Charities Drive Kick-Off Near

By GEORGE KEMON

What happens during the first part of January every year? For Catholics in the Archdiocese of Miami, it's the ABCD Drive—the 20th coming up! It is the drive that means so much to so many people.

To many it is the time of year they traditionally give as much as they can to help the Archdiocese help others. For many (and increasingly so) it means that their very real needs will be taken care of—or that they will be helped in some measure.

WHO ARE these people? They are the lame, the halt, and the needy that Our Lord referred to in his teachings. They are the poor, the unwed mothers, our senior citizens, migrant workers, dependent and retarded children, the handicapped, the alcoholic who still suffers, and the myriad other people with problems the Archdiocese works year-round to help with.

The needs grow larger every year—and 1980 will be no different. With the tremendous rate of inflation, the expenses of helping people go up too. This year, the fund has a goal of $34 million dollars. Even at that, it is but an 8 percent increase over last year's $30 million figure. It costs money to help people. It costs money to get the money to help people. And to properly assist the folks who need the help the ABCD fund can reach, it must be administered properly, and people become involved in doing this.

The archdiocese has announced the appointment of Rev. Neil J. Flemming, pastor of St. Clare's parish in North Palm Beach to act as 1980 coordinator, according to Frank Nolan, Director of Development.

The kick off dinner will be held at the Omni International Hotel on January 7, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be keynote speaker.

This will set the tone for many dinners to be held in various locations throughout the drive. There will be a host family in each area who will represent what the ABCD Drive stands for, and who will show the benefits derived by the needy in this very important annual drive.

THE THEME for this year's campaign, "People Helping People" pretty much sums up the need our fellow man has in these days of heavy expense and personal strife.

"People Needing People" is us reaching out to help those who are "people" just as much in God's definition of a human being as you and I are—but who need some kind of help to make their way through this frightening complex world we live in. ABCD can help ease that way.

TOMORROW AT CATHEDRAL

Evangelization Rally

An Evangelization Commitment Rally will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral tomorrow, Saturday, January 5, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The celebration will begin with a concelebrated Mass at which Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will be the principal concelebrant. This will be followed by a Reception and get-together in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

THE RALLY will inaugurate the Archdiocesan program of Evangelization recently announced by Archbishop McCarthy. All Catholics are invited to this shared liturgy of commitment when the People of God are encouraged to proclaim and be witness to the Good News of Christ the Lord. It is no coincidence as we enter the New Year, which has been designated as the Year of the Family, that the first phase of the Archdiocesan Evangelization effort, will emphasize the enrichment of family life. Special parish and Archdiocesan programs have been announced to mark the Year of the Family. In addition, a pastoral letter from Archbishop McCarthy will be read in all the churches and chapels of the Archdiocese on Sunday, outlining the general themes of the year. In this letter, Archbishop McCarthy has this to say:

"The family is the first school of virtue, the community in which we experience Faith, prayer and the meaning of love. In the family we first learn how to relate to others, we learn tenderness, joyfulness, self-mastery, patience and understanding, fidelity and generosity in dealing with hurt and sorrow. The home is the open door to life, the beginning of all other communities, the forge in which is developed the strength to transform the world into a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. Above all, the Christian home is the place where the Lord's grace is poured forth.
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Bishop Tells of Meeting With Hostages

NC News Service
Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit told Iranian religious leaders Dec. 26 that the American people back the United States government's efforts to free hostages held in Teheran.

The auxiliary bishop, president of Bread for the World and Pax Christi USA said the Iranians had misread feelings in America.

"We want them to know the American people are under intense pressure that is building up in the United States over the hostage situation," the bishop said.

Bishop Gumbleton was one of three American religious leaders allowed by the provisional Iranian government to visit the U.S. hostages. The three met for two hours Dec. 26 with Iran's foreign minister Sadegh Ghotbzadeh and with about 20 Iranian religious leaders.

The hostages have been held at the embassy in Teheran since Nov. 4 by Islamic students pressing for the return of the deposed shah to face punishment for what they say are crimes against the Iranian people.

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"We spoke we tried to share with them the feelings of the American people," Bishop Gumbleton said of the meeting.

He added that he felt there was a "genuine exchange" between the two groups. "We met as people who believe in God," he said.

Bishop Gumbleton said the Iranian and American clergy members prayed, "but we had no common language, so we prayed as individuals. We prayed individually because you can't pray with them and then translate it."

