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CHILDREN must be a top priority in our lives and in the nation.

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Food and water may be withheld sometimes—bishop
SAN ANGELO, Texas (CNS) — Food and water may be withheld from a seriously ill person whose death is imminent, but such decisions must be made on an individual basis, San Angelo Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer advised Catholics of his diocese. He also suggested that some versions of so-called “living wills” may be acceptable, although others are not. The bishop commented in a column titled “Faithful Stewardship of Human Life,” published in August in the West Texas Angelus, diocesan newspaper.

Chicago priest to head plan to aid East European Church
WASHINGTON (CNS) — Father R. George Saraukas, director of the Archdiocese of Chicago’s Office of Research and Planning, has been appointed to head the new U.S. bishops’ program for assisting the Catholic Church in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Father Saraukas will begin work Oct. 15 as the director of the u.s. church’s Office to Aid the Catholic Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the U.S.S.R. His appointment was announced jointly Aug. 29 by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the U.S. Catholic Conference. Located in the National Conference of Catholic Bishops-U.S. Catholic Conference headquarters in Washington, the office will serve a new ad hoc committee of bishops established to propose U.S. Catholic responses to needs of the church in Eastern and Central Europe and the Soviet Union.

Catholic chaplains on possible Persian Gulf details
SILVER SPRING, Md. (CNS) — The Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, has contacted its 497 reserve chaplains to inform them of processes that follow should they be called to “temporary active duty” in the Persian Gulf. Dominican Father Michael McCormick, a spokesman for the military archdiocese, said “temporary active duty” was “probably going to be for the duration of this.” In addition to the 497 priests in the chaplain reserves, Father McCormick said, there are 697 priests on active duty in all branches of the armed services. As of Aug. 29, 436 Catholic chaplains have accompanied their units to the Middle East.

Cdl.Sin says nation should forget foreign debt for now
MANILA, Philippines (CNS) — Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila has criticized the government strategy of continuing to make payments on the country’s multi-billion dollar foreign debt despite the devastation caused by the recent earthquake on Luzon Island. “Government is extremely wrong when, in the face of such widespread lack of basic necessities among our people, we still feel compelled to service our debts in a ‘business as usual’ manner,” Cardinal Sin said. His comments were made during a Mass, attended by President Corazon Aquino, at the Manila Cathedral, which reported UCA News, an Asian church news agency. The Mass was more than a month after the earthquake measuring 7.7 on the Richter scale shook Luzon.

Catholics who once felt bias should help muslims now
YORKSHIRE, England (CNS) — Catholics in Britain could be of particular help to European Muslim communities because of their experiences as a minority, said Cardinal Gianfranco Ravasi of Winsterminster, England. “One of the particular problems faced by some of these Islamic communities is that their loyalty and national allegiance is sometimes questioned,” the cardinal said. “It is important to recognize that this is not a new problem, at least in this country,” Cardinal Ravasi said, who is president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity of the Catholic Church, which has been working in Britain for more than 160 years, and that is now in its third century.

Focus on ‘essential,’ religious leaders told
SPokane, Wash. (CNS) — The outgoing president of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious told conference members to focus on “essential matters in the years ahead, those that challenge “the survival of our planet” and “the credibility of the church.”

Mary Sister Helen Marie Burns addressed LCWR members at the organization’s annual assembly held in Spokane. The meeting drew about 800 leaders from about 300 women’s orders.

Another keynote speaker, Sister Mary Jo Leddy of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sorrows in Toronto, called upon congregation leaders to explore “radical pluralism,” a process which draws together people who share a common commitment.

Sister Leddy said the “liberal model” of congregational life practiced today isn’t working. The model’s rationale is that something will come out of the interaction of individuals.

Radical pluralism, on the other hand, she said, works because it starts with a “common shared meaning.”

As an example, Sister Leddy recurred her involvement several years ago with a peace group.

One barrier the group faced in meeting their goals was what Sister Leddy called the “blame factor” — members who came to meetings and demonstrations sporadically because they weren’t really committed to the cause.

When the group switched its meeting time to 6 a.m., things started to happen, Sister Leddy said.

“We knew that anyone who came to those meetings would be committed,” she said. “Somehow I think we need some similar practical ways of discovering those who will be committed to a certain effort in religious life.”

Sister Burns told the assembly to concentrate on the “essential and important things” and targets “those matters which currently challenge the survival of our planet as well as the credibility of the Church.”

The dignity of women is intertwined with the quality of life and relationship among people, she said.

“The fact that 56 percent of children in female-headed households live in poverty is a systemic problem, not a woman’s issue,” Sister Burns said.

“The fact that one in every six African-Americans, one in every eight Hispanic Americans and one in every four white Americans is unemployed ... are systematic problems rooted in racism, not cultural issues,” she said. “We must begin to see the interrelatedness of such essential and important things.”

Discussion on other complex moral issues, just as killing in self-defense and the just war theory, allow for exterminating circumstances to be included, she said.

But with abortion, Sister Foley added, “it’s so hard to say anything because immediately you’re put into this camp or that camp and there’s no kind of middle ground.”

Sister Foley wrote a recent statement from the LCWR executive committee on the second draft of the proposed U.S. bishops’ pastoral on women, “One in Christ Jesus: A Pastoral Response to the Concerns of Women for Church and Society.”

The statement, issued Aug. 9, said a pastoral should not be issued, at least for now, citing in part the second draft’s inclusion of a quote from a 1976 Vatican declaration that the church “does not consider herself authorized” to ordain women.

Sister Foley said it is more than a question of ordination. “I don’t myself detect in our membership a huge yell (that) we want ordination of women,” she said, “but the ordination of women question contains within it the root question of women’s participation in the church — whether we are fully incorporated as baptized Christians or not.”

Sister Foley said some women, herself included, would not want to be ordained into today’s church, given its patriarchal structure.

The new LCWR president, Providence Sister Kathleen Pepko of Holyoke, Mass., told “The Progress” she sensed that communities of women religious were in a “crossing-over” point and involved in “a serious reflection on their identity, their purpose, their future.”

The end is coming...

Next month’s Voice will be the last you will receive.

After that, starting in November, the Archbishop paper will be The Florida Catholic.

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Some concern about aggressive Muslims

SOWEGA, Tanzania (CNS) — Praising Allah is not unusual in Tanzania, but it is normally done in mosques — not in the streets.

When Pope John Paul II came to the Catholic enclave of Sowega in southerest Tanzania Sept. 3, he went out of his way to offer "the word of friendship and love" to the area's Muslim minority.

The local bishop, introducing Islamic dignitaries to the pontiff, had just finished explaining how Muslims had chipped in to pay for the papal visit.

"They, too, believe in one God, whom they call "Allah, the bishop said, but the Muslim sect remained split in creeds and high-pitched ailments; a form of greeting.

The pope highlighted the church's ambivalent approach to Islam in Africa. While many local Catholics seem to get along well with Muslims, the Vatican recently warned of a potential "collision course" between the two religions in Africa.

There is special concern at the Vatican about new Muslim evangelization groups in Africa, financed by oil-rich Middle Eastern countries. The fear is that another aggressive strain of Islam will slowly seep into black Africa.

The outline for the upcoming African synod, written at the Vatican on the basis of meetings with African bishops, sounded a warning bell on the issue in June. It said Islam was an "important but difficult dialogue partner and spoke of a worldwide Islamic plan to refashion African society "according to Islamic principles."

The synod document suggested that the bishops keep better track of Islamic propagation, its ties to the government and its "technical sources of support."

The pope addressed the bishops last January at the Vati- can, said he could not "remain silent" at the discrimination and downplaying of Christians in some countries of Islamic majority.

Countries like Nigeria were on the pope's mind. Vatican sources said.

Privately, Vatican officials frequently voice concern about an Islamic "threat" in Africa. This reflects the view that Islam is the church's main competitor in evangelizing a continent where a third of the black population still follows traditional, animist beliefs.

When the pope travels in sub-Saharan Africa, however, he seeks sympathetic paparazzi and he stresses cooperation over conflict.

Aboard the plane carrying him to his 10-day visit to Africa, Mr. McAuliffe, who had said "we are Muslims," said: "very tolerant and very respectful of their Christian brothers."

If there is a model for Christian-Muslim coexistence, "it is precisely this one," he said.

