000, but now was only 40. He celebrated Mass at another church where he also found the congregation “small and elderly,” he said.

Also he said, however, he was encouraged to find that a number of young people reared in Marxist families found Marxism spiritually unsatisfying and came for baptism as adult converts.

“Most of the seminarians we met were from middle and working families,” he said. “Although the government pressures have been reduced, it still requires a lot of courage to take that step.”

The total number of Cuban seminarians, in philosophy and theology, is about 30, he said, and two have been sent for study in Rome to prepare them for seminary training.

Bishop O’Malley said he took Cuban officials a list of political prisoners whose families had approached him.

Legalize Ukrainian church, Soviet dissident says

SIENA, Italy (NC) — Soviet human rights activist Andrei Sakharov has called for legalization of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and more religious freedom in the Soviet Union.

Speaking at Siena University Feb. 9 during a six-day visit to Italy, he urged Italian Catholics to use their influence to work for legalization of the Ukrainian church.

The Ukrainian Catholic Church has been outlawed in the Soviet Union since 1946, when the government told its members to join the Russian Orthodox Church. Ukrainian church officials in Rome, site of the church leadership and where he resides, estimate 4.6 million underground members in the Ukraine, with 10 bishops and 1,000 priests — all secretly ordained.

“There is an absolutely anomalous situation in which an entire church, with its great number of faithful, finds itself in an illegal, clandestine situation,” Sakharov said.

He said he hoped a planned new Soviet law on religious worship would take account of the opinions of believers and of churches based outside the Soviet Union.

Sakharov, a prominent Soviet physicist who won the 1975 Nobel Peace Prize, met Feb. 6 with Pope John Paul II and Cardinal Myronov Lubachivsky, Rome-based head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church.
The National Coalition for the Homeless estimates 3 million people in America are homeless.

- Officials in nearly all the cities surveyed expect requests from homeless individuals and families for shelter to increase further in 1989.
- One of every four homeless persons in the 27 cities is a child.
- All cities surveyed used federal government funds, and almost all used state and local funds to provide shelter for the homeless.
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Mays’ task force on homelessness and hunger.

“There is no excuse whatsoever why people are sleeping in the streets,” Flynn told a news conference in Washington in January.

Relieving a report based on the problems of homelessness and hunger in 27 cities, Flynn added that “the people who always get hurt the most are those least able to suffer. They don’t have the political clout.”

The mayors’ survey revealed:

- In 1988, requests for emergency shelter increased by an average of 13 percent, and requests for shelter by homeless families increased by 18 percent.
- An average of 23 percent of homeless families’ requests could not be met.

The budget for housing assistance was cut by approximately 80 percent during the eight years of President Ronald Reagan’s administration.

According to the U.S. Catholic Conference, Congress in 1980 during President Jimmy Carter’s administration appropriated $30.8 billion for housing; Carter sought $33.5 billion. For 1987, Congress appropriated $7.8 billion; Reagan sought $2.3 billion.

While it has cut back on housing assistance for lower-income Americans, the federal government has provided tax benefits to middle- and upper-income Americans, such as the home mortgage interest deduction.

According to the Congressional Budget Office, two tax law provisions alone — deductibility of mortgage interest and property taxes — “are estimated to account for more than $38 billion in foregone revenue,” money that would otherwise go to the federal government in tax payments.

Meanwhile, homelessness as an issue has returned to Capitol Hill, where several bills dealing with it were introduced in the opening days of the 101st Congress.

One would provide supplemental funding under the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, a law passed in the previous Congress to provide various forms of assistance to the homeless. Others seek to promote expansion and preservation of affordable housing and provide funds for states to provide emergency shelters for families.

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Haitian official alleges priest plot, in leaked memo

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (NC) — A Haitian government official has alleged that Catholic priests are involved in organizing a peasant uprising in Haiti and said a “bloodbath” might be necessary to stop the movement.

Haitian Information Minister Antonio St. Pierre made the charges in a private Jan. 13 official memorandum, subsequently leaked to the president of Haiti, Lt. Gen. Prosper Avril. The contents of the memo, subsequently leaked to the press, were broadcast in Port-au-Prince by three radio stations, including the Catholic Church’s Radio Soleil.

St. Pierre said in the memo that Catholic priests were plotting an uprising by campesinos (small farmers), along with leaders of the Papaye Campesino Movement, the National Consensus Front, the Charlemagne Peralta Front and the Union Communist Party.

St. Pierre suggested increased military control in the interior of the country and “infiltration of intelligent and loyal spies” within the church and political groups to prevent the alleged uprising. If that were not enough, the government should not rule out “even a bloodbath” to stop the campesino movement, the memo said.

Leaders of popular movements denounced the accusations.

One irony he cited is concern over arrival of what he said some call a “brown horde” in south Florida, estimated in thousands of Nicaraguans and other Central Americans who entered the United States seeking asylum.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service on Dec. 16 imposed a travel ban on asylum-seekers, leaving an estimated 10,000 stranded in Texas.

By doing so, the immigration service in effect turned several Texas counties into “one great concentration camp,” thereby creating inhumane living conditions both for the refugees who are homeless and for the U.S. citizens living in those counties,” Bishop Gracida said.