Vatican Firm on Fr. Kung

VATICAN CITY (NC) - The Vatican again said Dec. 30 that Father Hans Kung can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian or teach as one.

The Vatican announced that Dec. 30 that the decision indicated the decision was an unacceptable theological teaching and that the Vatican would not make any change in the Dec. 15 decree, the communique added.

Father Joseph Panciroli, said the increases, the first in 10 years, were being granted "despite the great sacrifice of the employees by from about 25 percent to nearly 50 percent. The Vatican's official spokesman, Father Romeo Ranco, said the increases, the first in 10 years, were being granted "despite the financial difficulties of the Holy See."

The increases are to operate on base salaries, additional sums such as child endowment, and to come into effect Jan. 1, 1980. The Vatican will be supplemented by a two percent cost-of-living adjustment every three months, to bring the Vatican into line with general Italian practice.

Minimum salaries will thus rise from approximately $500 a month to about $650 while the maximum pay goes from the present $720 a month to $1,000.

By raising the raises to the base salary instead of taking them on top as another cost-of-living or contingency addition, the pope has given the employees a more solid basis for future increases.

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OFFICIAL
The Chancery announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following appointments:

THE REV. TIMOTHY LYNCH - to Spiritual Moderator of Marriage Preparation Programs at the Family Enrichment Center, Miami, effective January 3, 1980, while retaining his other assignments.

THE REV. JOSEPH TYSON, S.S.J. - to Associate Pastor, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish, Fort Lauderdale, effective January 10, 1980.

THE REV. RAFAEL BERNAL, C.M. - to Associate Pastor, St. Cecilia Parish, Hialeah, effective January 10, 1980.

THE REV. IGNATIUS C. RAMEAU - to the Metropolitan Tribunal, Miami, with residence at St. Augustine Parish, Coral Gables, effective immediately.

THE REV. JULIO ALVAREZ - to Associate Pastor, St. James Parish, Miami, effective December 19, 1979.

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**Alcoholism-Topic in Keys**

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**Vatican Firm on Kung**

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**Legion of Mary**

The Legion of Mary will sponsor a variety of series of seven talks on True Devotion each Saturday beginning January 5, 1980 through February 16, 1980 from 2 to 4 P.M. at the Legion House, 8700 N.E. 2nd Ave., Miami, FL 33138.

Emergency medical help can be obtained by calling Alcoholics Anonymous or Marce House in Marathon at 743-54-52.

Father Hogan is also the Executive Director of the Dade County Council on Alcoholism. He is setting up two halfway houses in Miami for recovering alcoholic men and women. Beginning in January he will be teaching a graduate course at Biscayne College in Miami entitled: "Alcoholism and the Family."

**Fashion Luncheon**

Maurice Woodson Residence in W. Palm Beach will hold their annual Fashion Show Luncheon, January 19, at Noon, in the Venetian Ballroom of the Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach. Tickets are $20.00 per person. Reservations: Esther Hartman, 666-4050.

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St. Helen's Baptism Program

Little Angels

By GEORGE KEMON
Ft. Lauderdale - No, it's not the annual Baby Parade or this year's Most Photogenic Baby contest.

What it is is St. Helen's recognition of the babies baptized under their Parish Baptism Program over the past year.

The program, now in its 3rd year is unique in the Archdiocese.

Five couples, all members of St. Helen's Parish, visit the parents of each newborn child and prepare them for the baptismal rite, and at the same time, if they are new to the parish, act as sort of a welcoming committee on behalf of Fr. Patrick Murnane, pastor of St. Helen's.

There is reading material pertaining to baptism and the parents are given this at the time of the visit. Any questions the parents may have about the parish, the baptismal rite, etc., are answered during the visit.

The program is under the leadership of Peggy Miller, Lay Minister, and was started at the suggestion of Fr. Murnane, who saw a need for education of parents of infants - who had not been baptized. There is a real need for parents to have their newly born child baptized as soon as is practicable following birth and certainly before the child begins school.

In addition to acquainting the parents with the parish and its usefulness to them, the visiting couples provide baby sitting services which enable the parents to attend functions without having to worry about competent baby sitting services for the child.

The Men's club, the St. Vincent De Paul Society all help in this worthwhile educative program.

There is a Baptism class conducted on the last Thursday of each month, by the pastor. This gives Fr. Murnane an opportunity to meet the new parents. A film strip is shown and open discussion and refreshments follow.

