Jailed as 'subversives' in Ecuador

As the 37 archbishops, bishops, and other Church officials sat in a quiet mountain retreat house in Ecuador discussing how the Church could assist the poor, the doors suddenly were flung open and 50 gun-wielding secret police rushed in screaming "Get in the bus. Get in the bus."

Passing through Miami Saturday night, additional details of a strange Ecuadorian episode were revealed by Auxiliary Bishop Robert Sanchez of Santa Fe

Archbishop Sanchez was one of 53 hostages accused of plotting "Marxist subversion," and jailed for 28 hours in an army barracks. The prelates had been attending an Inter-American meeting of Bishops in Riobamba, 112 miles from Quito, the capital. The secret police arrested the prelates, nuns, the cooks, and a few young boys on retum.

"They (the secret police) told us to shut up and not commented Bishop Patricio Flores of San Antonio, Tex., at the Miami International Airport interview.

The prelates from Latin America and the United States took a "Christlike stand" while in jail for 28 hours, said Father Edgar Beltran, a native of Colombia who works for the U.S. Catholic Conference, also arrested.

They insisted on being released together with the rest of the 53 persons arrested and were willing to stay in jail as long as it took to negotiate the return to freedom of several Ecuadorians, including Bishop Leonidas Proano of Riobamba, Father Beltran continued. The prelates were refused food except for a cup of coffee and slept on the bare floor in their cell at the San Gregorio police headquarters, Father Beltran added.

The arrest and detention on charges of subversion have been denounced by a number of Catholic agencies and bishops at the meeting who denied that anything subversive was going on.

The four U.S. bishops involved were Archbishop Robert Sanchez, and Bishops Patricio Flores, Juan Arzube, auxiliary of Los Angeles, and Gilbert Chavez of Los Angeles. Also in the U.S. group were Father Beltran and Paul Sedillo, both of the U.S. Catholic Conference.

Among the detainees were 31 other foreigners and 20 Ecuadorians. Originally the government announced the intention of holding the Ecuadorians "until an opportunity for dialogue would come." The united stand by all the bishops resulted in their joint release.

Among the foreign bishops was Archbishop Vicente Zaspe of Santa Fe, Argentina, vice chairman of the Argentine Bishops' Conference. From Chile were Bishop Carlos Gonzalez of Talca, Bishop Fernando Ariztia of Copiapo, and Bishop Enrique Alvear, auxiliary of Santiago, a close aide of Cardinal Raul Silva. From Brazil were Bishops Antonio Batista Fraguoso of Crateus and Candido Padim of

Bishops' Synod official visits Polish here

From being in an icy, snow-covered Siberian concentration camp for two years during World War II, to visiting the Polish community in palm-lined Miami this week as the guest of Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, is a vast contrast of experiences for Bishop Wladyslaw Rubin of Poland.

But, Bishop Rubin is comfortable with contrasts or moving around and Miami was certainly a pleasant experience for him.

For Bishop Rubin, persecution has often been a companion. He was taken prisoner in 1940 by the Russians after being conscripted into the Polish army and sent to Siberia. There were many young Poles in similar situations during those days.

He spent two years at hard labor cutting trees. He was released in 1942 when the Polish government, realize an agreement with the Russian government and the two forces were combined and assigned to the Middle East under a British command.

About one and a half million Poles had been deported to Siberia and were then dispersed to many different countries. About 10,000 arrived in Beirut, Lebanon, and it was there that the young Pole entered the seminary and later was ordained a priest in 1946.

He was sent to Rome to study Canon Law at the Gregorian Institute and after getting his degree went to Italy to assist Archbishop Jozef Felix Gawlina who was then responsible for Polish immigrants throughout the world.

Returning to Poland briefly in 1958, he was recalled to Rome in 1959 where he served as rector of the Polish College. Upon the death of Archbishop Gawlina in 1964, Father Rubin was named to minister to Poles abroad and was consecrated a bishop.

He was named General Secretary for the World Synod of Bishops in 1967.

Bishop Rubin was one of 18 Polish bishops visiting different communities in the United States following the Eucharistic Congress.

The visits are designed as a combined expression of friendship and gratitude from Poles to their American counterparts, who, particularly since World War II, have been generous in their support of Poland and the Catholic Church in that country.

"MIAIM is a special community of Poles among Polish communities throughout the world," observed Bishop Rubin in an interview with The Voice.

While the Miami community has an older population it still wants to share links between itself, some kind of manifestation of their unity. What is noteworthy in that nine out of 10 Poles want to have
Sister who served in Florida
21 years returning to Ireland

An Irish-born Sister of Mercy who has been associated with the education apostolate in the South Florida area for the past 21 years is returning to the motherhouse of her order in Enniskillen for a new assignment.

Sister Mary Francesca Cullen, recently elected a counselor during a general chapter of the Motherhouse of Mercy of Enniskillen, leaves Monday for her new assignment which will also include viewing the faculty of a high school staffed by her order in Northern Ireland.

On Sunday, Aug. 22, she will be honored during a reception following the noon Mass in St. Paul the Apostle Church, Pompano Beach, where she has been director of the Religious Education Programs.

A GRADUATE of the National University of Ireland in Dublin in 1945, Sister took her vows with her order in Northern Ireland.

In 1955 she came to the United States and arrived in

Biscayne College to begin three new programs in Fall

Enrollment is expected to reach almost 2,000 this year at Biscayne College where classes begin on Monday, Aug. 30, after registration an orientation program for incoming freshmen.

Between 600 and 800 students will be enrolled at the North Dade College’s Bilingual Institute at 750 NW 27th Ave. Two new study programs and the institution of a University Without Walls have been announced. Both study programs lead to a master’s degree in human resources, one with a major in social work and the other with a major in marital, family and child therapy.

The “University Without Walls” is designed for adult students who are employed full time and for various reasons cannot pursue higher education in a classroom setting but are, in the opinion of Biscayne officials, strong enough to stand the rigors of independent studies.

Dr. Lorenzo Battle, III, heads the new program in which students may enroll after they have earned an associate degree in a field related to their employment. With a teacher assigned to them, they arrange a learning contract outlining the work they must do, the method in which they will do it, and the testing modes which will be employed. The program is similar in concept to the tutorial method of education and has a staff of 27.

A fully accredited four-year institution, Biscayne College is co-educational and administered by the Augustinian Fathers of Villanova, Pa. Undergraduate degrees are offered in business, education, humanities, physical science, social science, sports administration, public administration and criminal justice. A graduate degree is offered in human resources.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Admissions at 823-6304 or by visiting the campus at 16400 NW 32 Ave.

1,700 students enrolled at Barry College for Fall

Some 1,700 students will be enrolled when classes begin at Barry College, Miami Shores, on Monday, Aug. 30.

A new Masters of Business Administration program and a new Pre-Law undergraduate major will be inaugurated this year at the college founded in 1940.

Included in this year’s enrollment will be 300 new students, 550 graduate students, and 850 returning undergraduates.

Freshman orientation week begins Wednesday, Aug. 25.

In commemoration of the nation’s bicentennial, a family tuition reduction plan goes into effect this year at Barry, Sister M. Trinidad, O.P., president, has announced.

A family having more than one student enrolled pays full tuition for the first, receives a $500 reduction per year for the second and, a $1,000 per year reduction for the third, and a $1,500 per year reduction for the fourth.

Applications for the reductions must be filed in writing at the college financial aid office.

Primary objective of the new coeducational program for a Master of Business Administration degree is to provide men and women with a broad professional education that will prepare them for important management positions in business and other related professions.

Students with adequate preparation can earn the degree by completing 45 graduate credits. Applicants lacking courses in accounting, economics, and statistics will be required to complete these prerequisites prior to formal admission.

Part-time students can complete the program in two years. Evenings courses begin Oct. 4 and Winter sessions begin Jan. 3, 1977. Admission to the college is open to those holding bachelor’s degrees from accredited colleges and universities.

UF grants increase to CSB in Collier Co.

NAPLES—The Catholic Service Bureau of Collier County has been granted a 24 per cent budget increase for 1977 which will grant the agency $19,350, an increase of $3,700 in the amount allocated for 1976.

Edward F. Venn, for 15 years budget director for the United Fund, commented on the Catholic Service Bureau allocation, the amount they requested, pointing out the scope of the bureau’s operations is expanding.

“The agency is doing a very fine job and the board is quite sympathetic to the bureau’s needs,” he said. “Actually the UF contributions make up the smaller portion of the bureau’s operating monies. The larger portion comes from the Archdiocese of Miami.”

The Catholic Service Bureau, one of 15 agencies operated by the Archdiocesan Catholic Service Bureau, is a non-denominational agency rendering social services to all persons regardless of race or creed.

Father of priest dies in Ireland

The Funeral Liturgy was celebrated in County Limerick, Ireland, for Timothy Hannon, whose son is a priest of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Father Timothy Hannon, pastor, St. Malachy parish, Tamarac, was the celebrant of the Mass for his father who died following a heart attack on Aug. 9 at the age of 71. He was a retired farmer.

Mr. Hannon is also survived by his wife and seven other children, all in Ireland.
What should be the objectives of the Church in forming Christ-like communities today?

"It seems to me there are three main objectives," Archbishop McCarthy said. "The first of these," the Archbishop said, "is that all the members of the group be one in the Faith—and when I say Faith, I mean acceptance of the Word—especially as Jesus as the Lord and depending upon him and of accepting the teachings of the Gospel."