When a court issued a temporary order lifting the ban, thousands went on to Miami, where city officials said they could not cope with another huge wave of would-be immigrants.

At about the same time, riots broke out in Miami’s predominantly black neighborhoods.

“Eager to justify their xenophobia, the press and some local people cited the January riots in Miami as an example of what could happen,” Gracida said. “They could expect to see happen in cities of the U.S. as the ‘brown horde’ sweeps over the land,” Bishop Gracida said.

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Jews hail Vatican's document on racism

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NEW YORK (NC) — The American Jewish Committee has called a new Vatican document that denounces racism, including anti-Semitism, "a clear and powerful refutation" of all forms of bigotry.

The statement said the Vatican document, titled "The Church and Racism: Toward a More Fraternal Society," advances the cause of religious and cultural pluralism.

Both the Vatican document and the statement of reaction from the American Jewish Committee were issued Feb. 8. The 42-page Vatican document, written by the Pontifical Justice and Peace Commission, condemns racism in a variety of forms and warns that recent technological advances might lead to "new forms of racism." In its statement, the New York-based American Jewish Committee said the Vatican document "represents another effective weapon in the global struggle to eradicate these cancerous pathologies from the human family."

The statement, written by Rabbi A. James Rudin, national interreligious affairs director for the American Jewish Committee, said the Vatican document's denunciation of the use of anti-Zionism "as a screen" for anti-Semitism significantly strengthened it.

The document said that anti-Zionism — opposition to the existence of the state of Israel — "serves at times as a screen for anti-Semitism, feeding on it and leading to it."
**Black spirituality workshop**

**Devotedly Yours**

**Reaching out to divorced**

**Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord:**

Jesus spent much of His active ministry reaching out to heal those who were hurting. Since this was a way of life for Him, we are convinced that He wishes His Church to also pursue this way of life.

The Archdiocese of Miami cares about and loves all of the members of the Catholic Church. We want to show a special concern for those of you who ceased being active when you encountered marriage out of the Church, or were divorced and remarried away from the Catholic community. I know that many of you are hurting and feeling frustrated over these issues which seem to keep you away from your Catholic community.

In addition to expressing my concern and love for you, I am extending an invitation to you to meet with me and others in the Church for a dialogue in which we can talk and listen to each other and become more sensitive to one another. Will you join me in March? So can we open up the dialogue.

I do not hold out to you any prospect of instant solutions to the obstacles that keep you from reconciliation with the Church; I do not hold out to you any miraculous cure for previous marriage bonds or serious impediments to marriage.

I do hold out to you my love, dedication and care for you and that of many others who have a desire to work together with you in a sincere effort to look for ways that may eventually lead you to reconciliation with your Catholic community.

The specifics of our day are:

- **Date:** Saturday, March 4, 1989
- **Time:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Place:** St. Rose of Lima Church, 418 Northeast 105th St., Miami Shores, Florida 33138

The format of the day includes my greetings to you and a presentation on the Church's care and concern for you.

There will be a number of resource persons available at this conference to explore the possibilities of your return to full participation in the Church. It makes little difference how long you have been away from the Church or the specifics of your experience.

Let us be together this day to invest our time in an honest and understanding way so that we may become one with the Lord. May I see you there.

**Devotedly yours in Christ,**

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

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**'Chaminade' is there for Lent**

**MD wins pro-life award**

Dr. George Laquis, winner of the Archdiocese of Miami's 1988 Respect Life Award, has the knack of putting women in a trying time at ease, say those who work with him.

Laquis, a Trinidad-born physician who maintains a practice in Coral Springs, was honored for his pro-life work and he offers to clients of Respect Life's office in Coral Springs. He has worked with the office for two years after being introduced to the apostolate by a friend.

"He offers his services on a sliding scale according to a woman's ability to pay," said Respect Life's Renee Alaniz. "He allows the patients to continue to go to him. He's warm; he's really something. He really takes on this work as a ministry. I was so happy to see he'd won the award." Laquis said he enjoys the feeling of satisfaction he gets from helping women choose life. "Those children need my support and they need the love those people who can help and take care of them," he said. "I see these babies who need so much help; the love the mothers have for their babies is remarkable."

Dr. Laquis was presented with his award during the Archdiocese's annual Guadalupe celebrations. The award is given by the Respect Life Apostolate annually to a member of the community whose works exemplify a true sense of dedication to the sanctity of all human life.

**By Cynthia Thuma Voice News Editor**

When the question is "were you there?" students at Chaminade Regis College Preparatory School, can answer a resounding yes.

"Were you there?" is the theme for Lenten observances at the Hollywood high school, starting with a "Lent event" on Ash Wednesday to a day of schoolwide reconciliation on March 6 featuring a mime of St. Matthew's account of the Passion.

Along the way, there are opportunities for individual daily reflection and other exercises and liturgies to remind students of Lent's importance.

Once such exercise are the individual daily reflection services. "It gives the students a chance to be there when they feel they can be there," said Lisa Colbert, coordinator of campus ministries.

Waiting for students after Lent is a specially designed button that reminds others, "I was there."