Addressing Muslims in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Sept. 2, the pope praised relations between the two religions, which represent about 10 percent of the population in Tanzania. He said Christians and Muslims had a "firm foundation on which to build a just and united nation."

Before the trip, a Vatican publication had expressed worry about Tanzanian Muslims who, through financing from Iran and Egypt, were now able to build schools and offer "temple" scholarships "to young Christians who are in danger of losing the faith." The pope probably hears less dire reports from local bishops on his travels.

"When it comes to proselytizing, the problem can be on both sides. We sometimes feel too afraid and feel that it is our sole right to evangelize," Bishop Louis Lepelde, president of the Tanzanian bishops' conference, said in an interview. He said that despite what the African synod report says, he has experienced "no problems" with Muslims in his diocese.

Said one African priest who works at the Vatican: "The Islamic invasion of Africa is a Western fantasy. That there is an Islamic plan for evangelizing Africa is very, very bad. But let's not forget that African Islam is very different from that of the Middle East."

The pope modernizes its relationship with other religions in Africa. "If we don't study religion, we can't explain it," he said. "If we don't study it, we can't interpret it, we can't understand it." He added that the church must understand the "new" religions in Africa.

VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Soviet social scientists are currently more interested in studying religion's influence on society than doing religious propaganda, said Vera Mazlova, a member of Moscow's Research Institute on Religion and Atheism.

The aim is to "look at religion in the role of religion in social and personal life," she said in a Vatican Radio interview while in Italy in August doing research on dialogue between Marxists and believers.

Regarding religion, "we can no longer say that it doesn't exist, that we don't want it," she said.

It is "an everyday and not a temporary daily phe- nomenon of life, because it is a part of life and society," she said, which can be built.

As a sign of the new attitude, she cited the recent change in name of her state-run institute. It is used to be called the Institute for Atheistic Science. "It is called now for ideological and scientific task, to develop religious studies and studies to confirm the materialistic vision of the world and to combat religion," she said.

In Moscow, Mazlova said she has had no problems in her contacts with Vatican agencies and pontifical universities.

"The climate has changed because we are no longer the opposition, but are striving for collaboration and cooperation," she said.

She attributed the changed attitudes to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's December visit to Pope John Paul II at the Vatican.

"It changed the relationships between religion and atheism," she said.

Why Archibishop opposed rights amendment

(Several days ago Archbishop McCarthy issued a letter opposing the "Human Rights Amendment" proposed by Broward County, on the grounds that the wording of the measure did not protect the rights of others as well. Even though the letter had been written earlier this week, the letter and the archbishop's comments are reprised herein clearly archibly the Church's and the Church's position on homosexual and homosexual activity.)

To the Priests, Religious, and Faithful of the Archdiocese of Miami

On Tuesday, September 4th, the people of Broward County will decide in the upcoming general election whether or not to amend Broward County's Human Rights Act (Resolution 90-331) granting an extended and far-reaching range of rights to homosexuals in common with other groups. This letter is written in order to indicate clearly the position of the Catholic Church on this important moral issue.

In February of 1976, Pope Paul VI stated that "while homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered and can in no case be approved of " nevertheless, "homosexuals must be treated with understanding and sustained in the hope of overcoming their personal difficulties." In November 1973, the Catholic Bishops of the United States condemned teaching when they stated that "homosexuals, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against their basic human rights" and that "there exists a right to his or her identity." The Bishops further stated that "homosexual activity... as distinguished from homosexuality itself is morally evil and that, because of the specific predication of homosexuals... the Christian Church should provide them with a special degree of understanding and care." The letter, however, did not go so far as to discuss the rights of homosexuals, as such. Instead, the bishops stated that "as an ethical call to human rights, we are about the rights of all people, we cannot in any way support the amending of the Broward County Human Rights Act." This proposed amendment, while solicitous to protect the rights of some, is unconcerned about seriously inflicting upon the rights of thousands of our community.

Precisely from the other questionable and object- ionable aspects of this amendment, we are especially concerned about the extremely sensitive areas of child care and education. Parents will be legally defenseless to protect their children from the influence and example of the homosexual life style of teachers and counselors. Such a situation must, of course, be morally unacceptable not only to Catholics but also to all who seriously adhere to the moral law.

Accordingly, while we call upon our people to be understanding of the homosexual, appeal for tolerance and freedom, and share in this issue, we cannot, and are not indispensible to considering other solutions to this vexing problem, we are, however, left with no option but to urge our people to give a "No" vote on the amendment, the Broward County Human Rights Act as proposed, asking God to bless you, I am

Devotedly yours in Christ,
Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

Further comments

"My letter does not oppose human rights guarantees for homosexuals," Archbishop McCarthy said the Voice this week. "It finds the particular proposed amendment unacceptable but states that I am not indisposed to considering other amendments.""The letter states that homosexuals, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against their basic human rights."

"The letter states that homosexuals, like everyone else, should not suffer from prejudice against their basic human rights. They have the right to friendship and justice," he said.

"This affirmation is important. Many persons of a homosexual orientation undergo serious anguish even at times to the point of attempted suicide. They need to be treated with understanding, respect, friendship and justice especially by their church."

"The concern over the proposed Broward County amendment is that it provides no qualifications to protect the standards of our society and the right of others. It fails to distinguish between respecting those who, through no fault, have a homosexual orientation and giving legal eligibility to promote homosexuality or sedumity.

"The bible tells us that God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of the homosexual activity there (Genesis 19). It says, 'You shall not be like a male with a male, such a thing is an abomination' (Leviticus 15:22). St. Paul writes, 'Men gave up natural intercourse with women and burned with lust for one another... and thus received in their own persons the penalty for their perverted' Romans (1:27). Such practices can lead to the deterioration of civilization."

"The Broward County amendment needs to be so framed that it will honor the human rights of those who have a homosexual orientation. It should not, however, infringe on the freedom and human rights of others by favoring the personification and sharing of a way of life contrary to their conscience."
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TV networks plan prime-time media blitz on education

WASHINGTON (CNS) — The TV industry will launch a two-week media blitz for education next April by stressing educational themes in prime-time series.

The concept was included in the plan to the National Cable Television Association's annual convention in Las Vegas in late January. The TV networks plan to coordinate a media blitz on education next April as part of their efforts to promote educational themes in their programming.

The plan calls for the networks to develop a series of educational programs that will run during the media blitz. The programs will be designed to highlight the importance of education and to encourage people to learn more about educational issues.

The plan also includes a media campaign to promote the educational programs. The campaign will feature advertisements on TV and in newspapers that will encourage people to learn more about educational issues.

In addition to the media blitz, the TV networks plan to work with educational institutions and organizations to develop educational programs that will be shown during the media blitz.

The plan is part of a broader effort by the TV networks to promote educational themes in their programming. The networks have been working with educational institutions and organizations to develop educational programs that will be shown during the media blitz.

The plan is expected to be well-received by educators and parents. The National Catholic Educational Association has already endorsed the plan, and many school systems have expressed interest in participating.

In conclusion, the plan to launch a media blitz on education next April is a positive step toward promoting educational themes in TV programming. With the support of educators and parents, the plan is expected to have a significant impact on the way educational issues are addressed in TV programming.
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he Good Shepherd

Gives loving care to needy children in S. Dade

By María Vega
La Voz Católica

"I am the Good Shepherd and I know mine and mine know me..."  John 10:14.

The Good Shepherd watches over his sheep. And in Perrine, Good Shepherd cares for and guides its children with special attention. Special because it is the only child care center in Miami where caregivers use their own home to take care of the children.

The center is sponsored by the Archdiocese’s Catholic Community Services. It takes children from single, adolescent, sent by government agencies. Its children represent a varied ethnic and cultural mix.

"We even have a child from India and a Native American Miccosukee..." says María Barros Perez, Good Shepherd’s administrator. Because she was raised bi-culturally, Columbian-born Barros was attracted to Good Shepherd after seven years experience with CCS’s child care centers.

"I love my job. I live it. It’s such a part of me I could never imagine doing anything else..."

Good Shepherd takes children from eight weeks to five years old at the Perrine center, from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Family Day care center (see accompanying story) is unique to Miami, caring for 100 children in 30 homes: 22 for infants and eight for preschoolers. Each home has five children, and all homes are located within 2 miles radius west of Perrine, close to those that most need its services.

With a waiting list of 600 Barros dreams of a larger center to care for "her children". A fund-raising committee is in the works.