"It means accepting a whole way of life, a philosophy of life, the values of life. Added to this whole formation in grace is one of the objectives of the Church—creating this mentality of an acceptance of Jesus."

"The second thing we are trying to accomplish in the Church is to create a people of prayer who are responding to the message of the Word. First of all, they are doing this by praising God and, I think, that is done through prayer, especially the Eucharistic prayer."

"Also, we are turning to prayer in order to see the help we have to get in order to live this life which is beyond human life. And therefore, we return to the nourishment of the Sacraments. We return to communication, because I believe that is the second big element in prayer and grace in which we try to grow, so that we may augment our membership in the Church."

"Finally, I would say that we are directing our lives to this developing in love. Christ said, you know, this is a way of following Me—through love. Scripture repeats this same message frequently, especially in the words of the Prophets. We must take this commandment of love to heart—this I think is the third thrust the Church has to make in order to create a sense of helping each other so we may grow in a real, genuine sense."

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If we genuinely love, we are going to be just, we are going to be honest, we are going to be chaste, we are going to be sensitive about all of the other virtues. That, to me, sums it up.

Perhaps one other element is that in the Church we have to be apostolic. We cannot be selfish about what is our membership in the Body of Christ means to us—we must share it, and if we are going to share this, it means we must be both missionary and apostolic."

What was Archbishop McCarthy's reaction when asked to move from Phoenix to Miami?

"It was a mixed reaction," he said. "Of course I recognize this as an honor and a recognition to be asked to join the people of Miami, a much larger diocese. But at the same time I have really grown to love the people of Phoenix."

"Seven years ago, I went there a total stranger. At the time it was a strange feeling—a little bit like dying—because you are totally alone, leaving everyone you know behind and going 2,000 miles to a new place. It is a bit like dying and starting another life."

"But in those seven years I have come to love the priests, Religious, and laity so much. When you go into a situation like that, you try to minister in Christ. Your love becomes, I think, your people and in return, as you live with them, you experience their love and cooperation in return—from your own personal dimension you form an attachment, you become part of them."

"On the other hand, I have had another feeling since then. Here, I have been asked to serve so closely with Archbishop Carroll who has done such tremendous work in organizing the Archdiocese of Miami. We both have had the experiences of starting new dioceses. In a sense, the diocese here is probably 10 or 15 years behind Phoenix. One of the reasons, of course, is that population and Phoenix is still growing rapidly."

"It seems to me this presents a great opportunity to witness—an example of witness that needs to be shown today. It presents the opportunity to live a new spirit in an age of witness and harmony.

"I think this new spirit is going to reach out to families: husbands and wives working together, parents and children, various organizations and ethnic groups, and society at large working together."

**Pope says today's task is 'building up of the Church'**

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**PHILADELPHIA**

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Pope: If you want peace protect life

VATICAN CITY—(NC)—Pope Paul VI has chosen a strong pro-life theme for the 50th World Day of Peace celebration, in part to remind people that abortion can lead to "chain reaction extermination," the Vatican said.

In announcing the peace day theme—"If you want peace, defend life"—Vatican officials said that the slogan for the Jan. 1, 1977, celebration shows Pope Paul's concern over war, world hunger, and political torture and imprisonment as well as abortion.

Pope Paul established the Jan. 1 World Day of Peace in 1966. According to the vice president of the Pontifical Commission for Justice and Peace, Archbishop Bernardin Gantin, the quest for peace and the fight against abortion are intricately related.

"To be in favor of abortion and against war is a contradiction," the archbishop declared. "But to be against abortion and to condone or promote war is likewise contradictory.

"Without refusing to recognize the great problems raised by the repeated call for respect for life, the upcoming theme is a reminder of the incalculable risk of chain reaction extermination inherent in forgetting that life has a sacred character," the prelate said.

Archbishop Gantin added that the common horror of forgetting life's sacredness are "death camps, genetic experimentation, euthanasia, and all forms of discrimination.

Strong opposition to war is also sensed in the theme, the archbishop said, since "if war is another name for death, then life is another name for peace.

Regarding peace day and world hunger, the archbishop said that some aspects of the problem such as the political and cultural, are being dealt with by the world. "But isn't it time to spotlight the great slaughter of human life brought about by famine, malnutrition and thirst?" he asked.

To defend life means to struggle as well against men who "wound, diminish or dishonor life," the prelate continued.

Both the Second Vatican Council and Pope Paul VI have denounced with special vigor torture under all its forms, while the same reprimand has been given to the numerous countries relying on prisons to govern, and especially those relying on psychiatric hospitals and on practices designed to cause psychic breakdowns in individuals," according to the archbishop.

The 54-year-old prelate from Dahomey ended by saying that the 1977 theme does not only urge defense of life. "It invites us to heal life, to prolong it and to make it better."

The World Day of Peace, celebrated on New Year's Day, takes various forms in different lands. Some Vatican officials have expressed concern that the day is given little notice in the United States. Each year a special liturgy is drawn up which can be used in place of the regular Jan. 1 liturgy.

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A home away from home

St. Vincent Hall for unwed mothers, another Archdiocesan institution which is supported by volunteer contributions to the Archbishop's Charities Drive, is a residence for unmarried mothers-to-be. Sister Therese Mary Haggerty, of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, is director.

The residence serves the entire state of Florida and also accepts applications from other parts of the country.

Pre-natal care as well as other services related to the physical, emotional and spiritual care of the pregnant young woman and her child are provided. Medical care and delivery at nearby Mercy Hospital are under the supervision of Dr. Ben Sheppard, M.D., associate director of the Catholic Service Bureau.

Physical exercise is necessary for the well-being of the mothers-to-be shown in the spacious patio of St. Vincent Hall which can accommodate 18 girls. Adoptive services are available to the young women if they wish to place their babies for adoption, and a full program of counseling before and after delivery is provided.

Social worker, Mrs. Joan Brady, left, welcomes an expectant mother to St. Vincent Hall located adjacent to Miami's Mercy Hospital in the southwest section. The residence provides privacy for the unwed mothers who may also continue their studies at special classes held on the grounds.

Outdoor play with Tweedie, one of two dogs at the residence, is a familiar sight at St. Vincent. At left, Sister Oona, R.S.H.M. talks with a resident who enjoys crocheting.

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Can Ecuador increase unity?

By Msgr. James Walsh

For the first time in nearly two hundred years a bishop has been suspended by a pope from all of his priestly and episcopal functions. As this is being written, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre has not backed down from his firm stand. He said last month: "We refuse to follow a Rome with the neo-modernist and neo-Protestant tendencies clearly manifested in the Second Vatican Council. All these reforms have contributed...to the demolition of the Church, the ruin of the priesthood." The traditionalist archbishop had been warned many times and exhorted personally by Pope Paul to give up his stubborn views and put on the mind of the Church. The constitution he was rejecting had been almost unanimously accepted by the bishops of the world on Dec. 4, 1964. He refused to listen. When he defied the direct order of Pope Paul not to attempt to ordain 13 priests and 13 subdecons, suspension followed. If he ignores the terms of suspension, excommunication will follow.

In recognizing only the Latin Mass, the Archbishop disregarded fully what Pope Paul had explained eight years ago. (Page 61 Miami, Florida I THE VOICE I Friday, August 20, 1973)

Is the Latin Mass totally out?

(Question will be answered by Father Jose V. Tagle, director, The Voice, P.O. Box 38-1059, Miami, 33138. From these questions will be selected those to be answered in this column.)

"It should not be forgotten that the Latin language must be used all at the service of the pastoral care of souls and not (fused) for its own sake. And we say this because there are those who, being exaggerated venerators of the antique, or for a certain empty search for the beautiful or being contrary by reason of prejudiced opinion to every change, have spoken sharp words because of the recent changes brought about. In this field, too, the supreme law is the renovation of souls." The archbishop is an elderly man, retired for several years, a man who has lived a long post of Dakar, Senegal. One wonders how, after so many years of service, he can start a little schism of his own. Karl Rahner defined Latin as "the language of ecclesiastical unity." It occurs when a baptized person refuses to be subject to the pope. It's an ancient story of course, both schism and heresy, known even to the apostles as they laid the foundations of the Church far from Jerusalem.

But perhaps the strangest record in the history books is not the list of men who con- sidered their own authority superior to the popes but who actually claimed the papal office for themselves. I think that the weekly newspaper, The Wanderer, has definitely helped the cause of unity by urging very conservative minded Catholics, who are sympathetic to the archbishop's position on the Latin Mass, to understand the problems involved in this suspension. The paper warned that to reject "magisterial authority in the name of tradition is no less erroneous than to reject it in the name of theological modernism." It defended the right of the Pope to replace the Tridentine Latin Mass Order. It pointed out accurately also that the Tridentine Mass was as much an innovation in its time, and involved as much as a use of the Pope's legislative power than as does the introduction of the New Order today.

THERE are still more than a few Catholics who condemn the Vatican Council without ever having read its documents or known its purpose. Although much of it has been implemented in the past 11 years, they still keep their eyes closed in hopes it will go away.

The Wanderer stated: "Either the council's teachings are erroneous or they are not. Once one examines the actual documents of the council, neither the Latin Mass nor the Tridentine Order, the "vague and second hand ideas of what they contain, there is simply no way to get around the riches of dogmatic teaching for which Vatican Council II is responsible." Let's hope and pray the archbishop rediscovers those riches, then returns to his spiritual home.
their confessions heard in Polish so that the unity of being Polish is relevant regardless of age."

Are Polish people losing their identity once they move to another country?