On campus and off, "were you there?" seems a reminder of the school's approach to campus ministry. In the school, and the community at large, Chaminade-Madonna students are there making a difference.

Colbert's job has been made easier by the merger of the two schools at the beginning of the school year. In the past, each school had its own Lenten observances although many of the activities were enjoyed by students at both schools.

"For the first thing, it's much easier when you don't have the 10-minute, six-mile drive to put things together," Colbert said. "The distance created a lot of problems. This has made things a lot better. The kids like working together, interacting." (Continued on page 14)
Archbishop Carroll remembered

Archdiocese worker Ethel Marinelli (left) examines the cassock worn by the late Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll at his installation ceremonies in 1958. An exhibit at the Archdiocese Pastoral Center in Miami was dedicated to the memory of Archbishop Carroll, bishop of Miami from the diocese's inception in 1958 to his death in 1977. The exhibit contained pictures of the Archbishop and his brothers, who also were priests, various plaques and testimonials of gratitude and the papal document that established the Diocese of Miami. Sister Mary Mullins (above) ponders the papal decree establishing the new diocese, while translating it from the Latin. (Voice photos by Prent Browning)
Mission Possible

Lay ministry lends a helping hand in five countries

By Cynthia Thuma
Voice News Editor

Ralph and Veronica Mueller believe that in a country of plenty, there's plenty to share. They've found many who want to aid the less fortunate among us and they continue in search to find many more.

The Muellers, of Deerfield Beach, are founders of Mission Possible, which has provided aid to the impoverished in Peru, Jamaica, Mexico, Bolivia and Puerto Rico.

“Our first goal is evangelism,” said Ralph, the organization’s president. “Everything else perishes, but the soul remains. Humanism likes to make people comfortable on this Earth, but eternity lasts a long time.”

The Muellers decided to blend corporal and spiritual acts of mercy in their mission.

The family has a tradition of service to the less fortunate, which started by working with Montana Indians and migrants harvesting sugar beets in North Dakota. In 1978, they accepted an invitation from two friends working in the Peruvian Pacific fishing town of Chimbote, Peru, Father Jack Davis and Father James Jeffrey. The plight of the citizens immediately caught their attention. What they saw was a country wracked by four-digit inflation, rampant unemployment, poverty, disease and death.

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On their return to the United States, the Muellers decided because they didn't have the financial resources to remedy the peoples' needs, but they did have the enthusiasm to encourage friends, neighbors and relatives to donate time and funds.

“We have to go little by little,” Veronica said. But response, the pair found, was swift.

When we come back and showed pictures to people, they act,” said Ralph. “We show them the needs and let God touch their hearts and let Him take over, but we still need more help.”

Response has taken the shape of donations of paint, medical and dental supplies, building supplies, clothing, toys, tools, pharmaceuticals and more. Allied Moving Co.

Women cook communal meals with equipment and utensils provided by Mission Possible

Boca Raton provides a steady stream of packing boxes, Howard Johnson inns in Cocoa Beach have donated more than 500 bed sheets.

Services have been donated as well. Eastern has provided air freight service and several local merchants provide storage space.

“We have two storage places now,” Ralph said. “At Nielsen’s Furniture (in Deerfield Beach) and also last fall we asked the Lord for more space. Our friends laughed at us!”

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Local Feature

St. Thomas University has
After a time of financial woes, the school has new support and thriving international image

By Prent Browning
Voice Staff Writer

St. Thomas University would like the word to go forth: Having passed through a difficult period in its history, the Miami institution, now under Archdiocesan sponsorship, has regained momentum.

And the closer ties with the Archdiocese are going to be good news for many Catholic school students who take advantage of opportunities now available.

Raising the academic quality of its students, and, in particular, attracting more graduates from Catholic schools are now high priorities at St. Thomas University.

"What we're doing now is aiming for the middle class Catholic high school students that are academically qualified," says Interim President Dr. Richard E. Greene.

Merit scholarships of $1,000 a year are available for entering freshmen (transfer assistance is also available) who have maintained a 3.0 average or better at a secondary school. Those with a 3.5 average or better can receive $1,500. This is in addition to a $500 discount for just graduating from a Catholic high school. Additional scholarships are also available for class leaders. There are also state tuition vouchers, grants, scholarships, federal assistance, and various outside sources of scholarships and loans.

It all adds up. Many parents would be surprised how much.

"The majority of Catholic students that graduate from secondary schools are going to public higher education if they stay in Florida, and I think the main reason is a financial one," says Greene.

Actually, he says, this is a misperception.

"You can send a student to Catholic schools such as St. Thomas for the same amount that you can send them to a four-year public institution," he says.

St. Thomas fell under the religious sponsorship of the Miami Archdiocese last year following a troubled period when the university was running a $2-million deficit and enrollment was declining.

Two years ago they were refocused, with the help of a bank loan. They also received an endowment grant and a $1 million donation, and the deficit was eliminated.

When the Augustinian order, facing declining numbers of priests, ended its sponsorship last year after 27 years, the Archdiocese decided to step in. Although the university of priests, ended its sponsorship last year after 27 years, the Archdiocese decided to step in. Although the university was eliminated.