Teachers, social workers, caregivers, nutritionists, and volunteers are part of Good Shepherd’s "family."

And teaching preschoolers involves more than just ABC’s and 123’s. With the help of their teacher, Olitza Buitrago, four year olds often start the day with a showing of a Caribbean beat.

Nutrition is another top priority for Barros.

"I've had anemic children here because their mothers could not provide adequate nutrition," said Rosalina, the cook, for the children, "and in no time they recuperate."

Volunteers work in the kitchen, the classrooms, and waving a paintbrush whenever needed. It is needed a lot. Good Shepherd also specializes in helping "at risk" children, of which they have approximately 50.

"The child from a home problem cries more; he is more nervous. We have to give him more attention so that he can develop normally," said Barros.

"It is a great help for low-income families because they can give their children a good environment until they begin school," said Rosalina Barrera, assistant to the social workers. Besides funding from CCS the center receives money from United Way, Head Start and other government funding.

"You must have the vocation," said Barrera, a Preschool Education Graduate and a teacher at heart. "Technique is not everything."

And yet, 90 percent of the 20 preschool children entering kindergarten are well above the average public school student. Single mothers also benefit by being able to stay in school and graduate while caregivers watch over their children.

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--Maria Barros Perez (right)

Eustela Caraya, a human rights activist who recently arrived from Cuba two years ago, helps out at the center. "This is wonderful work. It’s a pity we don’t have this in our country. I wish all the children of the world could feel as secure as they feel at Good Shepherd."

Day care in 'Providers' own homes

By María Vega
La Voz Católica

The love and dedication of caregivers at the Good Shepherd Day Care Center in Perrine is a sign of hope for the families of migrant workers in that area.

Consuelo Arredondo knows from experience. It was this center, sponsored by the Archdiocese’s Catholic Community Services that helped her last migrant worker after fifteen years in the fields.

"I was determined that my children would not be work in the fields," said Arredondo. With their meager savings, she and her husband bought a small home in Perrine. She received certification in early child care and was soon a caregiver for Good Shepherd, while still keeping house and watching her own three boys.

Dozens of others have come through the Arredondo home.

"And I’ve loved them as my own," she adds.

This maternal instinct is shared by the 30 women who open their homes and their arms for the children of Good Shepherd.

"I also mend their clothes," said Marta Lara. "And it hurts so much when they leave."

The center

provides certification in early child care, said María Barros Perez, Good Shepherd’s administrator. Home approval takes four to five months after all family members are interviewed and each home passes HRS codes for safety and health.

"We follow HRS guidelines very strictly," said Barros.

"Then we supply homes with everything they might need like toys, beds, etc." said Barros.

"We also give three hour workshops every month on childcare tips. A social worker and three assistants visit periodically to insure the scheduled activities are being followed during the school year and summer."

Menus are planned by CCS nutritionist Ana Nadal. Childcare providers follow her guidelines in preparing meals.

"Part of their training involves tips on being smart shoppers, in order to obtain more for less," said Barros. Good Shepherd reimburses meal costs.

"Without Good Shepherd these children would be in the fields with their parents. Here they have close attention, toys, and (Continued on page 7)
Black Catholics plan Day of Reflection

"Stranglers and Sosmouths No More" is this year's theme for Day of Reflection for Black Catholics, sponsored by the Archdio-cese of Miami. The event is co-sponsored by the African American Advisory Council, on Saturday, Sept. 22, at St. Mary Catholic Parish Center.

Black Catholics are not numerous, but many cultures in South Florida, are invited to gather as one to create a spiritual and Afrocentric environment to share what it means to be American Catholic and African in the Roman Catholic Church today.

The agenda includes a keynote speaker Fr. Bele Abram, O.F.M.Conv., from the Institute of Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans, and addressing concerns and priorities of Black Catholics will be defined. Dance presentations, song and exhibits will highlight the many cultures of African heritage.

The Archdiocesan Day of Reflection call forth African American Catholics to share their true gifts of blackness as given by their liberating Catholic Churches. The expression of the African American spirituality which is truly "holistic," speaking to the heart, mind and soul of its people. The prayer form is contemplative, deeply rooted in the "word" and the rich African American culture," said Bernardine Howard, council member and chair of the day's program.

"This day of reflection is important for all who appreciate the diversity of races and cultures that make up the Catholic Church and the presence of Afro-American Catho- 
lic in the Church is crucial today in terms of evangelization," said Monsignor John Glo- 
rice, Chair of the council.

Day of Reflection will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4-00 p.m. on Sept. 22, at St. Mary Cathed- 
al Center, NW 75 St. and NW 1 Court. Registration is $5 and includes lunch. Those interested in attending may pre- 
register by calling Ms. Dale Shatzer, 684- 
6642 or register at the door on the mornin- 
g of the event. For further information please contact Mr. Terry Sunday, Office of Black Catholics, 757-6241, ext. 226 or the Co- 
ordinating Committee of the Archdiocese of Miami, 757-6241, ext. 320.

These churches are not Roman Catholic

The following is an official statement from the Archdiocese of Miami to clarify any misunderstanding regarding participation in Sunday Mass.

The following congregations are not affiliated in any way with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Miami:

"Our Lady of Victory" Society of St. Pius X) - Broward County St. Philomena

"Our Lady of Fatima Academy" and annex

"Sacred Heart Chapel" ~ Coral Gables

"San Juan Nepomuceno del Cobre" - Hialeah

These groups have chosen to follow a schismatic orientation and have come into existence independent of the Archdiocese of Miami and the Roman Catholic Church.

The Archdiocese of Miami does celebrate an approved Mass at the following locations:

Mercy Hospital 5663 S. Miami Avenue 8:30 a.m. - every second Sunday of the month.

Holy Cross Hospital Chapel, 4725 North Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale 9:30 a.m. - every fourth Sunday of the month.

If you have any questions please contact the Communications Office of the Archdi- 
ocese of Miami at 757-6241 ext. 320, 350.

Mercy opens new women's section

Mercy Hospital held the official opening of the new Women's Pavilion Sept. 6. Edward J. Rosasco, Jr., President and CEO of the 530-bed acute care hospital, was to MC the ceremony and Bishop Agusti: Roman performed the blessing.

"The pavilion is the first phase of a major center featuring specialized services and education programs that are designed to meet the distinct needs of women of all ages," Rosasco said.

The new Women's Pavilion has specially-designed private rooms and suites devoted to the provision of inpatient care for women in a warm, unique setting. Services include gynecological care, plastic surgery, health education and nutrition. The facility is located on the 5th floor of Mercy Tower and is the first component of a comprehensive women's health program.

This year marks the 49th anniversary of Mercy Hospital, located at 3606 Miami Av., in Coconut Grove, near Viscaya. Expansion to the hospital over the last year include a state-of-the-art Emergency Room, the opening of the new Radiation Oncology Center. Mercy Hospital offers a progressive and innovative approach to health care with a full- range of acute care services, including neurosurgery, cardiology, endocrinology, obstetrics and surgery on both an inpatient and outpatient basis.

PACT sponsors neighbor day

On Saturday, Oct. 20, People Acting for Community Together (P.A.C.T.) will be encouraging all Dade County residents to come out of their houses and greet their neighbors from 6 to 7 p.m.

"Open displays of friendship and commonality within the community are essential to the spiritual health of our community," said Rev. Jack Romaly, Chairman of the P.A.C.T. Good Neighbor Committee and Pastor of First Church, N.Miami Congrega- 
tional Church.

The "Good Neighbor Day" resolution was adopted by five hundred delegates at the P.A.C.T. founding convention on March 31. The purpose of the day is to build the most essential of community bridges—those between neighbors.

"Our area has so many new people from so many different places that we need to make a special effort to know each other," said Rev. Richard Ledster, Co-Chairman of the Good Neighbor Committee and Pastor of Sierra Madre Boulevard Baptist Church.

The various denominations, city and county governments and the Dade County School Board have been approached to help promote the day.

Through "Good Neighbor Day," P.A.C.T. seeks to weave stronger bonds between diverse cultures so we can work together to improve our communities," said Fr. Gerard LaCorra, President of P.A.C.T. AIDS support group

Gerald L. Bagby, presents unique perspective in the Education of AIDS with their new Support Group "Talking from the Heart." The program will kick off their first panel discussion with Sylvia Kaminsky, Victoria Dohban and Laura Foxman as a panel discussion on challenging the courageous, unbelieving statement "Mom, I have AIDS." Monday, Sept. 10, at 7:30 P.M. Genesis 1, 3675 S. Miami Avenue, Miami, 856-1043 This Support Group is open to the community at no cost.