"Until our people have time to integrate into local society," answers Bishop Rubin, "it is important that opportunities be provided for Poles to worship in a manner they are familiar with. Our faith and our culture are strictly intertwined. Our national life and faith is so connected that if you try to separate either during the first or second generation of immigrants, you stand a good chance of the person losing faith."

Archbishop Carroll, who also shared in the interview, noted that this is also very important with other groups of immigrants and the mistake is sometimes made in attempting to integrate too rapidly or not taking into account the culture of the person.

Bishop Rubin indicated that "Poles are slowly losing their ethnicity but it's natural and we look more at our religious life than at our ethnic background."

The Church in Poland is, obviously, different from the Church in America and is very evident in the nature of problems discussed by Bishop Rubin.

"The most difficult problem is to reach people via the mass media. There is no Catholic Press and anything to be printed must be given to the office of the censor. No one is permitted to use a memograph machine without official sanction. We also do not have any kind of Church bulletin so everything is dependent on announcements from the pulpit."

"When a communication is to be sent, it is typed several times and sent to all bishops in Poland. The bishops then type, by hand, additional copies for priests who then have additional hand-typed copies made for distribution and to be read from the pulpit."

"There is a real hunger for the printed word," the amiable bishop notes.

"There are many editions of the Bible approved by the censor and we have printed many new translations, especially of the New Testament. We recently published a new translation in Polish called "One Thousand Years of Christianity" and were allowed to print 100,000 copies in two editions. One of these is the difficult part of printing something approved by the censor is getting the paper to print on."

"Right now we need to print the Breviary. We have permission and the Catholic publishing houses in Poland to begin printing. But there is no paper in Poland for this. So, as an example, people who would like to help send, say, $50,000 to Rome and I would have 50 tons of paper purchased in Paris and have it sent to Poland for this purpose and we would have the Breviaries. There certainly is a real hunger for books."

"There is no shortage of religious articles like the Rosary but the Church is not involved with this in any way. There are two associations which have permission from the government to sell religious articles but they are business enterprises and not connected with the Church. There are no organizations of lay permit like those found in the United States."

"If communication and printing is so difficult, what method is used for teaching religion to children and adults?"

"We have catechetics but only in churches and not in schools. Every parish has a religion center which is often very difficult to have because much of the Church property was lost—convents, schools, hospitals, were taken over by the State. We are very poor with physical resources. But every parish has at least one center for religion. We take this need into consideration when building a church.

"To build a church you need permission from the government and then you need to wait. Now we have permission to build 160 churches in all of Poland but we have to wait, not because we don't have the money but because we can't get the materials."

"In State schools, the teaching is often against the Faith but, fortunately, we have good families and in our catechetical centers we have more than 90 per cent of the children. Now the government is trying to make things difficult by keeping the children in school all day. Things would be easier if we accepted recognition by the State of our centers as an official office. The State has attempted to pay all our teachers, but the need for freedom is so strong that anyone who accepts a salary from the government is put out of the Church. It is important that we reject any form of control by the State."

With the situation appearing so difficult for the Church in Poland, what is the effect on vocations?

"Every diocese has at least one seminary and now we have over 4,000 major seminarians. We have 20,000 priests and 33 million Catholics. Even with 20,000 priests in Poland and over 4,000 seminarians, this would certainly appear to be the situation."

Archbishop Carroll noted that the Church often grows stronger under persecution, when things aren't taken for granted. With 20,000 priests in Poland and over 4,000 seminarians, this would certainly appear to be the situation.

As General Secretary of the Synod of Bishops his office is busy preparing for the World Synod to be held in 1977. Information has been sent to all bishops to gather suggestions on problems and topics to be discussed. The result? Evangelization will be the primary topic.

"The Synod is very useful," Bishop Rubin said, "and there are some concrete results. Change is not immediate but it is slowly advance. We know the Holy Father gives close attention to the suggestions in the Synod."

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View of the Church in Poland

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Poland prepares for pilgrims

CZESTOCHOWA, Poland—Authorities are preparing for the annual influx of pilgrims who come to pay homage to Our Lady of Czestochowa, patroness of Poland, at her statue enshrined here.

The occasion is the feast of the Black Madonna Aug. 26, one of the greatest holy days in this heavily Catholic country.

More than 1.5 million pilgrims visit the shrine each year. They come not only from Poland, but from all over the world.

In its many years under Communism, Poland has seen a steady rise in pilgrimages to the famous shrine.

'Final act of charity'

Donation of one’s body upon death for an organ transplant or anatomical study is considered a “final act of charity” by the Church, a canon lawyer has said. Father John F. Kinney, chancellor of the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese” by the Church, a canon lawyer has said. Father John F. Kinney, chancellor of the St. Paul-Minneapolis archdiocese, said that “the gift of the the body to help other people is favorably looked upon as an act of neighborly love.” Interest in the subject of organ transplants has grown in recent years.

'Church in miniature'

The Christian family is a “Church in miniature,” Pope Paul VI said at a weekly general audience here. Speaking to a crowd of about 7,000, the Pope spoke of the role of the family in “the building up of the Church.” a theme that he has developed from various aspects in his weekly audiences this summer. The Christian husband and wife, he said, forms “domestic church...in which two share a single life, based on a sacramental origin which raises weak and fickle human love to the level of strong supernatural love...to create a society both lasting and exclusive. “This,” he continued, “is an element in the construction of the unique and universal Church which is the Mystical Body of Christ.”

Challenge to Catholics

Catholics whose faith extends no further than the altar rail were scored by a leading Dutch stateswoman at a wide-ranging discussion Aug. 2. It was announced then that he could not come for compelling “personal business” reasons. Law enforcement agencies are investigating the threats.

First birthday to mark Mother Seton as saint

HARRISBURG, Pa.—(NC)—The Seton Club here will hold the first birthday observance for St. Elizabeth Seton since her canonization in Rome last fall with a celebration at Our Lady’s Grotto at Mount St. Mary’s, Emmitsburg, Md., Aug. 28.

The day-long event will include an outdoor Mass at the Grotto and a Eucharistic Congress at Mount St. Mary’s, Emmitsburg, Md., Aug. 28.

Report death threats to Chavez

Labor leader Cesar Chavez cancelled an appearance at the 41st Eucharistic Congress because of threats against his life.

Legal aid meetings set

One of several community-wide meetings slated by Legal Services of Greater Miami to determine citizen response to proposed changes in services available for persons financially unable to retain an attorney will be held at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Aug. 23 at Corpus Christi parish hall.

Residents of Wynwood, Edison, Little River, and Liberty City are invited to participate in the meeting and to voice their opinions in proposed changes which include specialization in legal matters by Legal Services lawyers, a reduction in the number of offices and an increase in staff size at larger, regional centers.

2 more priests kidnapped, dead

LA RIOJA, Argentina—(NC)—Two priests were kidnapped and killed by unknown assailants at El Chalan, 100 miles from here, bringing to seven the total of priests murdered in Argentina since February.

While fear and indignation have been voiced by church sources over past killings, this time the diocesan chancery office was asked for prayers for the priests, Fathers Gabriel Lonville, 43 and Carlos Muriat, 30, and for “God’s forgiveness for those who planned and executed the killings.”

The military commander here, Col. Osvaldo Perez, said he was launching an investigation into the murders.

Death threats to priests, nuns

Priests and nuns in the Dominican Republic have been threatened with death for helping farmworkers secure a tract of land under new tenancy laws. One hired killer was arrested but then released by army authorities, according to documents filed here with the office of President Joaquin Balaguer by five priests from eastern towns.

Stricken Msgr. improving

Msgr. John P. Donnelly, 54, executive editor of the Inland Register in Spokane, Wash., who has been suffering from a viral pneumonia similar to "Legionnaire’s disease," was reported improving with his temperature back to normal in a Washington hospital.

As yet, there has been no official comment from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, where laboratory tests are underway, diagnosing Msgr. Donnelly’s illness as "Legionnaire’s disease." The investigation is continuing however, according to a spokesman for the Pennsylvania Health Department.

Msgr. Donnelly was hospitalized here Aug. 11, three days after leaving Philadelphia where he attended the 41st International Eucharistic Congress.

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LITTHGOW

No one turned away for lack of funds

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WASHINGTON—(NC)—The president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) said democratic presidential nominee Jimmy Carter’s position on abortion is still “inconsistent,” but he also praised Carter for distancing himself from the Democratic party’s platform plank opposing a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court’s abortion decisions.

The NCCB president, Archbishop Joseph Bernardin of Cincinnati, made his comments in response to a copyrighted interview with Carter by NC News Service. In the interview Carter restated his opposition to an amendment but said it was “inappropriate” for the platform to “insinuate” that people did not have the right to seek an amendment.

Carter also said that “abortion is wrong and that government ought not ever do anything to encourage abortion.”

Archbishop Bernardin also confirmed that Carter had been in contact with NCCB staff.

William Ryan, director of the National Catholic Office of Information, confirmed that Carter has spoken on the telephone with the NCCB general secretary, Bishop James Rausch.
'Gus' without a cuss:
another win for families

GUS (WALT DISNEY-B.V.), a good comedy for children about a mule who kicks field goals.

The California Atoms, a fictional member of the NFL, so inept that they would make the Houston Oilers of a few seasons ago look like the Green Bay Packers or the Chicago Bears in their primordial prime, are indeed in desperate straits. A not altogether unreasonable instinct for survival, for example, has fostered in their defense, lightly talented quarterback a pronounced tendency to hand the ball off to the referee in moments of extreme stress.