"What I like about the Archdiocese is they take the long view," says Greene. "We're definitely going to be here as long as there is an Archdiocese.

Some administrators feel that Archdiocesan sponsored universities are the wave of the future.

"The Holy Father has made it very clear that if a university is going to call itself Catholic it has to be either closely tied into a Catholic order or an Archdiocese," says the president. "And as the religious orders find their numbers decreasing it's going to be very difficult to supply the necessary manpower or womenpower to carry on that work."

In the meantime, the Augustinian priests teaching at the university at the time of the sponsorship change decided to stay on, continuing an Augustinian presence that dates back to the roots of the institution in Cuba.

When Castro closed St. Thomas University in Havana in 1961, the school, faculty and staff fled to Miami where they soon founded Biscayne College. This was something of a misnomer since the original site near Biscayne Bay in Coconut Grove was abandoned before construction could begin when a generous benefactor donated 140 acres of land in Northwest Miami.

There were only nine graduates in the first graduating class of this college for men back in 1906 and only one building.

Enrollment rose above 1,000 for the first time when the college went coed in the 1976-77 school year, and continued to expand, largely due to the growth of graduate level programs, after Fr. Patrick O'Neill became president in 1980. Subsequently, the school of Adult and Continuing Education was strengthened and enrollment increased.

In 1972 two satellite campuses were acquired, Villanova and Hialeah, which in 1986 were consolidated.

In 1984 the St. Thomas School of Law opened its doors in the $7 million Ambassador Nicholas A. Morley Law Center (see separate story). Also in 1984, the Catholic institution with its several masters-level programs achieved university status.

The school adopted the name St. Thomas of Villanova University as a way of acknowledging its ties to the original Cuban institution and to the Hispanic community in general.

Indeed, a little over half of its undergraduate students and almost a third of its graduate students are Hispanic. There are 200 international students at St. Thomas, mostly from Latin American countries.

St. Thomas also has created ties with Spain by establishing...
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Mission Possible seeks help for assault on poverty

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Mission Possible is a non-profit organization that provides counseling to individuals and families in poverty-stricken areas of the United States. They offer services such as counseling, family counseling, and mental health support.

There are no demographic surveys or market research involved, either. Anyone is welcome to donate goods or services, but sometimes, the Muellers will give a gentle nudge to speed up the process. When some old school chums of Son Roy planned a visit home to Florida, he pressed them into service for a trip to Jamaica. There, they helped rebuild a wall surrounding St. Monica's, which had been toppled by hurricane winds.

Once, on a drive through Miami, Veronica told Ralph to stop the van as they passed a paint company's warehouse.

"Why?" he asked her.

"They have something for us, I know it," she said. After selling the plant manager about the mission, he called a worker on the phone, gave a few instructions and turned to the Mustlers.

"I think you came to the right place," he told them.

A fork lift promptly dropped off two pallets of paint. Most of the colors were imperfect, that is, the alizarin crimson may have had a bit too much blue, the chroomas a tad too much green. Federal law sets specific standards for disposal of the paint but to the citizens of Lima and Chimbote, who needed it for a protectant more than decoriation, it was perfect. It took three trips to Miami to transport all the paint.

Another trip to Miami found a power tool distributor who has provided tools for the building trades and woodworking.

Mission Possible's geographically most active areas are south Florida and eastern Nebraska, understandable because the Muellers lived in Omaha and began the organization there.

The ministry's projects are scattered through five countries, but their more ambitious plans are centered in Peru. On a recent trip there, the local mission turned over to them a piece of church-owned land.

"We're going to build us an orphanage, medical and dental clinics and woodworking, sewing and print shops," said Veronica. "We also have a piece of prime property in Lima. (The mission) asked if we can put up a gym, retreat house and day-care center."

The ministry's shopping list is a long one. Medical and dental equipment and supplies are their top priority. Pharmaceutics also are eagerly sought. Ceramic supplies, including brushes and plaster molds are needed for Peru and Jamaica. Used clothing, blankets, shoes and rosaries also are welcome. Storage facilities are needed, too.

Power and hand tools, seeds and agricultural equipment help the natives help themselves year-round; sewing machines and supplies also are sought.

Ralph's special treaty is fixing up used toys donated to the mission. Distributing them makes the year's hard work worthwhile.

"He's Santa Claus," said Veronica. "We get thrown used toys, fix 'em up, pack 'em up, pack up the suit and away we go." The Santa suit comes out of the closet but once a year.

For Mission Possible, the giving goes on year-round.

Those who wish to donate items or lend assistance to Mission Possible are requested to call Ralph and Veronica Mueller at (305) 429-3165.
The joy of sex

What parents should teach their children

By Mitch Finley

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And why is sex so often embarrassing for parents? Because they aren't in touch with their own children; they aren't reading the world inside, despite words to the contrary, many parents feel ashamed about sex. From their own dim past they carry the message they got from their own parents that sex is best kept hidden and not talked about. Such parents have never grown beyond the underlying message of the first couple of dirty jokes he heard as children: sex is dirty and shameful.