Employees to get free cardiovascular check

The Archdiocese of Miami is offering all its employees and covered dependents a free cardiovascular checkup and mammogram, starting this fall. The "cardiovascular checkup would cost about $400 if you had to pay for it," said Shawn Grubmsch, Archdiocesan Health administrator.

The program will run from Oct. 1 through Jan. 31, and will be administered at Mercy Hospital in Miami, said she. Posters and brochures are being designed, urging em- ployees to take advantage of the free serv- ice, and a mailing will go out in mid- 
September explaining the details.

The service is provided free, she said, because preventive screenings are major risk areas such as the cardiovascular system emphasize wellness. This improves the employees' health and saves the system greater medical costs later on.

In a previous mammogram program, out of 230 participants, six required further screening or treatment, possibly preventing more-serious problems or even saving lives. The mammogram program will also offer Pap tests to those interested.

The Health Office is also upgrading its computer system to offer quicker access to each individual's records and history and more personalized service between partici- 
pants and health representatives. This will allow a three-day turnaround time on claims and quicker answers to any questions a participant may have, said Ms. Grubmsch. We want to have a more personal relation- 
ship between our people and the public. We can be more personalized because we are small and we are not an insurance company. So there are a lot of things they will find different with us. You're not just a Social Security number in this department."

However, this may involve a little slower response time for now, she said, until the system changes are complete sometime in October.

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The only hope for the migrant children

In-home caregivers are 30 women who opened their homes and their hearts

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physical and mental stimulation," said social worker Gretel Gomes, adding that the program has had a great impact on migrant families. Thirty percent of the children in both programs are from migrant families.

Unfortunately, funds for the migrants are gone, added Barron. "They refuse to ask the government for help. They want to live solely off their own resources. It's fun

ing to know that there are children in the fields that we can't reach." On any afternoon a short ride through the migrant camps proves this point. Toddlers and small children play alone along the rows of houses with gaping doors. At least, a slightly older sibling watches over them.

"There are many families in dire need," said Barron, "but we just don't have the money for them."

Doris Gallegos' family is one of them. The smallest of her five children stays with a friend; the other four are at home alone. Gallegos works in the fields.

The Trevino family is another example. She is pregnant and unable to work and the husband is in a diabetic. Still she is proud of her 16 years in the fields. Trevino was in born in Texas of Mexican Migrant parents. "I have been lucky, I have good hands for this kind of work," she says.

"That positive attitude is typical of them," said Barron. She recalls one family that never had a home in Mexico. Happy to be in the United States, they thank the Virgin of Guadalupe for the little they have.

What haunts Good Shepherd employees are those mothers who must take their children into the field with them.

"There have been many cases of children drowning in the canals," said Gomez.

Good Shepherd strives to help the migrants more. "They are in great need and very appreciative," said Barron. "They bring us fruit from the harvest."

Another mother went through a tough time trying to pay the weekly minimum, so Good Shepherd helped her out. To this day, she sends $10 weekly and a note of appreciation.

Future plans include a Family Day Care for the Little Havana area, said Alicia Abreu, Director of CCS Early Childhood Care. For more information on Good Shepherd call 235-1756 or 255-1888.

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Archdiocese of Miami

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

Rev. Jose Espinoza - to Director of the Office of Rural Life for the Archdiocese of Miami, effective Sept. 1, 1990.


Rev. Michael Konczik, C.Ss.R. - to Associate Pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Opa Locka, effective June 18, 1990.

Rev. Stephen P. Treadonki, C.M. - to member of the Faculty of St. John Vianney College Seminary, Miami, effective July 18, 1990.


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A sign of GOOD NEWS
Schools feeling 'baby boomlet,' down 29,000

By Robert O'Steen
Executive Editor

This year as Catholic schools in South Florida enter the decade of the 90s, signs of the times are already apparent. Enrollment is up, and the number of hours and demands for service are also growing each new school year.

Interestingly, the schools will no longer fill a simple seven-hour teaching period but will be expected to babysit, stimulate, inspire and educate before and after regular school hours while many parents work through the day at jobs.

"One of the pressures in the Archdiocese now," said Sister Marie Danielle, SSND, Supt. of Schools, "are the thousands of pre-school children or early childhood children whose parents are requesting programs and we’re having a hard time keeping up.

Total enrollment is expected to move up from 29,000 to 30,000 this year.

"But many of our schools have opened a pre-school or are adding additional pre-school classes this year so our growth is at the lower end of the age bracket," she said.

Part of it, statistics are telling us, is that we’re in the middle of a baby boomlet. There are a lot of couples who waited until later to have children and now we’re seeing a new baby boomlet, so it’s not only us, it’s the public schools system as well. We’re in one of those peak upswings now of young children.

"Also the demand is the working parent looking for a safe and academic environment where they can place their children.

The other area also impacted by this same trend is the extended day program where the children are kept at school till five or six o’clock to be picked up by parents. "So after the official school day ends we have an extended day. And several of our schools are adding these programs, or considering adding them."

"This is also a national trend," said Sister Danielle. "Parents want to know they have a quality place for their kids."

"Usually aftercare will involve a study period, recreation—since after a full day they need to get out and play—and usually arts and crafts period. It’s not just people baby-sitting them.

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Also the demand is the working parent looking for a safe and academic environment where they can place their children... "Parents want to know they have a quality place for their kids."

The extended day service just started in Archdiocese schools last year. All five "core schools" (accredited schools) have provide it in response to the need for it by working parents, she said, but the suburban schools are looking into it too.

A good example is Our Lady of Perpetual Help School in Opa-Locka, with 300 students in Pre-Kindergarten through 6th grade. The school has about 60 children in pre-K or K and about 30 to 40 in aftercare (extended day).

"What you have," said Principal Franklin Smith, "is the strange phenomenon of the mother taking her kids in the morning at anywhere from 6:30 to 8, leaving the child in the school and coming from work at about 5 or 6 in the evening. So the school is no longer the institution that takes care of the child for the average work day. It can actually be a 12-hour day."

"About 85 percent of our homes are single parent homes," he said, including an amazing 18 nationalities, from the West Indies people, to Central Americans to Afro Americans.

"I’ll tell you what a child said to me.

The core schools are Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Corpus Christi, St. Monica’s, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Mary Catholic School. The schools are not at capacity because parent areas can’t afford tuition and the Archdiocese this morning. She looked at me this morning and said to me, ‘Well, my mom has a regular nursing job (looking after invalids or older people) and she has a factory job in the afternoon."

"So if you really look at that carefully, what you’re looking at is that the child is without the mother—and this is a universal home—any sort of parental control is in the morning until 6 or 7 in the evening, and...
Ethnic facts, new principals

This year's demographic figures are not tabulated yet, but last year's will be very similar:

Total 1998 enrollment was 2,265.
Date: 10/13/99
Bowen: 9,777

Monte: 2,185
Dade: 2,036
Anglo: 62
Latina: 591
Black: 5,379
Hispanic: 35,379
Asian: 62
Other: 23

Bowen: 73%
Anglo: 14%
Latin: 5%
Black: 5%
Asian: 6%
Other: 7%

In Dade and Bowen, non-Catholics run generally from 0 to 5%. However, Bowen secondary schools contain 13% non-Catholics.

New principals are: St. Bernardette, Mrs. Jean Vanderwende; St. Gregory, Mrs. Diane DeSanto; St. Stephen, St. Edith Gonzales; Carrollton Lower School, Mrs. Jo-Ann Laszlo; Holy Family, Dr. Richard Napoli; Our Lady of the Holy Rosary, Sr. Jenices Vanderweck; CSJ, St. Agatha, Dr. Carola Molin; St. Agnes, Mrs. Sheila Cruise; St. James, Bro. Richard Ryder; St. Thomas the Apostle, Mrs. Emma Ann Ventura; LaSalle, Fr. Edward Saracencz, S.J.

Fighting the responsibility the teachers and school system have now.

1. If our school population is anything like a small extension of what is happening in the state, then more and more schools public and private are going to have to think about preschool care and after-school care. And more and more schools are going to have to think of employing counselors and psychologists on a full-time basis because children are no longer having traditional parents.