Glowering club owner Edward Asner—and how that man can glow!—takes the advice of part owner, his executive assistant, and sends a scout off to Yugoslavia to evaluate the box-office potential of a mule alleged to be accurate at kicking soccer goals from 100 yards out. The mule, Gus, lives up to his advances, and Asner hires him and his trainer, pudgy Gary Grimes, as a team attraction.

The change in shape from soccer ball to football deters the referee in moments of greatest need. Gus, although the Atoms enemies use logic to argue successfully that no NFL player can kick a soccer ball accurately at 100 yards out. The mule, and one of his creditors (Harold Gould) that the Atoms will go to the Superbowl. And when the Gus-led Atoms continue to advance Villain Gould recruits Sub-villains Tim Conway and Tom Bosley to get Gus drunk before a game and, finally, to kidnap him, setting the stage for a last-minute rescue and arrival on the field.

Liberty Williams, who has been close friends with the three bad guys, Gould, Bosley, and Conway, appears to best advantage. And successfully calculating his television residuals rather than acting, Don Knotts has nothing to do as the hapless coach, and Grimes pushes sweet naiveté to the brink of idiocy. Vincent McEveety’s direction is pedestrian, but it does no great harm, except for one initially funny scene in a supermarket which is allowed to go on too long.

The predictability of it all won’t diminish the fun for the children, and even adults might be moderately amused at least find themes and jokes less than they might have expected. As for the mule, the kids should love him.

Part Two will be shown on Saturday, Aug. 28, at 7:00 p.m., and examines the frustrations and complications that erupt in terrorist violence in North and South America. The program explores terrorist methods used by organizations like the Tupamaros in Uruguay and the Quebec Liberation Front in Canada. Representatives from these organizations talk about their tactics, their motivations, and the frustration behind their terrorist acts.

Jeanne La Chard, reporter, interviews James Cross, the British diplomat kidnapped in Montreal in 1970, and Geoffrey Jackson (in his prison cage with one of the Tupamaros) explaining reasons for his captivity.

There is also an equally rare glimpse of a top secret compartment in the State Department, the nerve center of United States anti-terrorist activities. As governments discuss measures to combat world terrorism, world opinion is still divided as to whether nations should be human beings. (The point is made about NFL players having to be human beings. The point is made about NFL players having to be human beings. The point is made about NFL players having to be human beings.)

Guerrilla terror: part one

The driving impulses behind the most publicized of the guerrilla movements are investigated in "Terror, Part One," Saturday, Aug. 21, at 7:00 p.m. on Channel 2, PBS. The program not only shows how a small band of dedicated guerillas can create havoc out of all proportion of its numbers, but also examines the frustrations and despair that result from terrorist violence.

In tracing the historical origins and growth of Palestinian militancy, "Terror" also examines two key incidents in detail: the 1970 multiple hijacking at Dawson’s Field in which four passengers were blown up, and the Schonan Castle incident when two young terrorists forced the Austrian Government to close down a Jewish transit camp.

REPORTER Jeanne La Chard interviews terrorists and negotiators, many of whom previously refused to be interviewed. Among them are Lella Khaled, speaking for the first time since the Dawson’s Field incident, and General Dayan who explains, with remarkable frankness, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism. And General Dayan who explains, with remarkable frankness, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism, his own country’s terrorism.

We had to overcome initial hostility and suspicions when trying to contact these people and even now we don’t know where we were taken to meet them," says producer Jenny Barracough. "Nobody knew anything about the two young boys who held the Austrian Government to ransom, but we finally contacted them through a Catholic priest."
Local instances of persecution grew into “more general, official, governmental” practices as the Christian community grew, writes Father John Castelot. Quoting from the Epistle of Peter, he says, “You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials; but this is so that your faith,... may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory, and honor.”

EARLY CHURCH

Holiness grew amid persecution

By FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT

The young Christian communities had to put up with harassment and persecution from their earliest days. Accounts are contained in the Acts of the Apostles and in the letters of Paul. At first these were local disturbances, but as the first century wore on and Christianity became more widespread and attracted more attention, persecutions became more general, official, governmental.

We run across a few references in the letter known as 1 Peter probably written by a disciple of the great apostle toward the end of the century—the same sort of phenomenon we encountered last week with regard to the Pastoral Epistles. After having reminded his readers of their rebirth to a new “hope which draws its life from the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1, 3), he goes on to say:

There is cause for rejoicing here. You may for a time have to suffer the distress of many trials: but this is so that your faith, which is more precious than the passing splendor of fire-tried gold, may by its genuineness lead to praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ appears (1, 6-7).

However, rather than dwell morbidly on the difficulties of Christian life, the author presents a beautifully positive picture of that life. The letter is an exhortation to the readers to live lives which will reflect their convictions, their beliefs. But while the accent is on exhortation and encouragement, the doctrinal basis of the new way of life is not neglected. Far from it! Especially strong is the baptismal theme; in fact, the letter seems in many ways like a baptismal catechesis, an instruction which would have been delivered to the newly baptized in the liturgy of the day.

There are other themes, too, and this letter has been called the best introduction to the writings of the New Testament. It states the fundamental doctrines of Christianity with a charming simplicity: the Trinity, the divinity of Christ, his redemptive work leading to eternal salvation, of which Baptism is the beginning for the faithful Christian, the place of the Church in God’s plan of salvation. Leaning heavily on the teaching of the Master, especially the Sermon on the Mount, the author exhorts his readers, and all Christians of all times, to live truly Christian lives.

From this same period (late first century) we have the magnificent composition known as the Letter to the Hebrews. It presents many problems: it is more like a majestic sermon than a letter; no one knows who wrote it, and no one knows to whom it was actually addressed. At any rate, the addressees are apparently in need of exhortation, encouragement to persevere in the faith in spite of difficulties. As one author puts it:

They are in possession of the Bible (the Old Testament) and a creed, and they hold services of worship. But the preaching of the word has lost its excitement and they have become dull of hearing (5:11). They are threatened with hardness of heart (3-4), carelessness (12:15ff), boredom (10:25), even with apostasy (3:12; 4:1), and are in danger of drifting like a boat which has lost its rudder.

However, just as in 1 Peter, references to unsettling persecutions are impressive. A fairly clear one is the following:

Recall the days gone by when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a great contest of suffering. At times you were publicly exposed to insult and trial; at other times you associated yourselves with those who were being so dealt with. You even joined in the sufferings of those who were in prison and joyfully assented to the confiscation of your goods, knowing that you had better and more permanent possessions. Do not then, surrender your confidence: it will have great reward. (10, 23-25)

One other example comes from chapter 12:

Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith. For the sake of the joy which lay before him he endured the cross, heedless of its shame...Remember how he endured the opposition of sinners; hence do not grow despondent or abandon the struggle. (2, 3)

But again, just as in 1 Peter, the author accentuates the positive and has produced a glorious piece of Christian literature, one with which Catholics unfortunately seem quite unfamiliar. Its remarkable theology forms the basis of the exhortation which the author addresses over and over again to his unseen audience.

Jesus himself is the reason they must remain steadfast in the midst of the temptations and difficulties which beset them.

In fact, the most striking of the many beautiful themes of the discourse is that of the eternal priesthood of Jesus Christ. Recalling who he is, what he has done and continues to do for them, they should be supremely courageous and staunchly faithful “since he forever lives to make intercession for them.” (7:25)
ISAAC

No laughing matter

By FATHER
ALFRED McBRIEDE, O.PRAEM.

A popular legend says that Isaac’s name means laughter. His mother was so long beyond the possibility of childbearing, that she laughed at the thought she could still have a baby.

Still the surprising conception and birth occurred and “little laughter-isaac” was born. As the son of Abraham, Isaac would inherit the deep faith of his father and he spoke of religious experiences similar to those of his parent, especially the consciousness of God’s loving fidelity to the family and the covenant promise of a multitude of descendants.

ISAAC MARRIED Rebekah who bore him twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Esau, the red-haired lover of hunting and the outdoors, was his father’s favorite. Jacob, the smooth-skinned and refined personality, was the mother’s pet. Though Jacob was the second born of the twins, therefore in his infancy, the major portion of Isaac’s property, he managed through personal schemes to win the inheritance from his unsuspecting brother.

The biblical text narrates some business dealings which Isaac engaged in, several religious experiences and the skill with which he farmed. But the major story retained is that whereby he mistakenly gives the bulk of the inheritance to Jacob instead of the rightful heir, Esau. It must be noted that the life of Isaac seems wedged in between his saintly Father Abraham and his wily son Jacob. Isaac’s character remains positively shadowy compared to the religious dynamism of his father and the chronicle of craftiness displayed by his son. He is basically a set piece who bore him twin sons, Esau and Jacob.

It is like leaving the mountain top where spiritual giants converse with God to plunge into the dust of a shopping bag where the buyer must beware. Religious history enshrines Abraham in the ideals of saintliness. It details the life of Isaac in less exalted terms. It remembers qualities that story tellers love and gossips thrive on, namely, cunning, the quick wit and a flair for unscrupulous bargaining. Abraham was the kind of person we ought to be. Jacob is the kind of person we usually find we are, a person of weaknesses who needs to strive for goodness and greatness.

The beauty of the stories is that it shows that God was dealing with a real world. He did not choose Israel because it had a special talent for religion. Like all people, there was good in the worst of them and bad in the best of them. Their history would detail a hall of fame of great saints and plenty of ordinary mortals. God chose Israel out of love. He did not choose them because they were so good. They became good and great because he chose them.