Does that mean that it's best for parents who are uncomfortable talking with kids about sex to avoid the topic and trick kids into getting their information from sex education classes at school? No, it does not. Silence about sex is worse than showing kids that you're embarrassed about it. To remain silent is to say, "I can't cope with sex; there's something unpleasant about it, so I'm not even thinking about it."

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The answer to each of these questions is unequivocally, NO!

So what would happen if abortion became illegal? Coat hangers would still be used for hanging coats. Abortion "doctors" would have to spend their time healing rather than killing.

And NARAL would be out of business.
This is the time to support priests

By Fr. Hugh J. Nolan
St. Bonaventure Church, Fort Lauderdale

One of the most compassionate documents ever to come from a committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops has now been released for circulation among all priests in the United States. Entitled "Reflections on the Present State of priests," the document originally reserved for circulation among American bishops only, was issued recently (The Voice, Jan. 6) by the Public Affairs Office of the NCCB after much discussion and consultation with various and substantial interested parties among priests in general. It notes that many overworked and frustrated priests find their situation aggravated by the growing shortage of priests, which is rapidly worsening.

The Hartford seminary study showed that seminarians declined to 4064 in 1985 from 4064 in 1970 to 53.5 Million in 1988.

Although the document is directed to our bishops, this article will focus on how the laity can help with this contemporary problem. For the laity, in their day by day contact with their priests, can often do more than anyone else to boost priestly morale.

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How TV portraits teens

By Fr. John Catoir

Himself enabling you to enjoy the Divine Presence. Keep in mind, though, it is the science that explains the unexplainable. The Trinity is beyond our capacity to fully understand but we know this: the Holy Spirit in us enables us to love the Father and to rejoice in Him. I don't know how these ideas will touch you, but I was reassured and comforted in the knowledge that my own warm-hearted feelings toward God are not merely a sign of my humanity, they are also a reflection of the same in me. This is good news indeed; it makes me rejoice in the Lord and put my hope in Him even more.

(For a free copy of the Christopher News Notes, Say It With Love, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Christophers, 12 E. 48 St., New York, NY 10017.)

Time capsules

1785 - First successful balloon flight

By Frank Morgan

The first dirigible was constructed in 1785 by Count D'Arnon, who later became King Charles X of France while an 18th century English scientist, Sir George Cayley, has been called, "The Father of Modern Aeronautics." The French issued a patent for the invention of balloons in 1783. No dispensation is needed.

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The mystery of joy

By Fr. John Dietzen

Speaking of the mystery of joy, St. Augustine wrote a sermon on the mystery of joy (Sermon 21, 1-4) which intrigued me. He cites this text: "The just man will rejoice in the Lord and put his hope in Him, the heart of all good men will be filled with joy." What then are we supposed to do to gain this joy? Do nothing, he says, simply rejoice in the Lord. I like his simplicity and straightforwardness, but Augustine doesn't leave it at that. He goes on to add that you can rejoice in anyone or anything you see. His answer: It's not what we see, what we shall see.

"Beloved are we now the sons of God, what we shall be has not yet been revealed, but we know that when it is revealed we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is." (St. John.)

Augustine persists, how can we rejoice in the Lord if He is far from us? He answers his own question: if you are far, He will draw near. If you read the above paragraphs a dozen times you still will not be puzzled, unless you believe what Augustine says is not true. Why? He accepts one answer when you see it as true, yet you do not see it at all. Then you simply stop to see if the facts are true or false, insightful or just stupid.

The first flight was on January 7, 1785, when Jean Pierre Blanchard and Dr. John Jeffries carried their unwilling passengers into the air from a Parisian church. They dropped their rights and plunged into the sea and certain death, they jettisoned everything, and the Montgolfier brothers, Jacques and Joseph were paper manufacturers in France when they invented the balloon in 1783. The very fact that you choose to loved Him is a sign of His loving you. This is the mystical part of the Trinity.

Here we begin to see how the Blessed Trinity is at work in us. The mystery of joy is beyond our capacity to fully understand but we know this: the Holy Spirit in us enables us to love the Father and to rejoice in Him. I don't know how these ideas will touch you, but I was reassured and comforted in the knowledge that my own warm-hearted feelings toward God are not merely a sign of my humanity, they are also a reflection of the same in me. This is good news indeed; it makes me rejoice in the Lord and put my hope in Him even more.

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Marital jealousy

By Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Marital jealousy is a common ailment and comes in many forms. Sibling rivalry and envy at another's success are forms. Jealousy is an obsession. It gets worse. It cannot be argued with, because it is too feared happening to be happening. Here is a psychological technique to stop jealousy. You and your wife must work at it together. It is called thought stopping and has three steps.

First step is yellow light. When you realize you are becoming obsessively jealous, either you or your wife must say: "yellow light." Picture a yellow traffic light. You now have 30 seconds to reason with yourself or ask your wife pertinent questions. Do the best you can to determine the validity of your concern.

The second step is a red light. After 30 seconds, picture a red traffic light and say "stop" to yourself. The third step is stop yourself.