Baptism is held on the last Sunday of each month following the 12:30 p.m. Mass. There is a Baptism robe and a candle presented to the parents and a welcoming of the child and its parents to St. Helen's. An informal social hour follows the ceremony.

The parents also receive a letter from the pastor along (Continued on Page 14)
Archbishop's Charities Drive

First things first! It's the first of the year and a period when we look at the first four letters of the alphabet-ABCD-The Archbishop's Charities Drive.

For the next several months, volunteers will be working to obtain pledges on a parish and archdiocesan level to help the many and varied Catholic institutions of South Florida which serve those in need. Such needs are often translated into a poverty existence, illness, the lack of a job etc. Still, many people in need have no financial problems—but they are alcoholics, or addicted to drugs, or involved in divorce or broken homes, or are unwed mothers, or senior citizens, or need psychiatric care, or, perhaps, simply need someone who cares.

Through Catholic Charities and Social Services, many of these needs are being met by competent staffs of professionals and volunteers who care about others. The ABCD Funds are not earmarked merely for handouts—they mostly provide the means whereby people are encouraged to help themselves, to improve their lot through their own efforts. And for those who are too sick or incapacitated to help themselves, the funds help obtain the needed assistance from those who are trained to give service with loving care.

We therefore urge all our readers to respond to the Archbishop's Charities Drive as generously as you can. It's doubly important at this juncture in our archdiocesan efforts at genuine ministry to both the material poor and the spiritual poor. First, there is the ever-spiralling inflation and the ever-threatening spectre of economic recession. Second, reduced government spending has placed a greater burden on private charity groups who must take up some of the slack in relation to an increasing number of needy persons.

If we wish to really share in the recently launched archdiocesan program of evangelization, we must supply the material and spiritual wherewithal. We must give what we can of our material wealth—but it is not sufficient to attempt to save our consciences with a check. Much more is required in personal involvement and in prayer. Giving without prayer is giving without love. ABCD helps us to do both—giving in prayer and in love.

Family Year

The archdiocesan program of Evangelization will be inaugurated at St. Mary's Cathedral tomorrow, Saturday, January 5, at 10 a.m. Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will preside at the shared Liturgy of commitment to which everyone is invited and at which we all are encouraged to proclaim and be witness to the Good News of the Lord Jesus.

It is fitting that as we enter the New Year, which has been designated as the Year of the Family, the first phase of our archdiocesan Evangelization effort will concentrate on enriching family life. It will give us all the opportunity to examine the state of our own families—the strengths and weaknesses, the joys and sorrows, the successes and the failures.

Throughout the year, the re will be parish and archdiocesan programs aimed at helping us to become personally involved in enriching our lives as family members—not merely in the family of namesake, but also in the family which is the Church—in God's Family. It has become obvious that many families are not families at all. There is no sense of community—no sense of belonging. Everyone, parents and children, seem bent on doing their own thing, with little effort at unity of purpose or direction.

The same lack of community is threatening the unity of the parish. The closest contact some families have with each other is after Sunday Mass, when bumpers crash as they rush to get out of the parking lot. Yet, the Eucharistic Celebration which these families attend, is the most sublime expression of community—the greatest of all acts of love in the Sacrifice of Christ for the redemption of mankind.

The year of the Family is a golden opportunity for each of us to Evangelize through personal renewal—through a commitment, as parents, to strengthen family life in fidelity and love—not only the love of man and wife, but also the love of mothers and fathers for their children. It is only through concerned love for each other in the family, will we ever be able to create that sense of belonging to each other. And if we truly belong—we will truly care.

Such an attitude developed in a family, enables it better to belong to the parish family—where mutual concern and service can radiate out into the neighborhood where God's love can find its true expression.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Magi Was Real

To the Editor:
Fr. John J. Castelot, on what is normally your editorial page, raises the question were there really Magi. A Vatican Council general statement on scriptural interpretation is quoted, but paragraph 19 of the same document is not mentioned. That paragraph makes the statement that the Church unhesitatingly asserts the historical character of the four Gospels. The writer gives the impression that the Gospel narrative concerning the Wise Men and the flight into Egypt is theological and not biographical. He seems to consider, because of Matthew's style of writing, that it could not be fact. We all know that fact sometimes sounds like fiction and vice versa.