This is the backdrop for understanding the trick that Jacob used to deceive his blind old father and gain the birthright. Isaac senses his death is imminent. He wants to have a successor of the lamb before his demise. Like any great patriarch he intends to preclude over his deals and not stumble toward it as some un

willing slave to the inevitable. The story of the deceit is well known. How the mother plotted with her favorites. Esau to fool the old man into giving his blessing to him instead of Esau.

While the blessing had the legal significance of passing on the property to Jacob, it had the added spiritual meaning of communicating wisdom and holiness. The Hebrews believed that life came when God breathed into clay. Hence life is the very breath of the Lord. As that breath mingles with the fidelity and spiritual growth of the receiver, it becomes a spiritual “property” to be handed on to the next generation.

This is the special significance of “blessing” in that the accumulated life of God would pass from generation to generation through this solemn ceremony.

In the end, the seriousness of the blessing is such that it cannot be withdrawn. Its legal and spiritual impact is final. The subsequent history of Jacob will show that he will do plenty of penance for his wayward behavior and that a kind of justice will accrue to Esau. The point is that the history of the patriarchs is as full of heights and depths as any human and religious story. As Isaac’s name implies, the history is not always a “laughing matter.”

By FATHER
JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

Last night was one of the best “kick off” sessions we have conducted for a parental preparation program since I came to Holy Family five years ago. We have been preparing for a sacrament of Confirmation. We have two other instructional gatherings, this time by themselves, which will seek to deepen their understanding of Christian initiation and the sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation.

This type of program which genuinely involves parents in preparing their children for first reception of Eucharist and Penance together with Confirmation has become fairly standard procedure throughout the United States over the past 10 years.

These are prime teachable moments, opportunities for parents to help their children prepare to receive these sacraments, but also to educate the adults involved. In fact, this may prove to be the best parish adult education we have.

Inexperienced parish leaders, however, should not expect Dad and Mom to welcome warmly the introduction of such parent programs. Some will, but many, probably most will initially resent the intrusion on their time or react defensively due to feelings of inadequacy about their teaching abilities.

We struggled through those obstacles for several years. Nevertheless, time, improved presentations, more efficient organization of meetings, quiet, determined leadership by parents of the positive benefits—all of these factors seemed to have finally altered the climate from one of resistance or passive acceptance to general approval, even enthusiastic support of the process.

Baptism is another of those teachable moments. Our Parents of newborn infants receive a home visit from one of the staff and come to a Friday night instruction prior to the Sunday afternoon celebration of the sacrament. Once again, not all rejoice over this new requirement (‘We didn’t have to come for our other babies’), but it does seem to have a beneficial effect, even for those who arrive somewhat reluctantly.

The programs exhaust the time or react to those who perform hundreds of pre-Vatican II Baptisms which were brief, private and spot for those without prior instruction. In the order of vows, we have been providing training for those who have never been involved in the sacrament of Baptism and who may prove to be the best parish adult education we have.

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The wonderful moment is the last event of the event was KBNW YOUR FAITH.
Sacrifice intensifies your faith

BY FATHER DONALD McCARTHY

Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn paid amazing tribute to Christians who suffered in Soviet slave labor camps: "Clumsy, semiliterate, unable to deliver speeches from the rostrum or compose an underground proclamation (which their faith made unnecessary anyway), they went off to camp to face tortures and death—only so as not to renounce their faith! They knew very well for what they were serving time, and they were unwavering in their convictions!"

The recent visit to Poland of Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB), and Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of NCCB, uncovered signs of less dramatic sacrifices in the face of Communist repression. On one occasion 100,000 persons gathered for a religious celebration despite the shutdown of public transportation and the absence of announcements in the media.

In 1975 more new priests were ordained in Poland than in all 11 countries of South America combined. The Polish people cling tenaciously to their faith despite subtle persecution, such as the limiting of the enrollment of their only Catholic university and the efforts to prevent their founding new parishes in newly developed suburban areas.

Thus conditions in Poland indicate that Christian faith becomes more intense when it involves hardship and sacrifice. The early Church grew strong despite persecutions which rolled out across the Roman empire in successive shock waves from Nero's first persecution in 64 A.D. until Constantine's edict of toleration in 313.

In a final exhortation this epistle includes prayer and good works under the sacrifices Christians must offer in their priesthood: "Through Jesus let us continually offer God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips which acknowledge his name. Do not neglect good deeds and generosity; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind." (Heb. 13:15-16)

Our United States' culture recoils from pain, privation, and sacrifice and propels us toward comfort and affluence. The recent scandals of business and political corruption, the accelerating divorce rate, the increasing individualism of U.S. foreign policy, and the booming abortion business all typify the "easy" and less painful solutions to profound moral challenges. The Christian priestly ideal of offering sacrifice seems culturally out of place.

RECALLING the suffering Christians Solzhenitsyn found in slave labor camps and the hardships endured by Polish Catholics may well suggest to U.S. Catholics that true discipleship costs in the coin of sacrifice and nonconformity. As the U.S. culture pressures Catholic Christians to accept its standards about divorce and abortion, its preoccupation with U.S. prosperity despite world hunger, and the phony happiness the affluent two-child family in the suburbs portrays in TV dramas, the real challenges of St. Peter and Hebrews emerge again. St. Peter, the first Vicar of Christ, asked a potent rhetorical question, "Who indeed can harm you if you are committed deeply to doing what is right?" (1 Pt. 3:13). He answered it in the next breath with prophetic words that speak to authentic Christianity emerging as a counterculture in America: "Even if you should have to suffer for justice sake, happy will you be." (1 Pt. 3:14)
By REV. JOHN T. CATOIR

All the faithful are called by Christ to be perfect. "Be you therefore perfect as also your Heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew V:48) In considering what he meant by these words, we find an extraordinary level of expectation. "Turn the other cheek to one who slaps your face. He who would take away your coat, let him have your cloak also. Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you and pray for them that persecute and calumniate you." (Matthew V:44) Yes, Christ asked for a degree of perfection seldom found in daily life.

The summit of Christian perfection to which Christians themselves are called can only be reached in heaven; only here will the Christian comprehend how small and insignificant his human efforts have been in attaining this sublime goal; only in heaven will he properly understand how much he needed in the way of divine assistance. Nevertheless, there are definite means for attaining holiness, and these are the same ones available to every member of the Church, priests, Religious, and the laity. The ordinary means of attaining sanctity are prayer, spiritual reading, the practice of self-denial and the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist which is Christ's gift of himself for the appearance of bread and wine. All of these serve to help Christians in the loving fulfillment of the duties of their individual state in life. All Christians are thus called to the summit of perfection and share the same means to sanctity. There is no difference in the tools we use, but certain differences do arise among priests and the laity, monks and nuns, and other religious, in the way they make use of the ordinary means of spiritual discipline.

In religious life, community living is stressed, with group participation in spiritual practices while members live under vows of obedience to the rules of the community. Those not bound by the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, including diocesan priests and the laity (who are nevertheless bound to pursue perfection), must strive for holiness outside of the framework of an organized community.

There is a trend today which emphasizes the pursuit of personal fulfillment. But the perfection asked for by Christ often leads to the cross. Housewives and husbands who neglect their duty to love one another and their children are missing the point. Sisters and priests who put their own interests before mission are missing the point.

Each Christian has the option to reject Christianity, but a professed Christian must face up to the demands of Christ. The ordinary means of holiness are meant to help us in the loving fulfillment of our individual, specific duties. Without Christ, the Vine, we are dead and fruitless branches.
Catholic singles set buffet dinner

FORT LAUDERDALE—Members of the Lauderdale Catholic Singles Club have invited prospective members to a buffet supper at 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 25.

Dinner will be served at the Village Townhouse Club House, 380 N. University Dr., Plantation, just north of St. Gregory Church.

Those between the ages of 21 and 35 who are interested in attending should call 522-2491 or 524-3410 for complete details.

ACCW leadership training day set

FORT LAUDERDALE—A Leadership Training Day, sponsored by the Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, will be conducted Thursday, Aug. 26, at St. Maurice parish, 2651 Stirling Rd.

According to Mrs. Arthur E. Hanlon, ACCW president, all Archdiocesan board members, deacon officers, commissioners, and deaconess vice chairs are invited to attend.

Guest speaker will be Mrs. Donald L. Piff, director of the Province of Miami, National Council of Catholic Women.

Sessions begin with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 2 p.m. Those participating are expected to bring their lunches.

The golden anniversary of their marriage will be observed by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barimo during a 4 p.m. Mass Saturday, Aug. 28, in their parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

Father Cornelius McGrath, pastor, Our Lady Queen of Heaven parish, Fort Lauderdale, will witness the renewal of marriage vows for the couple wed 50 years ago in St. Ann Church, Paterson, N.J., Mrs. Rose Rayal, who was Mrs. Barimo's maid of honor, and James Barimo, who was best man for his brother, will also be present.

Both born in Syria, the jubilarians met in Paterson where Mr. Barimo was a commercial painter, a trade in which he continued after they came to Miami 30 years ago.

They have five children: Mrs. Agnes Crews, St. Benedict parish; Hileah; Mrs. Frances Fassbach, St. Michael parish; Joseph Barimo, St. Stephen parish, West Hollywood; and Mrs. Marie Diel and William Barimo, both of Our Lady of Divine Providence parish. There are two granddaughters and nine grandchildren in the family.