2. It's not that they love their children less, it's that the economic situation forces them into such long hours that the school takes over more and more responsibility for taking care of the children.

3. He said the parents he deals with are totally involved with their children, and want their children get the best which they didn't get, because some of them are from countries with educational advantages. But they can't be there to see the child's homework, Smith said. Thus the need for the schools to fill that need, he said.

4. And, of course, increasing needs lead to the biggest problem, not surprisingly—money. Tuition continues to go up. Said Sister Danielle, so schools have to pass the costs on to the parents and "our concern is where costs are going to parents in economic disadvantaged situations."

"The diocese does subsidize core schools," she said. "But We've been mandated to cut costs on the subsidy, and hopefully we're not going to have to close schools. They just closed Holy Redeemer last year and I really don't want to have to close any more of our parochial schools, because they are serving a need in the community."

can't subsidize any more than at present.

Tuition runs about $1,000 a year in the core schools, and parents pay various amounts depending on ability. Other schools tuition runs up to about $3,000.

Tuition in the right high schools averages about $2,500.

Two of the Archdiocese's 65 schools are expanding. St. Agatha's in west Dade, near FIU, is one of the fastest-growing. Opening seven years ago in a parish hall with 36 students, it now has 580, from pre-K through 8th grade. It is almost 100 percent Latin, or at least one parent being Latin. Classes are being held in the parish hall and in a nearby mall, while expansion construction is underway on the school building, according to Principal Dr. Carlota Morales.

St. Agnes on Key Biscayne, following the trend, is adding K and pre-K classes to be held in the parish hall and is constructing a building for its junior high classes which are now held in rooms rented from a nearby Presbyterian church. Later the parish will add 1st through 7th grades.

Sister Mercedes Carralero shows Christine Dimitriou, 4, and Nataly Hernandez, 4, how to use clay for self-expression in a pre-kindergarten session in the parish hall at St. Agatha's. (Voice photos by Marlena Quaroni)
Family Matters

Children must be a top priority in our life

By Carol A. Farrell

Dear Dr. Kenny: Please advise me what I should do when the following occurs in church:

Teenagers sitting beside you or in front of you persist in talking and laughing. They are with adults who take no action to correct them.

I travel a lot and this has happened to me frequently, once even in my own parish. On one occasion I announced to a rather loud voice that I was moving.

Sometimes, however, church is crowded and there is no place to move. I think the distracting people should be asked to leave. What do you think? — Louisiana

Rude teen behavior is certainly not limited to church. You may just as easily find yourself sitting next to or behind a schem at a movie, feet on the seat behind you, commenting constantly, showing off.

You face the same dilemma there. You can comment. You can contact the usher. You can move your seat. Or you can request a refund and leave. But there is no choice guaranteed to get the young people to behave.

The teen years are a time of rebellion against conventional rules. Teens can be hard to handle. Ordering them to behave properly is an easy task, but it has the opposite effect. Would that any of us could simply order things as we desired them. There is so much going on in this world that does not follow the rules. If only we could straighten our heads out with our clear and logical requests. But we can't.

Silence and sitting still in church are not the only way to worship.

While silence is intended to reflect awe and prayerful concentration in most Western churches, conversation and activity are normal in other countries. There is no one way to pray and worship.

You mention in your letter that the "distracting people should be asked to leave.

If bothersome teens are to be sent out of church, perhaps teens should not be required to attend church at all.

Although many Catholic families, including ours, require that teens under 18 attend Mass, I have often wondered whether the rule is wise. Many teens resent church and are bored by Mass. I am not sure whether forced presence leads to better church attendance as an adult or not.

In any case, this does not solve your problem since you are not in charge of whether teens attend or not, leave or stay.

You really have only two choices. You can move to a quieter or less distracting pew. Or you can try to incorporate the rambunctiousness of teens into your own worship.

Try including the teens in your own meditation. Ask God for patience to put up with the immaturity of those not yet grown. Ask God for tolerance to deal with the imperfections of others. Ask God for the "ears" to hear his voice in all the sounds and noises of creatures and creation.

With his grace, you may be able to transform the teen distractions into a melody. Good luck!

Reader questions on family living or child care to be answered in print are invited. Address questions: The Kenny; 219 W. Harrison St., Rensselaer, Ind. 47978.

Unfairness when a school closes

By Dolores Curran

Farm families felt they were losing more than the convenience and control of their local one-room schools. They were losing their community focus. It was the school that forged the rural community with its picnics, meetings, programs, and social life. They knew that when the school closed they would lose their core. And they did. It took ten bitter years for them to adjust to the new locus, their nearby towns.

Now, few regret the shift. Two generations later, the nostalgia has vanished and few want their children in a one-room school.

But, like the families in the high school that closed, these rural folks did not feel betrayed. They felt sacrificed by those who made the decisions.

If we were to go to close schools and parishes — we have a responsibility to hear the dreams, realities and pain of families, to take as much time as they can plan, and to initiate them into the new before we close the old. It's what the bishop-inspired Family Perspective is all about.

If we truly care about the effect of our decisions we should ask them about potential effects, not tell them why they should understand and support our decisions.

We're telling people that they own their schools and parish, but we act otherwise.

When push comes to shove, we make the decision and they experience the pain. The tenant was right. It isn't fair.

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Confessing about an abortion

By Fr. John Dietzen

Our baby at 6 p.m. and until 10:15 that night I was strapped to the table.

A Catholic doctor was mad and went home because I was so long having it. I really had a terrible time. I was scared and didn't know what to do.

After almost a year my husband returned home and I became pregnant the same month he left. He stayed until it was over, but I had another terrible time. We both became pregnant again and I thought I just couldn't stand it. The doctor said he would take care of it.

I never thought about it as taking a life. I really thought life began at the moment of conception.

I have thought about it and prayed all the time that God would forgive me.

I cannot go to the priest in my parish for reasons which I cannot explain now.

The only place I go to is church and to the store as I am afraid I might be in a wreck and be killed. It is a heavy burden on my mind and I can't be myself until I get this straightened out. (Missouri) A. While deliberate abortion is unquestionably a very serious sin, judging from what you tell me in your letter it is extremely doubtful that you were aware enough, or morally free enough, to make what you did a serious, mortal sin.

You are well aware of the old basic catechetical requirements for a mortal sin. It must be a serious matter, there must be sufficient awareness and reflection on the fact that it will be a mortal sin, and one must be emotionally and otherwise free to make an honest-to-God choice.

Judging from your description of the situation, the last two of these requirements are at least in serious doubt.

I suspect that you will not feel this is totally resolved unless you talk with a priest about it personally. This may be in or near the sacrament of penance, at least to start with.

There are other priests in the general neighborhood of your community. Why not try to talk with one of them?

I hope you will take my advice. God certainly does not want you to continue suffering the personal anguish over a long-lasting action.

Please read again carefully what I have said above and talk with someone soon.

(anonymous)

God's will reunites long lost friends

By Fr. Antoinette Bosco

When I was 11 years old we lived in Albany, N.Y., and at the time my parents rented the top floor of a three-story city house.

The owners lived in the basement. They were a lovely older Italian couple with a few grown children. One of their sons had recently married and he and his wife lived in the middle flat.

My "job" was to go over there to take care of our little brother, Joey, then 3 years old. I'd go to the park or let him play on the sidewalk, under my careful eye.

Joey and I also visited my neighbor on the second floor, a young and happy mother-to-be nicknamed Catarusa, which meant, my father told me, sweet little Catherine. She was indeed sweet. She was also beautiful and I loved to be near her.

Catarusa was well into her pregnancy that summer and it was evident that she was often lonely. She knew very little English but God and during the day missed her husband a great deal. He was a shoemaker and was not around much to help with their small children. They had bought a new stove for their home and she found that it was very necessary to have someone watch over the children.

Catarusa said she was used to the company of myself and Joey. My little brother had golden curls which she would twine around her fingers. Her smile would warm up to make me feel that there was someone in the world loving about her own child in her womb.

Sometimes when the baby would kick, she would let me touch her stomach, and once when Joey was close by she too put his hand on her, much to her embarrassment.

By the summer came to an end, we made plans to move to a flat in another part of the city. I never saw Catarusa again until just a few years ago.

My brother Joe grew up to study medicine and became a doctor with the New York State Labor Department and to become severally ill at age 35.