I am unable to understand how a comparison of literary style can be considered an adequate reason not to accept the teaching handed down to us that Matthew "Was getting Jesus to Egypt" because St. Joseph and the Virgin really did get Him there in obedience to God's message through the angel. Does the writer think that those who are "simplistic" enough to accept the historical accuracy are too dense to give heed to the theological lessons present?

Embry G. Scott
Naples

Postage Stamps

To the Editor:
For over forty years we have had an organized effort of converting used postage stamps to funds which support our missionaries in foreign lands.

To continue this good work we need many who will make the small effort to save stamps for us. Just think. You remain at home. You use wastebasket material. This little effort gives you the right to say that you share in the good works of the brave men and women who bring The Good News and a helping hand to those less fortunate. Help us to continue this good work. Save stamps and send them to the address below.

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Let Paul Help You Into New Year

By MSGR. JAMES I. WALSH

The beginning of a new year for many is a time of introspection and self-analysis. Comic routines of television find this a fertile field for humor and, understandably so. The whole serious business is reduced to the ridiculous with resolutions directed towards trivial aspects of life or towards some mammoth problem whose solution is more than an expression of good will.

While we enjoy the humor, there is a brooding uneasiness for many at this time of year, an apprehension that the failures of the past will be repeated in the future. Perhaps this year especially when terrorism in Iran has made us all feel so helpless even while militarily so mighty, we face the future uneasily. And with worldwide inflation and economic instability there comes the unnerving thought that we are about to go through a traumatic experience after which nothing will be quite the same. We don't know whether to accept this possibility as a blessing or a disaster.

Also, faith in religion and the institutional church is still being badgered about that some suspect maybe they have been on the wrong track, that their efforts to develop spiritually have been wasted or, worse yet, perhaps it isn't that important any more.

With this, it is helpful to remember that St. Paul always comes through strong on almost any occasion, and he has more than one pungent thought for the mood of self-evaluation at the beginning of a new year.

Look up his letter to the Ephesians (6:10). There he reminds us of the Christian had in his time and which he will have ages from now until Gabriel blows his horn. He speaks of the unchangeables in the spiritual life, anti-Cæsars of peculiar characteristics of a generation. He underlines what God expects of a human being, whose nature has certain strengths and weaknesses.

And what he says serves as a kind of mini-blueprint of what was necessary in the "old" church, as well as the "new". Let's touch on this briefly.

"Grow strong in the Lord with the strength of his power. Put God's armor on so as to be able to resist the devil's tactics. For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the sovereignties and powers which originate in the darkness in this world, the spiritual army of evil in the heavens..."

Paul is not very popular today with either the Women's Lib group or with the humanists. The former dismisses him because he says a number of annoying things about women, such as being submissive to husbands, at last week's reading reminded us. The latter turn him off because he is forever reminding us that we are very weak creatures and must depend far more on God's power than on our own resources. The humanists, of course, think man has all he needs tucked away inside, awaiting proper mining equipment.

Catholics have always been taught to "grow strong in the Lord" through prayer and the sacraments and therefore there is no clash whatever in this formula. The sacraments remain the channel of divine help, designed to give man "the strength of his power." But they are not magic rites. Some, while not believing this, fall into the trap of looking for magical results, and when they do not appear, lose faith in the sacraments. Here is a good point for reevaluation this new year.

One thing about St. Paul that hangs out in the open clearly in much of his writing is this —he has an incredible habit of stepping on toes. He comes down hard on the spiritual bunions of those who recently ruled the devil out of existence. Read those lines again about "the devil's tactics...the spiritual army of evil..." Incidentally, some may need the New Year's resolution of fighting the devil in the drama of life. The focus has not been on the spirit of evil for a few years. If we take him into account, we should find little frustration and more clarity in our thinking.

PAUL SAID: "Stand your ground." The old translation put it, "stand fast." Both mean the same. As the kids say, hang in there. Persevere, keep at it. Don't be faint of heart or weak-kneed. "Pray all the time, asking for what you need, praying in the spirit on every possible occasion."

"Prayer is always a must. At every period of one's life. And every age of the church. Does it mean the rosary novenas, stations of the cross? For some who prefer these devotions, yes. For others, no.

The New Year ought to push us into a quiet corner of the house. Take up the New Testament. Turn to these ten verses of St. Paul. Work them out in the light of your own situation, where you are at this hour. God had us in mind when Paul penned those words. They point the new year in the right direction.

Say Senator, How's That Again?