Family and friends will honor the couple at a reception following the Mass.

Local couple to mark their golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Barimo

Dade County

Miami's CATHOLIC ALUMNI Club will participate in the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Aug. 22 in St. Rose of Lima Church, Miami Shores. Brunch will follow at Pumpernickel's. Non-members are welcome to join.

The club is sponsoring tennis for experienced players and free lessons for beginners on Sunday, Aug. 29. Those interested should contact Frank Palermo at 226-3031.

"Quest for Maturity" is the theme of a serenity retreat for alcoholics at the DOMINICAN RETREAT HOUSE, Kendall, from Aug. 27 to Aug. 29. For additional information and reservations call 298-2711 or 852-3112.

VILLA MARIA gift shop and thrift department, 1050 NE 125 St., North Miami, will be open during the summer months and staffed by auxiliary volunteers.

A retreat for men of ST. ROSE OF LIMA parish is planned for the weekend of Oct. 1-3. Nick Torelli is general chairman for the retreat at Our Lady of Florida Retreat House, North Palm Beach, for reservations and additional information call him at 895-0032.

A variety of activities are planned next week for members and friends of the LAUDERDALE CATHOLIC SINGLES Club beginning with a house party on Saturday evening at 2306 NW Sixth Terr., Fort Lauderdale. On Sunday members will gather at 2 p.m. at Pompano Beach near the fisherman for ocean swimming. On Wednesday, Aug. 25 members meet at the ice cream parlor, 2199 Wilton Dr., Wilton Manors at 8 p.m.

Bi-monthly meetings of the BROWARD SERRA CLUB resume on Wednesday, Sept. 8 at 12:15 p.m. at the Ocean Manor Resort Hotel, 4040 Galt Ocean Mile Dr. Another meeting is slated for Sept. 22.

SANCTUARY Men's Club meets at 8 p.m. today (Friday) in the parish hall, Hollywood. A guest speaker will discuss the Broward County Charter. Refreshments and games will follow.

First Fall meeting of ST. JOHN BAPTIST Woman's Club, Pembroke Pines, begins at 8 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 1 in the parish hall. A "Mad Hatter" contest will be featured and activities for the coming year will be discussed.

Members of the Leisure Club in NATIVITY parish, Hollywood will have their installation dinner at 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23. Reservations may be made by calling 966-8267. Dancing and entertainment will follow dinner.

Dade County

Miami's CATHOLIC ALUMNI Club will participate in the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Aug. 22 in St. Rose of Lima Church, Miami Shores. Brunch will follow at Pumpernickel's. Non-members are welcome to join.

The club is sponsoring tennis for experienced players and free lessons for beginners on Sunday, Aug. 29. Those interested should contact Frank Palermo at 226-3031.

"Quest for Maturity" is the theme of a serenity retreat for alcoholics at the DOMINICAN RETREAT HOUSE, Kendall, from Aug. 27 to Aug. 29. For additional information and reservations call 298-2711 or 852-3112.

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Local olympian sees need for national sports plan

For a person to become an Olympic athlete takes tremendous drive and self-sacrifice. These traits are often carried over into the everyday life of the athlete after retirement from competition.

Shirley Stobs Davis of Miami Shores, a gold medalist in the 400-meter freestyle relay at the 1960 Olympics in Rome, is one of those athletes.

Shirley has strong opinions about the effect of U.S. society on the future of sports and the Olympics. She thinks that public attitude must change toward athletics if the United States is to regain its former standing in world athletics.

"If you want to be a top athlete in the U.S.," she said, "you have to do it on your own. That's a shame! Many athletes have potential but just can't financially afford to compete."

She suggests that a national program to develop athletes should be devised, and that more public sports centers be built throughout the country.

Shirley thinks that the passage of Title IX, the act that requires equal funding of women's athletics, has increased the opportunities of younger female athletes. "I don't think that funding is a sign of professionalism, at least not in the developmental stage," she said.

Comparing American women swimmers with East Germany's, Mrs. Davis said, "Critics may well be correct in saying that we aren't winning anything. There are worse things than the commonplace."

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Top cagers named; golf tournament set

By ELAINE SCHENK

Outstanding is the word for three young athletes from Assumption Academy. Judy Sullivan, Gema Piron and Elena Pernas have been selected by Coach and Athlete magazine as prep basketball athletes of the year for 1976, in recognition of outstanding athletic performance and contribution to team effort. The girls will be recognized in the magazine's Annual.

Have you entered your application for the miniature golf tournament? Not much time left—it's scheduled next Sunday, Aug. 29 at Goffland, 17100 Collins Ave.

Shirley has now dedicated herself to an educational career. Her ultimate goal is to become a school principal or assistant principal. To achieve this she is studying for a master's degree in Educational Administration and supervision at Barry College.

An elementary teacher at Cushman School, Shirley prefers the atmosphere of a private school to that of a public school because of the personal contact.

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"One of my pet peeves is that most people don't understand the quest for excellence," she said.

1960 Olympics winner, Shirley Stobs Davis, holds the gold medal she received for winning the 400-meter free-style relay in Rome.
Local teens sponsor migrant children outing

Every child should see Disney World.

Teenagers in the Archdiocese of Miami believe so strongly in this that they planned a special outing to bring children of migrant workers to the fun park in Lake Buena Vista last Sunday.

Each youth group in the Archdiocese had the option of sponsoring a migrant child for $22. This covered the cost of transportation, admission, tickets for the rides, and money for lunch and dinner. Each teenager spent $19 for transportation and ride tickets and they were on their own for meals.

This year, almost 400 teenagers and migrant children boarded the buses for a very special day at Disney World.

In the past, similar outings have been planned for mentally retarded children and for orphans.

After contacting Msgr. John R. McMahon, director of the Rural Life Bureau, sign-up sheets were placed in different missions so that migrant children could register for the outing. Setting up the arrangements were Tom Filippelli of Youth Activities and Claudia Grillo from the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Youth.

Ann Marie Flynn of St. Bartholomew, Miramar, and a junior at Rosarian Academy, West Palm Beach, spent the obviously liked most, though, was someone taking the time to listen, to show them around, and to make sure they were having a good time.

"Later, as we were going home on separate buses, we all stopped at a plaza. The two girls came up to us at the plaza to say hello and I think to show us that they recognized us.

"It was a fantastic experience, especially being able to see how other kids felt about things. They wanted us to have as good a time as they did."

Patty Murphy of St. Timothy and a freshman at St. Brendan's High School, also had a great time.

"Our group sponsored four migrant children and it was really great. I think we went on every ride in Disney World. We had four young boys and it was very sad leaving them because we got close to them during the day. We're going to try to write to them during the year. Seeing them so happy made me feel really happy too."

"This was the first time I went on the outing as a CYO'er and I loved it. I really love the CYO because it gives you a chance to really know other people."

It's always good when teenagers have wholesome fun and recreation. It's newsworthy when this fun includes others who are a little less fortunate and it produces an awareness of what it means to be part of the Christian community.

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At the mission in Delray

They celebrated a “YES” forever

A party followed after the Eucharist, and everyone contributed specialties for the meal.

By ARACELI CANTERO
Voice Spanish Editor

There was a celebration and laughter at the Mission of Our Lady Queen of Peace, here, because someone was saying “yes” to the Lord.

And it was a ‘yes’ forever.

The whole parish community was a witness to the ceremony last Sunday. As the community heard Sister Francisca Olvera R.M.I. ratify her final vows before them many, perhaps, began to understand a little better the meaning of her life totally at the service of everyone.

“The world is very wise, and we Christians are very foolish,” Father Luis Maderal S.J., told those present at the Eucharist during the ceremony.

“We are foolish...yes but blessed and have that witness of faith...You explained its meaning.

As a sign of her commitment Sister Francisca receives a ring, while Father Maderal S.J., explains its meaning.

As the community heard Sister Francisca meet the Religious of Mary Immaculate in Chicago. She finished her studies in Spain and has been serving in the Archdiocese of Miami since 1973. She lives in Delray Beach with two other Sisters. One of them, Mother Margarita, celebrated the 25th anniversary of her first profession on the same day. Three other Sisters serve in the Miami area.

Founded in 1885 in Cuba under the initiative of Bishop Saint Antonio Maria Claret, the congregation is also known as the Claretian Missionaries and are already in several countries, including Japan and the Congo. Their work is varied—education (not necessarily in the classroom), and pastoral and social work in connection with the parishes.

There were many people from Miami; youths from other parishes and Religious from other congregations. All joined the migrant worker community of Our Lady Queen of Peace for the fiesta after the Mass.

The Chapel was quickly turned into a huge dining room and over 100 people were fed. All was possible through the generosity of the families in the area who, on occasions like this, contribute their specialties to the meal.

No one remained hungry and everyone went home with a happy heart.

A lady moves by what was happening. Everyone was obviously moved by what was happening. At the end, many approached Sister Francisca timidly to give her a hug.

“They greeted me and showed their gratitude, understanding then that I was giving out my life to them in service,” Sister Francisca commented.

“This event used to be more private, but now we want it to be a catechesis for the people,” she said. “We want them to understand the meaning of a vocation to the Religious life, which is one of witnessing faith through our
**Latin American bishops blast arrests in Ecuador**

BOGOTA, Colombia—(NC) — The Latin American Bishops’ Council (CELAM) has condemned the arrest of 57 participants at a bishops’ meeting in Riobamba, Ecuador, as “arbitrary” and “damaging to the freedom of pastoral action of the Church. We offer our solidarity to the victims of this abuse,” the text said.