The doctors diagnosed him as having a fatal disease called hairy cell leukemia.

Joe determined to live despite the odds. There was a strong ray of hope in the doctor he eventually found—a most encouraging one.

Abortion defies God's love for life

By John Catoir

In May, New York’s Archbishop, Cardinal O’Connor called a meeting of the heads of about 40 Catholic organizations from all over the country for a consciousnessraising session on the abortion issue. We gathered at the Cardinal's residence, which is situated directly behind St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The presidents and executive directors of dozens of organizations as diverse as the National Council of Catholic Women, the Knights of Malta and the Curillo Movement came from near and far. At the Cardinal’s request Father Patrick Peyton, now well in his 80s, led the opening prayer. The Cardinal's remarks were brief; he said he came to listen, and listen he did. 'The purpose of our coming together was to examine the possibility of a more unified Catholic approach to the abortion problem.

The traditional teaching of the Catholic Church on abortion was always one which included the end does not justify the means. A good end, like charity toward a young girl caught in a difficult situation, or the protection of a woman’s right to choose her own destiny, does not make the direct and willful killing of an innocent unborn human being. Abortion is intrinsically evil. The idea that it is justified because it is necessary is a delusion. Some politicians did express reservations about the church’s strategy in confronting the issue. Should the bishops have hired a Madison Avenue P.R. firm? Should we be trying to change the law? Are we becoming too political? Opinions varied.

I expressed a concern of my own that afternoon. In a N.Y. Times article, in conversation among Catholic women in New York, 51% stated that even though they are personally opposed to abortion they would not vote for legislation which would deny other women free access to a legal abortion. They seem to have carved out a position that is both "pro-life" and "pro-choice." How do we deal with that? Is the church's message getting through? Is it understood properly? I wonder if in our zeal to protect the unborn baby we have been simplistic. Who are we talking to? We are talking to God's will in the best they can think, we are saying that the mother's life counts for nothing, while the life of the fetus counts for everything. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Both lives are precious. God loves both the mother and the child. It is precisely because of His love for both that we must oppose the killing of one. At the last supper Jesus said, "I am giving you a new commandment, love one another as I have loved you." (Jn. 13:34) How does abortion square with this demand? Read Chapter 15 of John's Gospel and think it through.

Time capsules

The telegraph and photography changed our world

By Frank Morgan

by 1831. While Samuel F.B. Morse was in Paris in 1839 in connection with his telegraph, he met Daguerre and viewed his pictures. Upon returning to America, Morse became one of the country’s first portrait photographers and instructed Matthew Brady, a New York City painter, who immediately opened photo studios in New York and Washington to photograph political notables. Abraham Lincoln once said, “Mathew Brady and the Cooper Union Speech made me the President of the United States.”

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Martin Van Buren was elected Vice President in 1818 but he was such a late sleeper that many times he did not reach the Senate until noon to call the members to order. Van Buren presided over the Senate during the Bank of the United States controversy. Rumors swirled of a plot to assassinate President Van Buren so for some time Van Buren carried two loaded pistols with him as he presided over the Senate.
I recently invited readers to come up with the perfect people to portray the Holy Family in a new motion picture about Mary’s life. The votes are in and readers have picked: “As Mary, Olivia Hussey, who portrayed the same role in “Jesus of Nazareth,” the NBC mini-series about Christ; St. Joseph, Michael Landau, who most recently played an angel on “Highway to Heaven”; “As Jesus, Michael J. Fox, the star of the “Back to the Future” movies.”

By James Breig

This casting call came about as a result of a recent column I wrote about “Mary of Nazareth,” a TV film which could appear on home screens as early as next spring. The producers of the movie plan on casting unknowns in the leads, but they invited readers to nominate famous actors who might fit the roles.

Their nominees were sometimes offbeat (country singer Randy Travis as St. Joseph) and sometimes classic (Susan Hayward as Mary; Miss Hayward has been dead for 15 years). For the role of St. Joseph, others suggested Ted Cruise, who was, according to a reader, “raised a Catholic and had studied to be a Franciscan; it would be good to have him of his background”; and Ted Danson for his “manly quality and sharp good looks.”

For the role of Son of God, readers came up with some truly stunning ideas, to say the least: Alex Trebek, of “Jeopardy,” and Bob Saget, the comedian whose show “America’s Funniest Home Videos.” But my favorite nominee for Jesus came from a woman who said, “Billy Crystal would be a good Jesus because he puede walko personally, but he has a terrific actor, capable of convincing viewers of his saintly nature that he is both a middle-aged man and a saint.” Whatever his personal beliefs, he would diligently research faith and spirituality and then portray them accurately. “As Joseph, Dustin Hoffman, in a variation of roles — from the confused young builder of the stable to the wise adult in “Rain Man” to an old man in “Death of a Patentman” — he has displayed an ability to go to the heart of his character. He would do just as St. Joseph. “As Mary, Meryl Streep. If the Blessed Mother is the main character of the film, then you should make sure you get the best around that that’s Streep. She’s the right age with the right look with that uncanny ability to become the person she is portraying. Who will really get the role? That is still to be decided by the producers, but I bet they won’t have as much fun making their choices as we did. Thanks to all who sent in their suggestions.”

WINNING WITHOUT GUNS?
The rising phenomenon of non-violent protest is struggling for the first time in People Power on P.O.V. September 11 at 10 p.m. (ET; check local listings) on PBS. Filmmakeritan Zw was with the Israeli Army in 1973, examines dramatic examples in Chile, the West Bank and the Philippines.

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Broward Parish Social Ministry meet

"Broward Families. . . Blessed and Broken" The second annual Parish Social Ministry Conference in Broward will be held at Resurrection Church in Davie, (behind Davia Jail-Alas) on Saturday, Oct. 30, 1990, 9 to 1:30. The conference will focus on the trends and social issues families of the 90's will be facing. How do we as a Catholic commu-

ity respond to the challenges?

The Archbishop will give the opening address; Prank and Rosemary McGarry will speak on "Families of the 90's," Mary Carter Warren will present the Gospel Response to the challenge, John Reininger focuses on Dependency and Co-dependency issues and Norben Duda presents "Communal Parishes in Those Who Care." Cost is $10, includes lunch. Please contact Lynda DePrima, Catholic Community Services, Broward Region, (522-2313) for more information/registration.

CCS offering food care programs

Catholic Community Services announces the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Child and Adult Care Food Program.

Meals will be available at no separate charge to enrolled eligible children at the centers listed below and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicap.

Parents/guardians of children eligible for a free and reduced price meal must complete an application with documentation of eligibility.

Name of Center: CCS Centro Hispano Catolico Day Care, 141 N.W. 27 Avenue, Ft. 33125; CCS Centro Master Neighborhood Center, 418 S.W. 4 Avenue, Ft. 33130; CCS Notre Dame Day Care & Neighborhood Ctr., 130 N.E. 62nd Street, Miami, Ft. 33138; CCS San Juan Day Care & Neighborhood CTR., 144 N.W. 26 Street, Miami, Ft. 33175; CCS Little Havana Child Care Program, 790 S.W. 1 St. Miami, Ft. 33130; CCS St. Luke's Day Care Center, 1290 N.W. 7 Street, Miami, Ft. 33125; CCS Good Shepherd Neighborhood Center, 1801 W. 97 Avenue, Perrine, Ft. 33057.

For income Eligibility Guidelines for School Year 1990-1991, contact one of the above.

Effective Oct. 1, Catholic Community Services will sponsor the USDA Child Care Food Program in day care centers.

Be sure to be available at no separate charge to enrolled eligible children at the homes and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicap.

Day care home providers who wish to enroll their children in the program in their home must complete a free and reduced price meal application.

Interested parents may obtain the names and locations of participating day care homes at the following address:

Catholic Community Services, Inc., 9401 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami Shores, Ft. 33138.

St. Rose offering Pre-Cana meets

Pre-Cana Conferences and meetings of a new support group are slated for October in St. Rose of Lima parish, Miami Shores.

Pre-Cana conferences, necessary for those planning marriage within the next six months, will be held Oct. 29 and Nov. 19.

Registration is being taken at the rectory, 418 NE 105 St. and those needing further information may call Mary Ann Nieves at 893-1496.