In the crossover stage, you must pre-plan to do three things. The purpose of this is to divert your thinking. You cannot "out-jealous" jealousy. But you can out-do it. The three activities are the best and you can do them together. Examples of possible crossover activities could include: saying a prayer; walking around the outside of your house; etc.

Good luck. Try thought stopping. It has worked for many and can help you if you work at it.

Mary at the fourth station

By Dolores Curran

I hope none of us ever have to undergo the kind of tragedy Mary experienced but I hope this is that we will use her experience to avoid injustice. I don't mean standing idly by while the mob acts but be there with love and compassion for the victims of injustice. And who might these victims be in our case? They might be the mentally handicapped who are prevented from living in a half-way home in our neighborhood or those who can't get an apartment because they have too many children. Or the small child whose mother is in fear and is cheated by employers who can threaten them by calling immigration authorities. These are people we once or what we need is most friends are who are caring and compassionate in their time of need. Friend like Mary.

We read in the passion story that Mary and Jesus at each time of need, friends like Mary. These are our powerless ones and what they need most is Somehow, you will be startled to find that Mary and Jesus are both of the passion story. Illustrated in this way, the story becomes a living witness to the suffering of others and to the compassion and love that our Lord and Savior so richly practice.
I am confident that trash TV will run its end of the tunnel and it is a journey to most debased tastes, and then boasting on the nation’s talk shows. There’s incestuous fathers, male strippers and a Transvestites, lesbians, child molestors, casters. It’s their job to maintain good being good box office. I blame the broad- Gerold Rovno). And numerous specials (most hosted by Geraldo Rivera). Most Wanted,” “The Reporters,” “Un- turned sexual activity on “America’s …tions of gruesome deaths and per- murals? Here are some suggestions: ...tion, discuss such Christian teachings as consideration having the group discuss trash ...of garbage which has invaded their ...er anyone watching. What value is there in ...stranger, and numerous specials (most hosted by...{messed up} your living room, your brain and your soul.
New retirement residence

Fr. Bob Moran and his sister, Mrs. Patricia Harris (above), gave an early present to their mom, Mrs. Ethel Moran. They signed a "lease—first the one—for an apartment for her in the Archdiocese's newest retirement residence, St. Joseph's Retirement Residence in Lauderdale Lakes. St. Joseph's Retirement Residence is a 72 apartment complex adjacent to St. John's Health Care Center and St. Helen's Catholic Church and is designed to combine modern safety and old-fashioned comfort. Each of the apartments has private bedrooms and many of them have kitchens as well. A large dining room features crystal and china service. Leasing is under way. Information is available at 739-1483.

Day of Enrichment for engaged ministry on March 4

From 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 4, the Family Enrichment Center and St. Patrick's Parish will be co-sponsoring a Day of Enrichment for all couples and individuals ministering to the engaged in the parish or at the archdiocesan level in Dade County.

The day will begin with a welcome by Carol A. Farrell, Director of the Family Enrichment Center. The opening talk is "Communication Skills" by Dr. Jim Menn, Marriage and Family Therapist, followed by a talk on ministering by Lynda DiPrima, former Director of Marriage Preparation. Talk on sexuality by Fr. Jim Murphy, pastor of St. Patrick’s and Chair, Lasorda to speak at fundraiser

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tom Lasorda, who was named Manager of the Year after his team won the World Series last October, will be the guest speaker at a gala fundraising cocktail party and dinner sponsored by St. Thomas University at the Biscayne Bay Marriott Hotel on February 24 at 7 p.m.

Proceeds from the dinner will go to the St. Thomas University intercollegiate athletics and to the Joseph T. Heilman Scholarship fund for students majoring in Sports Administration. St. Thomas has one of the top Sports Administration programs in the country for graduate and undergraduate students and has placed alumni in numerous sports organizations at collegiate and professional levels.

For information and reservations contact Ms. Ely M. Berrios at 625-6000, Ext. 130.

Entertainment

The University of Miami Concert Choir will present Haydn's Creation on Feb. 19 at 4 p.m. at St. Mary Cathedral, 7725 N.W. 2nd Ave., Miami. The work is composed to a libretto that combines elements of Genesis and Milton's Paradise Lost.

Our Lady of Mercy Parish Center in Pompano Beach will host the musically talented Mora Arriaga family on Feb. 25. Tickets $10. Call 427-8401 for reservations.

The Barry University Theatre Dept. will present "A Hairy Horse," a story about the last weeks of life of a Scottish soldier on Feb. 23-25 and March 2-4 beginning at 8:15 p.m. Admission $5. All seats reserved. Call 758-3392. There will also be a puppet show on Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. presented by puppeteer Bob Nathanson.

Potpourri

A Day of Discernment will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church at 3700 Meridian Ave. Miami Beach. On Feb. 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

St. Boniface Women's Club will hold their annual rummage sale at Folkla Hall, 8330 Johnson St., Pembroke Pines, on Feb. 23 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Feb. 26 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

St. Henry's Women's Guild is holding a rummage sale Feb. 24 and Feb. 25 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Feb. 26 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the parish hall at 15000 S.W. 12th Ave. in Pembroke Beach.

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Outreach Day for dowries Catholic Church

Where are dowries Catholic Church today? Hopefully in church. But there are many who are not. Where are the divorced and remarried? Probably thinking they are not welcome in the Catholic Church. There is good news.