By DICK CONKLIN

The new Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton will be a memorable event that promises to raise more money for the new school. The invitation mentions a few of the many celebrities that have been invited to attend —tennis star Christ Evert Lloyd, newscaster Ralph Renick, presidential candidate Senator Edward Kennedy.

SENATOR TED KENNEDY? The same Ted Kennedy who voted against tuition tax credits for parents of parochial or private school parents?" "Senator, why did you vote against tax credits for parochial and private school parents?"

"Senator, why have you failed to speak out against the public school system triggered some violent rhetoric against parochial schools. An editorial in the Washington Star, written at the time of the debate said, "Of all the attacks on the tuition tax credit proposal, the shabbiest is the implication that they are a sugar-coated scheme for promoting racial segregation in the schools." Democratic Senator who co-sponsored the bill complained afterwards that not a single other Democratic senator (including Kennedy) spoke out against the racism charge.

What about parents who can't afford a Catholic education for their children, yet would like to see a return of classroom prayer in the public schools? A Supreme Court decision, launched by atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, removed that right several years ago, and only a constitutional amendment would return it. Senator Kennedy opposes that too.

THERE WAS A time when a politician could simply make an appearance at a "Catholic event" and be assured of automatically picking up hundreds, perhaps thousands of additional votes. While that may be still true today to a lesser degree, the "Catholic voter" now is better informed on more issues, and is more likely to seek out a candidate's positions.

The Catholic press has an important role to play in all of this. Campaign literature tends to avoid the sensitive moral issues, and the secular press often editorializes and distorts them. Catholic newspapers, via national or local news reporting and independent columnists, can and should inform their readers about the issues and platforms and the voting records.

There will be a lot of speeches and a lot of promises between here and election day, and the Catholic voter faces a real challenge. But the informed voter is better equipped to do so.

Let's make 1980 the Year of the Informed Voter.

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Parents, Prime Religious Educators

By ANGELA M. SCHREIBER

It was the end of the day and the end of an era in Nancy's life. She was so tired. The family was making the long drive home with the four-year-old daughter, Amy, had prepared a lovely dinner and baked a cake in celebration of the occasion. Nancy made herself smile and felt the right things. But she couldn't help but feel a little hollow inside. She had worked so many hours. She had done so much to save money for her division.

"But it wasn't enough money to save for the family cycle my department and it was evident that he was getting me ready for the chopping block. That's when, I think, I really had a break. I thought I would have to have another job and left. But no, my Christian principles got in the way. I couldn't bear to watch him knock people down one by one. It was also evident that I would have to leave the last one to go. So I challenged his judgment and business practice with the company. And I suffered the personal loss of my job. The only thing I gained was knowing that he would not be able to resume his pattern for some time to come.

"Maybe if I had worked at it, I could have borne to look at myself in the mirror every morning without feeling rotten. Is my own conscience worth what I've been through, and put the family through?"

Nancy's food felt like a lump in her stomach. Keeping a happy face was difficult. She wondered if she had made the right moves. She didn't want to let anyone down.

"Mom, why don't you come along with Dad and me when he drops me off at CCD. You and Dad could go somewhere for a coke while you wait for me. The dishes don't have to be done right away. We'll do them together when I get back."

It was a good suggestion. Nancy wasn't ready to be alone. After they delivered Amy to class, Ed suggested that they take a drive. "No, we had better not," Nancy replied. "Gasoline is short."

"One shouldn't use gas unless it's necessary, that's true. But this is necessary. You don't want to sit in McDonald's and sip coke. You're miserable." He gently took her hand for a moment. Tears that had been held back so long let go. Ed found a quiet spot and parked the car. He held her until her sobs subsided.

"Amy will know I've been crying. I hate for her to know her mother's falling apart," Nancy remarked as they stopped in front of the school door. "Don't be silly, darling. She's not an infant. She knows you're vulnerable like anyone else."

Amy got into the back seat. "CCD was better than usual tonight. Maybe it's worth going to all," she volunteered. "We worked with the Bible passage about Jesus and Gethsemane. How horrible it must have been for him being all alone in the garden with his sorrow. He could have so easily have ditched the whole thing because he is God. But he stuck with his principles and finally died for them because he wanted to give us eternal life."

"Mom, I told the class what you had done for a principle. My teacher said that was your Gethsemane and that all of us face at least one Gethsemane in our lifetime. How we react during those times tells us whether or not we really are Christians. And practicing Christianity is not easy because its principles are so often not in tune with the world. I think I'm beginning to understand what being a Christian means.