Those experiencing the loss of a loved one through death, drugs or alienation are invited to participate in meetings of a new support group which will meet on the first

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and third Thursdays of every month beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 4, Sister Dorothy Goodrich, IBVM, will be the facilitator for the sessions to which those caring for terminally ill persons or recovering from a major illness are also invited.

Dominican Retreat House schedule

New Life Retreat (Members of Al-Anon) Sept. 14-16
Silent/Contemplative Retreat Sept. 21-23 (Fr. Bill Sheehan)
General Retreat for Women Sept. 28-30

For further information, please call The Dominican Retreat House, (238-2711)

Hollywood Widow-ers meet

The Catholic Widow-ers Club of Hollywood, will have it's Crazy Hat Night, at the monthly meeting Sept. 7, at 7:30 p.m. Meeting place is at the Rotary Club, 2349 Taylor Street, Hollywood, FL. Live music and dancing and refreshments. Get your Hats and have fun. Guests $5.

For further information, please call Lee at 922-5114 or Jim Dwyer at 923-4096.

Fine arts display at St. Louis

Following the Catholic Church's tradition of supporting the fine arts, an Exhibition of paintings and sculptures created by the parishioners of St. Louis, will be open to the public.

The exhibition will take place in the new facilities of the Parish of Saint Louis on Friday, Sep. 14 from 7 to 10 p.m. The events will be followed by a recital, with Opera Singer Maria Hernandez. The Exhibition will continue through Oct. 7.

St. Gregory's garage sale Sept. 15

Colossal GARAGE SALE, will be held by St. Gregory's Saturday, Sept. 15, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., 4720 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation, east of tumpike overpass, west of 441. Household items, bric-a-brac, clothes, items galore.

Pilgrimage to St. Augustine Oct. 12-13

The public is invited to participate in the 8th Annual Pilgrimage to Our Lady of La Leche Shrine at St. Augustine on Oct. 12-13. Information and reservations may be obtained for bus and hotel by calling St. Basil Catholic Church at 651-0991.

Bon Secours Annual Retreat set

The Bon Secours Associate Community Annual Retreat will be held Sept. 28-30, 1990, at the Bon Secours Spiritual Center Maristoville, Md. The theme of the week-end experience is "Christ in Our Baptismal Call Within a faith community."

The retreat will be directed by Peter Foley, a consultant in contemporary personal and corporate spirituality, with an extensive background in spiritual counseling.

Scheduled for an evening performance is Ed Savdener, who holds a Master's Degree in Theology from Notre Dame, and is known for telling stories from the Scriptures with a comic twist.

The Associate Community of Bon Secours was formed to broaden the scope of the lay's participation within Bon Secours and the Church. Associate Community membership is open to men and women, married or single, religious or clergy, of any denomination, who feel called to share the mission of the Sisters of Bon Secours. Sister Rose Marie Jazinski serves as associate Director.

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Workshops on marriage...

...Enhance the relationship of the couple and their families

By Jane Wolford Hughes
Catholic News Service

It seems consistent with the vows taken in the sacrament of marriage that a Christian couple should be able to expect comfort, understanding and direction from the church as they enter marriage and go through their married lives.

Recently I came into contact with two creative programs for couples, one in the Diocese of Venice, Fla., the other in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

My husband and I met Karen after Mass one Saturday evening in Fort Meyers, Fla. She was an acquaintance of our friend, Anne. I didn’t expect more than a few moments of the usual pleasantries. However, she took precise aim at me and said, “I understand you are in a second marriage. I need advice, can we talk?”

My husband moved into the silence and suggested that I call her Monday morning, once we were settled. She agreed.

I was grateful for the compromise. Despite my desire for vacation, my heart responded to the hurt hidden behind her cool words. She needed help.

Monday, before I called Karen, I had the good fortune to speak with Mimi and Terry Reilly. They co-host an all-day workshop for people entering second marriages in the Diocese of Venice, Fla.

The biannual conferences serve between 15 and 20 couples each time. They include widows and widowers and people whose former marriages were annulled.

The program, in its third year, is sponsored by the diocese’s Pastoral Ministries Department. Mrs. Reilly is its director.

A nine-person team offers presentations on attitudes, communication, sexuality and spirituality.

Many couples are the presenters, except for the session on the sacrament of marriage, which a priest gives. Each session includes time for one-on-one communication.

Karen’s conversation centered on her relationship with her future husband Fred’s three children, two teenagers and a 5-year-old girl.

The little girl was loving but the teens were belligerent, she told me. Part of Karen’s suffering was unspoken, as seen when I reminded her that she did not acknowledge their resentment.

He kept saying, “They’ll get over it.” She saw them as circling like gulls ready to strike at any movement. I admitted that second marriages could be risky, especially if people are not sensitive to each other’s “historical past.”

This is the Reillys’ term for the dangerous mentality of “But we always did it that way.” It has been my experience that there must be enormous good will and generous giving by everyone involved, including law and friends.

I strongly recommended that Karen and Fred attend the Venice workshop. They did and later Karen told me that it was “down-to-earth, not preachy and spiritually supportive.” Karen added that following the workshop they were better able to talk about everything, especially the kids.

In the Detroit Archdiocese, married couples can benefit from a program in which several parishes act as a catalyst in making counseling services available to parishioners through an independent group of counselors and psychiatric.

Though not part of the diocesan structure, the group works side by side with diocesan programs.

Parishes place notices about the counseling service in the parish paper, make referrals and provide space for the meetings with counselors. In some cases the parish supplements the fee paid by the couple or individual.

In the program, dedicated lay persons work closely with priests and lay pastoral staffs so that professional guidance and the compassion of the church can be made available to help couples grow in healthy, loving, Christian relationships.

(Mrs. Hughes is a religious educator and free-lance writer.)

Scriptures

Emotional Turning Points

By Father John J. Castillot
NC News Service

Rebeccah was the mother of Jacob, one of the patriarchs of Israel. She must have shed copious tears when Jacob left to find a wife among his blood relatives in Haran. But he would be back.

Jacob, too, must have felt the separation difficult—bewildering, in fact. Who would tell him what to do or which of his cousins to choose as his wife? He would have to decide for himself, and that was scary.

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Facing the prospect of adult responsibilities can be frightening.

Jacob is a case in point. Rebeccah had long kept him tied to her apron strings. She was determined that he would inherit the rights of the firstborn, even though his twin brother Esau was the older of the two. Rebeccah had devised an ingenious scheme to hoodwink their father, tricking him on his deathbed into conferring the coveted blessings on Jacob.

But back to Jacob’s journey to Haran in search of a wife. Once there he chose Rachel, daughter of his uncle, Laban. But Laban was even more of a trickster than he was.

Laban substituted his older, less favored daughter for
Coping with marriage's pressure points

By H. Richard McCord
Catholic News Service

When a couple stands before family and friends to pledge love "in good times and in bad," do you ever wonder if they have the vaguest notion what that might mean for their marriage?

It probably is unrealistic to expect it. You might hope, however, that they acknowledge two things:

1. Their wedding marks the beginning of a faith journey known as marriage.
2. They cannot make this journey without the help of God and other people.

It is becoming more common to describe marriage as a journey. The metaphor has religious significance.

Recall Abraham's journey to an unknown land, the Hebrews fleeing Egypt, Jesus going up to Jerusalem. Such journeys are mixed with joy and sorrow and include smooth travel and turbulence.

When one enters marriage as if embarking on a journey, the good and bad times can be understood in a new light.

Rather than unconnected events, they become stages on a single journey.

The journey's pressure points can be accepted as invitations to growth.

Journeys require assistance from others. Marriage is no exception.

The sacrament of marriage confers grace upon a couple; the Lord promises to be present at all stages.

However, the couple must open themselves to God's power and to the healing available through the church's ministries.

Couples who interpret marriage as a journey seek help not just on the verge of a breakdown but in ordinary times, too, when pressure invites growth.

When couples turn to the church, what do they require?

A ministerial team in Pittsburgh heard these requests:

"Get to know who we are and how we live." "Ask us what families are for." "Support our growth through education, small groups and support programs.

A family-life specialist in Miami finds that people want models of others who have successfully negotiated a life passage like raising teen-agers. Also, couples seek information to help prepare for changes in their marriages and families.

An Omaha woman who works with families reports that couples want "company on the journey." They want to discuss their ordinary triumphs and defeats with other couples in groups.

With the help of these others, they can view an experience through the eyes of faith.

When do couples look to the church for education, support groups or other resources? Many instances are child-related.