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Archdiocese seeks prayer petitions

"Call to me and I will answer you." Jer. 33:2. The employees of the Archdiocese of Miami Parish Council gather each Monday morning to pray for intentions of you, our brothers and sisters of the Archdiocese. Petitions will be included in our Dowries Catholic Church prayers. For more information call 757-6241 Ext. 330,331, or 188. Mothers without Custody meet

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Taking off the Bible's wrapping

By Laura Meagher
NC News Service

Sharing the Bible together as a family or with friends may seem impossible. It's not, but it takes a commitment of planning and some homework. It also requires realistic expectations. Here are some principles to keep in mind.

1. The Bible was written for adults. Children have a hard time reading it by themselves. They need help in reading and understanding the Bible. But with a little help even the newest reader can proclaim Scripture in the family setting.

2. Take off the wrappings. Perhaps the most serious disservice we do ourselves and children is neglecting to look behind the world of Scripture to their meaning. It is as if we cherish a gift's wrapping and never open the gift. Reading the Bible in a way that does justice to its riches calls for homework. The original authors of the Bible may have been inspired, but contemporary readers can't rely on direct inspiration for understanding.

3. Choose a time and stick to it. If your children are young, this shouldn't be difficult to say. Good ways to begin. Keep the passages short. Parents or older children should prepare the passage beforehand in order to avoid disorganization.

4. Put words into action. Particular passages may lend themselves to actions that will bring them to life. Practi-call applications are meaningful, especially to children. This shouldn't be difficult to establish. Let older children help choose the time, place and frequency of the gathering.

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6. Be patient. The Bible came into being over several generations. Your family won't master it in one Lenten season or even in a lifetime.

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Lenten Biblical Reading

By Father John Castelot
NC News Service

Scriptures

The Gospel holds the key

When two disciples of John the Baptist started walking behind Jesus, he turned and asked them, "What are you looking for?"

When they expressed interest in where he was staying, his answer was simply, "Come and see."

The question Jesus put to the two disciples is not just an empty conversation opener. It is one of life's most important questions: What are you really looking for? What drives you, motivates your activity, inspires your hopes?

The person who can answer that question clearly and unambiguously has found the key to self-identity, to success, to happiness.

Lent is an opportune time to explore the Bible. Check your parish for booklets and other aids it may offer at this time. Check out your parish library. Join with parish small group activities if possible.

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Preparing for Lent

A Lenten project for families and friends

By Katherine Bird
NC News Service

For a long time Sam and his wife, Maria, had talked about reading the Bible at home with their children during Lent. They thought the project would be beneficial educationally and spiritually.

"But even though we wanted to share our faith with our children at home, we...put it off to a better time," said Sam, a religious educator.

Then just before Lent one year, Sam and Maria realized there never would be a perfect time.

"We've been busy for the last 10 years," Sam said, "and we'll be busy for the next 10 years."

They also realized that their daughters, two teen-agers and a 6-year-old, were growing up rapidly. "Time was running out," Ms. Vaughan said.

The couple's reluctance to try family Bible reading is not unique. Though Sam is a religious educator and well-versed in how to educate children and adults about religion, he is no more comfortable initiating such a project at home than most parents are.

It can be downright embarrassing, even intimidating, to consider sharing one's thoughts, feelings and experiences about the Bible in a group setting.

One way to overcome such hesitant feelings about reading the Bible at home, whether it is the Gospel of John or some other book, is to think about it as a special kind of family meeting. Many elements that contribute to making a family meeting work also can be found in group Bible reading.

Three keys to success are commitment, careful planning and clear communication. Paying attention to these three elements can up the chances that a family or a group of adults can read the Gospel together successfully.

In any group setting and with every type of family undertaking, it is crucial to get everybody -- including children -- involved at the outset and interested in making the project work.

If people feel "invented in something, if it is important to them, they will work for it," said Carmen Vaughan, a licensed clinical social worker in private practice in McLean, Va.

Planning can be used to get people committed to the joint project. In a family, Ms. Vaughan suggested, parents can get children to think about the project before the first group planning session. Sometimes it helps to talk to each child individually, she said. Other times telling them about the project around the dinner table works just as well.

Then, at the initial planning session, get people's feelings and objections out on the table. Exploring feelings and objections as well as the nuts and bolts of the project provides "an opportunity to talk with family members about why it is important," Ms. Vaughan said. "And it engenders a sense of family bonds."

If a child objects that the project is boring, parents can ask why it's boring and talk about ways to make it less so.

In the case of Bible reading with younger children, occasionally letting them act out a Bible reading in a brief skit adds interest.

Teens often offer fierce resistance to any kind of family project. But parents shouldn't be alarmed unduly about such reactions. Teen-agers "generally don't want to do anything with parents," Ms. Vaughan noted. "For them peers are more important."

At the same time, parents need to remember that they are in charge. Parents "generally don't want to come and I will accommodate your schedule, but you are expected to be there," Ms. Vaughan said.

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To get teens more favorably disposed, she suggested, it can help if parents add, "I want you there because you are part of the family and it is important to me to do this."