"You know, Mom, you did win after all."

Nancy answered quietly, "Perhaps it has been a very little Gethsemane, but unlike Jesus, I have never been alone with it. You and Dad stayed with me. And when I cried, he held me. I feel as if Jesus has shown me that's wrong. We've all learned something and we can all get better."

Still, when adults sit around wringing their hands over this deplorable turn of events, looking for authority on all levels. Even granting the external facts, highly placed individuals have conducted themselves in a manner hardly calculated to inspire confidence. Individuals are not the whole system. It seems to be open season on everyone from the president to the cop on the beat, and the logical outcome of this attitude can be only anarchy and social chaos. It is no virtue to hold a completely wrong notion of authority.

If we are to have a moral and philosophical foundation for authority on all levels, even granting that man has made a mess of it himself, we must begin here. The way we handle and respect authority in our schools, our homes, our communities, is tied up in the way we conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with our principles.

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By FATHER JOHN J. CASTELOT

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It was the end of the day and the end of an era in Nancy's life. She was so tired. The family was making the long drive home with the four-year-old daughter, Amy, had prepared a lovely dinner and baked a cake in celebration of the occasion. Nancy made herself smile and felt the right things. But she couldn't help but feel a little hollow inside. She had worked so many hours. She had done so much to save money for her division.

"But it wasn't enough money to save for the family cycle my department and it was evident that he was getting me ready for the chopping block. That's when, I think, I really had a break. I thought I would have to have another job and left. But no, my Christian principles got in the way. I couldn't bear to watch him knock people down one by one. It was also evident that I would have to leave the last one to go. So I challenged his judgment and business practice with the company. And I suffered the personal loss of my job. The only thing I gained was knowing that he would not be able to resume his pattern for some time to come.

"Maybe if I had worked at it, I could have borne to look at myself in the mirror every morning without feeling rotten. Is my own conscience worth what I've been through, and put the family through?"

Nancy's food felt like a lump in her stomach. Keeping a happy face was difficult. She wondered if she had made the right moves. She didn't want to let anyone down.

"Mom, why don't you come along with Dad and me when he drops me off at CCD. You and Dad could go somewhere for a coke while you wait for me. The dishes don't have to be done right away. We'll do them together when I get back."

It was a good suggestion. Nancy wasn't ready to be alone. After they delivered Amy to class, Ed suggested that they take a drive. "No, we had better not," Nancy replied. "Gasoline is short."

"One shouldn't use gas unless it's necessary, that's true. But this is necessary. You don't want to sit in McDonald's and sip coke. You're miserable." He gently took her hand for a moment. Tears that had been held back so long let go. Ed found a quiet spot and parked the car. He held her until her sobs subsided.

"Amy will know I've been crying. I hate for her to know her mother's falling apart," Nancy remarked as they stopped in front of the school door. "Don't be silly, darling. She's not an infant. She knows you're vulnerable like anyone else."

Amy got into the back seat. "CCD was better than usual tonight. Maybe it's worth going to all," she volunteered. "We worked with the Bible passage about Jesus and Gethsemane. How horrible it must have been for him being all alone in the garden with his sorrow. He could have so easily have ditched the whole thing because he is God. But he stuck with his principles and finally died for them because he wanted to give us eternal life."

"Mom, I told the class what you had done for a principle. My teacher said that was your Gethsemane and that all of us face at least one Gethsemane in our lifetime. How we react during those times tells us whether or not we really are Christians. And practicing Christianity is not easy because its principles are so often not in tune with the world. I think I'm beginning to understand what being a Christian means.

"You know, Mom, you did win after all."

Nancy answered quietly, "Perhaps it has been a very little Gethsemane, but unlike Jesus, I have never been alone with it. You and Dad stayed with me. And when I cried, he held me. I feel as if Jesus has shown me that's wrong. We've all learned something and we can all get better."

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A Healthy, Normal Boy Growing Up in Nazareth Like Other Jewish Boys

By JANAAN MANTERNACH

What was Jesus like as a young boy? What was his life like as he grew up?

The Gospels tell us very little. They seem to take it for granted that Jesus grew up as a normal boy, apparently not much different from the other boys and girls in his hometown.