Among the churchmen arrested were four U.S. bishops and two U.S. Catholic Conference officials. CELAM’s message led a list of protests against the detention Aug. 12 of 13 of 57 persons—mostly bishops—attending a pastoral meeting at Riobamba, 130 miles from Quito.

SOME 3,000 persons participated in a demonstration of support for Bishop Leonidas Proano of Riobamba after secret police raided the meeting at Holy Cross retreat house and arrested the group.

The Chilean Bishops’ Conference issued a communiqué in Santiago saying the arrests “constitute a serious mistake.” A similar protest was issued by the Paraguayan Bishops’ Conference in Asuncion.

In Colombia Archbishop Tulio Botero Salazar of Medellin said, “The Ecuadorian affair deepens even more the rift between the clergy and certain military regimes” in Latin America.

Bishop Augusto Trujillo of Tunja, Colombia, saw in the mass arrest of bishops “...doeful precedent by which other governments might justify similar repressive actions.”

CELAM officials said here they had received many messages from secular and Church sources protesting the arrests and supporting the bishops’ efforts at social action on behalf of the poor.

**Ecuador jails prelates**

The U.S. bishops also protested “most especially the violence and forcible manner the meeting (at Riobamba) was disrupted and all the participants arrested.”

“Discussions were accompanied by prayer and liturgical celebrations. This was continued in jail. All the bishops celebrated at San Gregorio after midnight, and in the early morning we all said prayers in common.

“We never mentioned politics or subversion or Marxist subjects. This meeting was a strict case for some important work accomplished in the respective areas of the attending bishops: on how to improve the lot of the people. There was a report on Ecuador, as there were brief reports on other countries, but without getting into political problems.

“Yet we have been accused of being subversive. That is an absurd contention; knowing the stand and quality of the bishops and priests participating in this meeting.

“We feel divine providence was with us in this incident and will bring out many good things from it.”

**Palm Beach clubs set events calendar**

**LANTANA—** A monthly calendar of major events for 1976-77 was established last Thursday, Aug. 12, at a meeting here of the Palm Beach County’s Federation of Youth Clubs.

A large gathering in the parish hall of Holy Spirit Church, Lantana, representing all Palm Beach County parishes with youth organizations, also included (as visitors) Claudia Grillo, St. Louis parish, Dade County, president of the Archdiocesan Youth Council; Anne Marie Flynn, St. Juliana’s, West Palm Beach, the A.Y.C. secretary, and John Ihle, St. Luke’s, Lake Worth, A.Y.C. treasurer.

The Palm Beach County Federation operates within the framework of the Archdiocesan Department of Youth Activities sponsored by Archbishop Coleman F. Carroll, Archbishop of Miami, and Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy.

The teenagers first confirmed Sept. 19 as the date for their semi-annual formal installation dinner-dance, at Madonna Hall, Lake Worth and Sept. 26 for their special talent show, 7:30 p.m., at St. Edward’s Hall, Palm Beach, with the admission price to be $1. They then set the following nine monthly events, with the sponsoring youth clubs given in parentheses:

**OCTOBER, a picnic (St. Juliana’s); November, a day of prayer (St. Luke’s); December, Operation Santa Claus, in conjunction with the Diocesan project; January, an activity be announced (St. Vincent Ferrer).

February, a dance (St. Mark’s); March, a weekend visit to Lake Wales to attend the annual Passion Play and for certain sports activities (Holy Name); also in March, a skating party (St. Francis of Assisi); April, Easter egg hunt for the benefit of children of migrant farm workers (Queen of Peace); May, a picnic (Ascension), and June, the annual King and Queen dance (Sacred Heart).

This meeting to establish the calendar and attend to other countywide business, was sponsored by the youth club of Holy Spirit parish, Lantana.
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Honraron en Cuba a la Virgen de la Caridad

Con ocasión del 60 aniversario de la proclamación, como Patrona de Cuba, de Nuestra Señora de la Caridad, que se vuelve en el Santuario Nacional del Cobre, los fieles cubanos de la isla tributaron un homenaje de veneración a la Virgen María. El diario Vaticano L’Osservatore Romano, publicó recientemente una nota informativa sobre el acto que tuvo lugar el pasado 10 de julio, en el Santuario del Cobre, por iniciativa del Ordinario Diocesano, Mons. Pedro Múrciez Esté, arzobispo de Santiago de Cuba.

Por el REV. JOSE P. NICKE

Arrestados por “Subversivos”

(Viene de la Pág. 24)

En el diario de un ejército, XXX, y sus secuaces, fueron arrestados como “subversivos” una vez de 200 personas entre 15 y 25 años de edad.

En Miami... También en Miami...

En Miami, comenzaron ya los preparativos para el gran homenaje a la Madre de la Caridad. La llegada de la imagen por el mar tendrá lugar el día de la fiesta, 8 de septiembre, al atardecer. Como de costumbre, mil de personas se congregarán en el Marine Stadium para lanzar sus pañuelos al aire y recibir a la Virgen este año cumplió 15 años de su llegada a Miami. 

También en Miami...
Recomienda Comisión Papal sobre la mujer
Más mujeres a puestos vaticanos

CIUDAD DEL VATICANO—(NC)—La Comisión de Estudio sobre la Mujer en la Iglesia, creada por Pablo VI en 1973, ha recomendado que "se nombren más mujeres a puestos de responsabilidad en los departamentos de la Santa Sede que requieren su aportación.

Las conclusiones de la última reunión de la Comisión, el pasado mes de enero, fueron formalmente hechas públicas aquí, en el Vaticano.

Como resultado de las sesiones de trabajo en enero, la Comisión recomendó el estudio de las siguientes recomendaciones, por parte de los cuerpos competentes del Vaticano:

1. El acceso de la mujer a los ministerios eclesiales que no requieren ordenación.
2. La participación de la mujer en la liturgia, según las normas establecidas por la Congregación Vaticana para Sacramentos y Culto Divino, y según prácticas actuales en las iglesias locales.
3. La participación en los trabajos no ordenados en la jurisdicción interna de la Iglesia, entendida esta en un sentido amplio.

La Comisión recomendó que la actual revisión del Código de Derecho Canónico "haga las mayores provisiones posibles para la realización de la participación de la mujer en la vida y la misión de la Iglesia," y que mujeres competentes sean consultadas sobre la revisión.

También recomendó que la Comisión, que las Conferencias Episcopales de los distintos países se preocupen por la "educación del clero "que les haga entender la diversidad de vocaciones femeninas en el servicio de la Iglesia.

Pero también hace un llamado a las Congregaciones y las instituciones religiosas para que preparen y apoyen a sus "mujeres "para una buena colaboración de hombres y mujeres, según las vocaciones eclesiales de cada uno.

"Las conclusiones dedicadas a la enseñanza," dice la Comisión, "deben poner al día su pedagógica y el enfoque de la educación, cuidando especialmente la imagen que ellos presentan sobre las relaciones y el trato hombre-mujer.

Creada por Pablo VI el tres de mayo de 1973, la Comisión respondió a los deseos expresados en 1971 por el Sínodo de Obispos reunidos en Roma.

La Comisión se propuso como grupo de estudio e investigación, y no como organismo que llegara a conclusiones definitivas. En su trabajo, realizó un inventario de las experiencias de los movimientos eclesiales y de los cuerpos competentes.

La Comisión recomendó que la actual revisión del Código de Derecho Canónico, la ley de ministerios y la normativa que afecta a las mujeres en la Iglesia, sean también estudiadas.

La Comisión recomendó que el Código se amplíe para que sea incluida la participación de las mujeres en el servicio de la Iglesia.

Promover el uso de los medios de comunicación y evaluar los programas según el punto de vista cristiano, la imagen de la mujer que presentan y la de sus relaciones con el hombre.

Promover la educación y colaboración hombre-mujer en la escuela, y en otras áreas de trabajo en la Iglesia y en la responsabilidad pastoral.

La Comisión recomendó la colaboración de los movimientos apostólicos de seglares con las Congregaciones Religiosas y con otras organizaciones eclesiales para mejorar la educación y promover la mujer.

Los miembros de la Comisión fueron también miembros del comité preparado para la participación del Vaticano en la Conferencia Mundial del Año de la Mujer en la ciudad de México.

En las conclusiones de la Comisión se puede leer: "El Vaticano ha sido un signo de esperanza, y ha mostrado el camino hacia las nuevas formas de la vida social..."

"El mismo hecho de las tensiones que existen en la Iglesia es un signo positivo," dijo el Vaticano.

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"The same fact of the tensions that exist in the Church is a positive sign," said the Vatican.

"I believe that this Congress has been a good spiritual preparation for the conversion that will take place in October."

El 13 de agosto marco el 15 aniversario del establecimiento del Ignoconismo Muro de Berlín que ha dejado separadas a los dos Alemanias: la Oriental de la Occidental.

El muro fue levantado por los comunistas porque por cientos y hasta por miles, los ciudadanos de la sección oriental de Berlín iban emigrando, huyendo, fugándose, a la sección occidental bajo la protección del mundo libre...solo lleva a más ganancias comunistas, y por ende, a más tiranías...más dictaduras...y más destierro de la libertad de la faz de la tierra!
En la misión de Delray

**Celebren un "si" para siempre**

Por ARACELI CANTERO

DELRAY BEACH—Hubo fieles en la misión de Delray porque alguien decía SÍ al Señor para siempre. Pero no sólo al Señor sino también a su pueblo.