Getting participants committed to any kind of project also involves finding ways to make it relate to people's lives. Thus, mining the Bible for philosophical issues and for its treatment of good and evil can pique the attention of teens, Ms. Vaughan said.

Another tactic that can work with adults and teens, she added, is asking participants how they see a biblical theme or story relating to a moral issue of today.

These are some suggestions that may help families and groups that want to undertake a joint Lenten project.

My suggestion this Lent is that you consider reading the Gospel of John together, talking about it and letting it guide your spirit toward Easter.

Though there are no guarantees, you just might reach Easter with closer bonds and a satisfying sense that you have discovered something valuable from John and his view of Jesus and his friends.

This Gospel, written about 100 A.D., is the result of some 70 years of prayerful reflection on the meaning of Christ in the lives of his disciples. It calls not just for religious education but for a family. Large or small. It helps immeasurably to keep in mind that when families thus encounter the Lord, they are in dialogue not only with him but with the first Christians, whose faith they share.

Still first-century Christians thought and expressed themselves rather differently from us. They had their own language and the evangelist, known in antiquity as "the theologian," had his own distinctive way of saying things. That is why a group should avail itself of the help offered by one of the god commentaries available preferably a solid but popularly written one like Sulpician Father Raymond Brown's "The Gospel and Epistles of John" (Liturgical Press, 1983). Those are meant as substitutes for personal reflection, but as aids to understanding. For there is more to the Gospel of John than meets the eye.

It aims not at information so much as at formation -- at deepening of faith and love. It is written so that people "may believe." "Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus," John 11:5.

Come and see!
Priest's sleight of hand works magic on parish funding

By Tracy Early

NEW YORK (NC) — Father Jerome T. Jecewiz with his sleight of hand and "Priesto" shows has been working magic for St. Joan of Arc Parish, Queens, N.Y., and where the parish principal needs help with a deficit and the youth program needs funding.

Father Jecewiz with his magic shows brings in thousands of dollars for St. Joan of Arc, where he is associate pastor.

"We'll net $10,000 this weekend," he said in an interview after a Friday evening performance at a neighboring parish.

With all tickets sold in advance, he was to repeat his show Saturday and Sunday afternoon. Half the proceeds would go to the best parish's boiler problem and half to his principal's deficit.

Before a transfer to St. Joan of Arc last year, Father Jecewiz served a Brooklyn parish where he shows financed a program for the mentally handicapped. In 1986, Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn recognized his efforts with an award from the diocesan Catholic Charities office for the handicapped.

"Two other associate are continuing the program," he said. "I left them well-funded!"

Father Jecewiz said he prefers to do his shows in parish settings, not in his own parish. "I want to be seen there primarily as a priest, not as an entertainer," he said.

He will occasionally use a quick trick in a homily to get attention and illustrate a point, he said, but rations the magic. "I don't want the magic to override the message," he said.

He said he provided wholesome entertainment, enjoyed by parents and children alike.

For his shows, he wears clerical garb and introduces himself as Father Jerry, adding a humorous touch by putting on a showman's top hat and comically oversized glasses.

He gets the audience involved, picking out individuals to bring on stage as helpers, and getting everyone to call out the magic word, which is a parish setting is "bingo."

Sensitive to the small children in the audience, Father Jecewiz takes time before making "Dudley the Wonder Duck" disappear to explain that the duck does not get hurt.

Some children, he said, fear that he has killed the duck, but Dudley reappears very much alive at the finale.

His show also includes standard card and handkerchief tricks. Father Jecewiz does mind-reading and produces a rabbit named O'Hare.

He gets a young audience member to submit to a Guillotine and does a classic bottle trick he said was originated by a Chinese magician, Fu Ling-yu.

Along the way, Father Jecewiz delivers the magician's usual line of diverting patter, but with clerical variations.

Now 38, he tells the children he has been doing magic as a hobby "since I was just a tiny little priest."

Father Jecewiz also does "magic with a message," showing different colored scarves tied together to illustrate the church's unity and diversity.

The scarves become magically separated to show, he said, that some members of the church may separate themselves, but then they appear magically united.

On 1,500 clergy and Religious of various denominations who belong to the Fellowship of Christian Magicians, Father Jecewiz said he thought presenting his show as a priest might help people feel a closer sense of relationship with the clergy in general.

"Some people have a notion of a priest as a distant figure," he said. "I never thought otherwise than to identify myself in the show as a priest."

Youth earn pin money at parish lanes

By Teresa Coyle

ST. LOUIS (NC) — A mother in Epiphany Parish might ask: "How is it that a kid who can't pick up his socks or towels can step so lively picking up pins at the parish bowling alley?" Some 20 students from Epiphany school regularly earn their "pin money" setting pins at the eight-lane alley, where people can still see pins set by hand.

Novice pinsetters are hired when they enter the fifth grade.

"Parish interest in the bowling lanes has increased lately, giving the students opportunity for more work time."

Terry Signaigo

Kevin Convy, 11, loads a rack of pins at Epiphany Parish lanes in St. Louis, where generations of students have earned 'pin money'.

(NG photo)