Jesus’ home was in a small town called Nazareth. Nazareth still sits on the steep slope of a hill in Galilee, the northern part of Israel. When Jesus lived there, Nazareth was not very well known. It was several day’s journey from the capital city, Jerusalem. The sophisticated people of the big city looked down on his small town in the remote hills of Galilee.

Jesus lived at home with his mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph. Joseph was a carpenter in Nazareth. He probably had his workshop at home or very close by. Mary and Joseph were not rich, but they were not poor either. They led simple lives. They did not have many conveniences.

They rarely traveled very far from home. Once a year they made the long pilgrimage to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover at the great temple. Jesus began going with Mary and Joseph when he was 12. From time to time they may have gone to nearby Cana to visit close relatives. Elisabeth, Zechariah and John. John was Jesus’ cousin and was just a few months older.

At home in Nazareth, life was marked by a sense of respect for tradition and authority. The Gospels mention explicitly that Jesus was obedient to Mary and Joseph. He respected them and learned from them. Mary and Joseph taught Jesus to read, and probably to write. From them he learned to speak Aramaic, the language of his people. Joseph taught Jesus to be a carpenter as they worked together in Joseph’s shop. As Jesus grew older, he probably took on carpenter jobs for himself. His mother and foster father also taught Jesus the important beliefs and practices of Jewish life.

Jesus attended the local synagogue school. There the rabbi taught his students Hebrew, the language of the Bible and synagogue worship. The Gospel of Luke says Jesus was eager to learn and grew more intelligent with each passing year. Apparently Jesus was curious about life and about God. Jesus enjoyed the games and sports that were popular among the boys and girls of Nazareth. The Gospel says he was strong and well liked.

Mary, Joseph and Jesus observed the traditional Jewish religious practices. They cooked their food and ate their meals according to the Jewish laws. They blessed their food before eating. They prayed in the morning, afternoon and evening. They celebrated the Jewish holidays.

Each week Jesus celebrated the Sabbath with his family. He watched his mother light the lamps and welcome the Sabbath as the sun set on Friday. From then until Saturday’s sunset, Jesus and his family did no work of any kind. The Sabbath was a day of rest and prayer. There were Sabbath services in the synagogue on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Jesus had his own place in the synagogue, as did Joseph and Mary. They wore their long prayer shawls, with tassels along the edge, to synagogue services. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus grew in respect for the Torah, the sacred scroll containing God’s word. From the time he was 12, he was considered an adult member of the community.

This is only part of what we would like to know about Jesus as he grew up. It shows us a normal, healthy boy growing up like the other Jewish boys in the country town of Nazareth.

Jesus: The Central Family Figure

By JERRY BARTRAM

The scene: a school playground. One little boy pushes another against a wall and grabs him by the throat.

Seven-year-old Michael Tetreau sees the incident as he runs to the aggressor. “Don’t do that. Would you do that to Jesus?”

The boy mutters, “Uh, I don’t know.” He was a classmate of Michael’s. “You just saved our lives,” Michael said. “If I had done it, you wouldn’t be here today.”

Michael never mentioned the incident to his mother, but the mother of the boy he “saved” phoned and described it. Later she said her son began asking her that same question: “Who is Jesus?” Michael continued to ask the question, and the question was always a moment of conversion for her.

The scene: a grade two classroom. Joseph Tetreau, age eight, and some other boys are misbehaving. The teacher reprimands them. After class, Joseph says to his parents, “I was in trouble with the teacher.”

The teacher said the parents, “Some of these boys from whom I’d never expect it also apologized after they heard Joseph.”

The scene: a hospital. Michael has been admitted with pneumonia. “I’m all right now,” he tells his mother. “I think I’m better.”

The sentence of the Gospel “where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them,” is extremely important in their lives.

For me and Dick (the aim) is to create that atmosphere where Jesus is our teacher and the children’s,” says Shirley. Discipline in the family becomes an education in unity rather than a cause of division and resentment.

Shirley feels that correcting the children when they are wrong is “a service of love which we perform as Christian parents.” But when she fails to correct them with love, when she loses her patience, she apologizes and asks for forgiveness.

“Children are very sensitive to real love,” she says, for when she explains to them, they “immediately throw their arms around me and say, ‘I love you, Mamas, I forgive you.’”

“And then I say, ‘Let’s start again to love each other so we can have Jesus in our midst.’ They always say ‘yes.’”

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Family Life Workshops Set at Barry College

The 3rd Annual National Family Life Directors Workshop will be held this year from Jan. 8-12, at Barry College.