Toda la parroquia, reunida pasó un rato de alegría y en el fondo de su corazón, le dijo a todo el pueblo —padres, hijos, jóvenes y adultos—: "Hoy es nuestro día." La parroquia de Delray celebra una misión de Sí y de Alegría. Pero también celebran la alegría del pueblo que es Cristo en el mundo. El Señor nunca ha brindado una alegría más grande que la de ver a su pueblo en el acto de darle a otro lo que el Señor le ha dado.

**Obispos dialogan**

Obispos latinoamericanos reunidos en Ottawa, se adhirieron a la reunión interamericana de obispos manifestaron preocupación por las condiciones de presión en muchos de sus países.

**Inmediatamente después del discurso del Obispo Rausch, Secretario de la Conferencia Episcopal de los Estados Unidos, sobre la situación del país como "obsequio".**

Por primera vez asistieron a las reuniones interamericanas un obispo de Cuba. Según informa el citado periodista católico, el Arzobispo de la Habana Mons. Francisco Oves Fernández, jugó un papel de escucha durante las reuniones sin intervenir una sola vez.

En conversaciones privadas con otros participantes, el Arzobispo cubano expresó como hombre inteligente, con inquietudes más que como políticas. El arzobispo rehusó ser entrevistado para el periodístico.

Un informe de los documentos de estudio de la jerarquía latinoamericana preparado para el trámite absoluto una juventud que se encuentra en el dilema de dos ideologías conflictivas —el marxismo y el capitalismo. Afirman los obispos de allí que muchos jóvenes "buscan un terreno de encuentro" con los derechos de la humanidad y con las enseñanzas del evangelio. Incluso en la liberación, pero una liberación más amplia y no simplemente positiva."

Una auténtica teología de la liberación, según los obispos, busca encontrar el lazo de unión entre la liberación humana y la liberación en Cristo que es total y absoluta.

**M. I. ratificaba sus votos religiosos ante la comunidad de fieles, muchos comenzaron a comprender mejor el sentido de aquellas vidas que ellos habían visto gastarse en el servicio de Dios.**

"El mundo está muy cerca, y nosotros los cristianos somos unos locos," les dijo a todos el Padre Luis Maldonado S. J., que presidió la Eucaristía durante el acto.

"Somos los que cada día son presentados por los cristianos que como tú saben que vale la pena creer.

"Gracias por darme hoy un testimonio concreto de fe..."

"Porque pudiendo formar una familia honrada, buena y santa, hay quienes preferen el largo camino..."

"Hay quienes, en el camino de la vida, quieren que la gente vaya en el camino que es el de Dios..."


Ahora vive en la misión de Nuestra Señora Reina de la Paz en Delray con dos Hermanas: la madre Margarita, que cumplió el mismo día 25 años de su primera profesión religiosa, y la hermana Teresa. Las tres trabajan en la pastoral de la misión, y otras tres en Miami.

Fundadas en 1885 en Cuba por iniciativa del obispo San Antonio María Claret, las Religiosas de María Immaculada, conocidas también como misioneras claretianas, están esparcidas por varios países del mundo, entre ellos el Congo y Japón. Su tarea es la de formar en el sentido de una vocación a la vida religiosa, que es entrega en servicio al pueblo de Dios.

En conversaciones privadas, se habla de la importancia de establecer relaciones entre las comunidades cristianas de diferentes países. "Estamos en la misión de la paz y la reconciliación", declaró una hermana.

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El nuevo Alcalde, fue elegido en junio para el Consejo de la Ciudad como independiente en la plataforma comunista.

Argan llevará el gobierno de la ciudad que está compuesto de comunistas, socialistas y democristianos que juntos tienen 39 de los 80 puestos del Consejo. El alcalde será 

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La gente lucía emocionada y al terminar el acto muchos se acercaban a fomentar el abrazo a la Hermana.

"Me felicitaron y se están agradeciendo al entender que no hay que separar a ellos como pueblo de Dios que son," comentó la hermana Francisca al acabar todo.

"Otras veces el acto ha sido más privado," dijo. "Ahora queremos que sirva de catequesis para que la gente vuelva a entender el sentido de una vocación a la vida religiosa, que es entrega en servicio al pueblo de Dios."*

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El enfoque del alcalde Argan para la política es el de la unidad y el diálogo. "La ciudad necesita ser un centro de cultura mundial", declaró en su discurso.

En la misión quedaron las hermanas saboreando la profunda alegría del servicio.

Todos compartieron con una alegría y participaron en la fiesta a continuación de la Misa.

Después de cerrar las puertas que separan al Sagrado, el templo quedó convertido en un gran comedor donde se repartió comida preparada por toda la comunidad de fieles (derecha).

Con un abrazo a la Hna. Margarita por sus votos perpetuos, la Superofra expresó la alegría de todos los presentes, (arriba). Poco después el regocijo se convirtió en una fiesta en familia, con comida preparada por toda la comunidad de fieles (derecha).

Todas las presentes y los presentes expresaron su alegría y participaron en la fiesta.
Catequesis del Papa en la audiencia general

Construir la Iglesia por la comunidad

Una palabra, hoy muy usada, parece resumir y expresar este aspecto de la Iglesia, es la palabra comunidad en su doble referencia a Dios y a los cristianos entre sí. El Concilio ha usado frecuentemente: la Iglesia es una comunidad de fe y de caridad... 

Comunidad quiere decir, en nuestro estudio, la gracia cuando indica la relación unitiva con Dios; quiere decir afecto fraterno en la participación de la misma fe, de la misma esperanza y de la misma caridad, cuando indica la relación con los hermanos; es, como la circulación de la sangre en un hombre vivo y sano. Es un factor de unidad espiritual y social.

La comunidad es, pues, el cemento que une y liga las partes del "edificio Iglesia" tanto en su composición mística, la comunidad de los Santos, como en su expresión comunitaria, la comunidad católica; esto es, la inserción orgánica y canónica en el Cuerpo visible de la Iglesia misma...

El ecumenismo ha despertado en todos la exigencia de la unidad y ha aumentado el gozo y la humildad en los cristianos que ya gozan de su inseparable beneficio e, igualmente, ha creado una más consciente inquietud y un deseo más generoso en aquellos que todavía aspiran a la perfecta comunión.

Pero la comunidad propia de la Iglesia católica es un bien tal que merece promoción y defensa también en el seno de cada comunidad, ante algunos fenómenos negativos, por desgracia bastante difundidos, como el equívocos o el pluralismo; no siempre valorando en su contenido positivo como florecimiento primaveral de ramos de un mismo árbol, que queremos decir, como búsqueda siempre nueva y expresión original y múltiple de la divina Verdad del sagrado "depósito" de la fe, sino entendido, en cambio, como legítimo "libre examen" subjetivo, de la Palabra de Dios y del Magisterio eclesiástico.

Lo mismo podemos decir de la costumbre, ya habitual en algunos grupos, de la crítica sistemática a la disciplina eclesiástica de la disensión corrosiva con daños para la concordia y la colaboración fraternas. No son estas reacciones a ciertos límites y a ciertos defectos, que también se dan en el campo católico, las que pueden contrariar la armonía; No es éste su estilo, o, mejor dicho, no es éste el diseño que levanta y embellece la Iglesia de Cristo.

Será, sobre todo, la bondad, la amistad, la concordia, la colaboración, la solidaridad y ese espíritu de asociación de los hermanos en la fe y en la caridad; por un lado desgraciadamente atentados, pero en vías de resurgimiento, por otro los que construirán hoy la Iglesia viva, nueva y auténtica de nuestro tiempo.

Buscan un hogar...

Son muchos los niños que como estos dos hermanos hispanos, buscan un hogar y el calor de una familia. Algunos necesitan cuidado especial, otros simplemente cariño.

La mayoría son niños de color o de ascendencia latina o vietnamita, por eso quizás tardan más en encontrar una familia.

"Pero todos podrían llevar alegría a un hogar, si algunos los adoptaran," dice Elizabeth Manning de la Oficina Archidiocesana de Servicios Católicos que se ocupa de ellos.

Para adoptar a la Oficina da preferencia a matrimonios que tengan ya algunos hijos propios, pero también se aceptan matrimonios de solteros o solteras. Para información llamar a la Oficina Archidiocesana de Servicios Católicos, 754-2444.

Arrestados por "subversivos" en Ecuador—4 Obispos de U.S.A. y 53 personas

Después de 27 horas bajo arresto y sin comer, por el gobierno militar del Ecuador, los 57 participantes en una reunión de obispos en Riobamba, fueron arrestados por "subversivos".

"En ningún momento se trató nada secreto, y nuestra participación contaba con la aprobación de las respectivas secretarías departamentales," afirmó Pablo Sedillo, del obispo Proafio que nos llevaron a Quito. No nos dejaron coger las chaquetas o pasaportes ni ofrecieron comida. "En ningún momento se trató nada secreto, y nuestra participación contaba con la aprobación de las respectivas secretarías departamentales," afirmó Pablo Sedillo, del obispo Proafio que nos llevaron a Quito. No nos dejaron coger las chaquetas o pasaportes ni ofrecieron comida. Unos 40 hombres vestidos de uniforme armados, en un salón—en las barracas de San Gregorio, y pusieron guardias por un lado desgraciadamente atentados, pero en vías de resurgimiento, por otro los que construirán hoy la Iglesia viva, nueva y auténtica de nuestro tiempo.

Ayuda a Iglesia latinoamericana

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