The birth of a first child causes a couple to adjust expectations. When a child enters adolescence, the couple may be stirred to examine family communication and values.

And living with the older generation can place just as much pressure on a marriage. In the later years decisions about the care of elderly parents become critical.

Other marriage pressure points are associated with employment or the lack of it. A wife returns to, or leaves, the work force. A husband is transferred or decides to pursue another career.

When both spouses are employed, there are continuing concerns about child care and sharing household responsibilities.

A couple's adjustment to the inevitable "empty nest" is another pressure point. Increasingly couples also are confronted with adult children returning to live at home.

In these seemingly normal times of stress, couples say they struggle with issues like time, money, values, communication and spirituality that underlie the decisions they feel called upon to make.

Here is where the grace of marriage touches a couple. This grace can come through a church which ministers to the whole of a marriage. Parish and diocesan programs are an example.

Frequently offered are programs such as Parent Effectiveness Training. There also are focus groups dealing with issues like sexuality and substance abuse.

Parishes conduct retreats for special groups like at-home mothers or retired couples. In a few Texas parishes the baptismal preparation program connects a young couple with an older "sponsee couple" who help them understand the adjustment precipitated by the birth of a first child.

Dioceses sponsor renewal weekends for the newly married or single parents. Several dioceses use the REFOCUS Program which provides material that couples use by themselves or in groups to stimulate growth in areas like communication and compatibility.

An Illinois diocese offers programs on strengthening step-families and coping with stress in two-wage earner families. In a largely Hispanic diocese weekend retreats place children in supervised groups, allowing parents to participate in education and prayer.

There are groups and lay movements whose apostolate nurtures marriages. The Christian Family Movement and the Teams of Our Lady create ongoing groups of couples for prayer, learning and action. Marriage Encounter and Marriage Retrorno weekends help couples develop habits of dialogue and a common prayer life.

Retrouvaille offers a weekend and follow-up program to those experiencing a serious breakdown in their marriage. The Mariannist order has retreat houses specializing in programs for families.

In addition to all these efforts, there is the prevailing sensitivity parish leaders demonstrate toward the realities of marriage and family life. This is known as adopting a "family perspective." It is often the best evidence that the church is serious about nurturing married couples at the pressure points on their journey.

(Richard is associate director of the U.S. bishops' Secretariat for Laity and Family Life.)

Rachel on the wedding night and then made Jacob work for an extra seven years for the hand of Rachel. This started an ongoing battle of wits which challenged Jacob's ingenuity and forced him to stand on his own two feet. Growing up was hard to do, but it had to be done.

A personal transition of a different sort was faced centuries later by Peter in the first days of the church.

It happened that the complexity of the church communities was changing. They were no longer made up exclusively of Jewish Christians. More and more gentiles were among them.

Peter himself had been prompted by the Spirit to baptize a gentile — the Roman centurion Cornelius — and his household. But this didn't happen without an emotional struggle. Peter fought the Spirit's suggestion. It ran sharply counter to his ingrained convictions. Even

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after he gave in he had to endure the shock and reaction of the community in Jerusalem.

When the issue was officially settled, Peter went up to Antioch where there were very mixed communities of

Jewish Christians and gentile Christians. Secure in the decision that had been made, Peter accepted dinner invitations from gentile Christians quite happily. But then some Jewish Christians from Jerusalem arrived on the scene and Peter was in turmoil. They didn't understand eating with gentile Christians. And at first Peter dodged the problem by refusing to eat with the gentiles.

But this only made matters worse. For then Peter had to endure criticism from Paul.

As you can see, the process of making a transition in life is not only an intellectual one. Often it is an excruciatingly emotional one as well.
News reporter hears God's call to become a nun

JOINTOWN, Pa. (CNS) — Mary Parks, a local Jointown television reporter known to thousands of people in west-central Pennsylvania, is leaving for a new assignment — with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden, Pa.

"For a long time I couldn't figure out what was bothering me most when I was covering various news stories," Ms. Parks told The Catholic Register, newspaper of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

"And then the realization came that within Christianity there is often a failure to see everyone as a child of God," said the reporter, who planned to quit WJAC-TV Channel 6.

Those feelings led the 39-year-old journalist to look into joining a religious order dedicated to works of social justice. Ms. Parks said she found what she wanted in the Sisters of St. Joseph.

"These are really good women," she said. The Sisters of St. Joseph have a real commitment to the poor; they're not just passing lip service to an idea of these.

She said the community staffs parochial schools in poor neighborhoods of Pittsburgh, provides counseling to victims of domestic violence and runs a mission in the rain forest of Brazil.

"People don't see poverty in their own communities," she said, looking back at her 10 years of reporting for Channel 6. "They can see it and identify it when they're shown pictures of Africa and India, but they don't see it at home. It's a different kind of poverty locally, but it exists."

Ms. Parks anticipated being able to live her faith "more intensely" as a member of the St. Joseph community.

A 1973 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Ms. Parks said that religious life is something that she had often thought about, and "in the last 10 years it's been a idea that I've thought of more regularly."

Ms. Parks said the lifestyle of the Sisters of St. Joseph is one she will find compatible with her own.

"I'm a single woman and a practicing Catholic," she said, "and I've always tried to live my life by the commandments — all of them — not picking and choosing the ones I want to follow. There will be some lifestyle changes, but it's not going to be all that drastic."

Obedience, she said, is the vow that, perhaps, will give her the most trouble.

"I've been independent for so long," she said. "Of course, I know that obedience in the convent isn't like what it was in the old days. I think obedience means doing your best to discover God's will for you and then doing it, but when you're going to be part of a group that has its own interpretation of what the will of God is, you have to learn to work within the confines of that group."

For a few months, Ms. Parks will work in a summer ministry program with prisoners at the Allegheny County (Pa.) Jail. In the fall, she will work in a day care program at Mount Gallitzin Academy in Baden, and may also teach in a Catholic high school.

In 1977 she taught English for a semester at Johnstown's Bishop McCort High School. Someday, she said, she hopes as a Sister of St. Joseph to be able to work in the communications field again.

"Jesus used every means available to him to spread the word," she said, "sending his disciples out on foot. That was the best means for those times. If Jesus came today, I wonder if he would be using television? That's a great way to reach people who haven't gotten the word yet."

Since announcing her plans in May, Ms. Parks has received attention of the news media. For the veteran journalist, being interviewed is odd.

"I just keep saying to myself, 'Mary, think of all the people you made sweat for the past 10 years,'" she said. "This is my just reward."

Lazio

ALL THE BEST OF ITALY IN ONE SPLENDID REGION

EVERYONE knows that Rome in unique: The capital's artistic heritage and the Eternal City is unsurpassed. But few are aware that this extraordinary capital has an equally extraordinary hinterland. Lazio, or Latium, the region surrounding Rome, has been doubly endowed, by nature and by destiny. Of the twenty regions of Italy, a country famous for the beauty and diversity of its landscape, Lazio offers the widest range of natural settings. Stretching from the Appenine Mountains to the Tyrrhenian Sea, the area is a microcosm of the natural wonders of all Italy, and thousands of years of history have imbued Rome's region with the aura of legendary heroes, ancient peoples, powerful emperors, prelates and popes.

Within an area smaller than the state of New Jersey, Lazio enjoys the contrast of perennially snow-capped mountains and a balmy Mediterranean shore. Between the ski slopes of the 7,258-foot-high Monti Terminillo and the region's seaside resorts, lies a richly varied nature to which volcanic upheavals at the dawn of time contributed the many crater lakes that nestle among wooded hills around Rome and Viterbo. High above Lazio's capital is the level of the lake-like oases, boom the palace and church of Castel Gandolfo, a delightful hilltown that for centuries has been the summer residence of the pope. Lazio's sea-coast, dotted with venerable castles and watchtowers, extends from the Tuscan border southward to the beautiful Bay of Gaeta that straddles the border between Lazio and the Campania region. And across the bay's intensely blue waters lies Lazio's five-island paradise, the Pontine Archipelago, which is a haven for scuba divers.

Home to the ancient Romans as well as to other peoples whose civilizations predate the rise of Rome, Lazio abounds in major archaeological sites. They include the impressive Etruscan burial grounds at Cerveteri and Tarquinia, where many of the most celebrated works of Etruscan art were discovered. Among the region's spectacular Roman remains are the emperor Hadrian's