The purpose of the workshops will be to offer ongoing education to diocesan family life personnel. This year there will be two orientation and introductory workshops designed especially for new family life directors. The rest of the conference will feature Family needs, the White House Conference, the Rome Synod on the family and Spirituality, family and personal.

There will be major presentations, small group workshops and process day.

The sixth point in the Bishop’s Plan for Pastoral Ministry to Families is Ministry to Leadership. This workshop will provide the family life directors and diocesan staff with the opportunity to be re-energized.

Chairing some of the workshops will be Father Carl Arico, chairman of the Family Life Directors Committee on Marriage Preparation and Common Policy; John Carr, director of White House Conference on Families; Dr. Daniel Dolese, USCC Dept. of Education; Bob and Irene Tomato Family. National President Couple of CFM; Ron and Elsie Vail, regional U.S. Return Contact Couple; Fr. James Young, chaplain of North American Conference of Separated and Divorced Catholics; plus many others.

Barry to Host Alcoholism Meet

The National Clergy Conference on Alcoholism will hold its 32nd annual convention at Barry College, Jan. 8-12. A special program re: Alcoholism and its treatment— geared to local professionals and other interested persons — will be offered on Wednesday, Jan. 9th.

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, a former moderator of the Washington based group will keynote the program on Jan. 8 at 9:30 a.m. Areas covered include: Alcohol and drug (or Pill) abuse, identification and treatment of the alcoholic, and counseling the alcoholic and his family. A special rate of $15.00 for the day (including lunch) is being offered to local priests, religious and laity. Send reservations to Fr. Michael Hogan, O.S.A., Convention Chairman, Catholic Service Bureau, 349 NE 2 Ave., Miami 33137, or call 576-0307 for further information.

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Refrigerator Day for Mothers will be held at the Dominican Retreat House, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., on Jan. 8. Speaker will be Fr. Roger Paider, St. John’s Essexville, Mich., and C.F.M. Priest Moderator. Call Sr. Peggy Manning at 210-2711.

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3. With minds so confused, building up peace by works of peace is difficult. It demands that truth be restored, in order to keep individuals, groups and nations from losing confidence in peace and from consenting to new forms of violence.

RESTORING peace means in the first place calling by their proper names acts of violence in all their forms. Murder must be called by its proper name: murder is murder; political or ideological motives do not change its nature, but are on the contrary deprecated by it. The massacre of men and women, whatever their race, age or sex, must be called by its proper name. Torture must be called by its proper name: and, with the appropriate qualifications, so must all forms of oppression and exploitation of man by man, of man by the State, of one people by another people. The purpose of doing so is not to give oneself a clear conscience by means of loud all-embracing denunciations — it would no longer be calling things by their proper names — nor to make justice come, in the final analysis, through violent struggle — as long as these things happen, then niceties, restraint, and selectivity will periodically give way in the face of the simple and brutal logic of violence, a logic which can go as far as the suicidal exaltation of violence for its own sake.

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Encouraged by differing and often contradictory ideologies, the idea is spreading that the individual and all humanity achieve progress politically through violent struggle. It has been thought that this could be demonstrated historically. Ingenious efforts have been made to build it into a theory. It is time more and more, to clear the custom to analyse the resources of peace itself.

To the desire for peace does not cause the man of peace to shut his eyes to the tension, injustice and strife that are part of our world. He looks at
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7. Above all, truth gives us all the more reason not to despair of the victims of injustice. It does not allow us to throw the errors of judgment of others on us, but we are encouraged by the truth to count on the forces of justice and peace that suffer and whose people have deep within them. It believes that if we recognize the wrongness of their action and inalienable rights it gives them the strength to continue despite the forces of oppression, effective pressure for transformation, pressure more effective than acts of violence, which generally lack any future prospect except one of greater suffering. It is because I am convinced of this that I keep proclaiming the dignity and the rights of the person. Moreover, as I wrote in my Encyclical Redemptor Hominis, the logic behind the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the very establishment of the United Nations Organization was aimed at creating "the basis for continual revision of programmes, systems and regimes precisely from an individual fundamental point of view, namely the welfare of man-. or, let me say the welfare of the person in the community." (no. 17, 4). Since the man of peace draws from the light of truth and sincerity, he has clear ideas about existing injustices, tensions and conflicts. But instead of using his higher faculties, his reason and his heart, in order to help him to recognize and accept truth, but at least it does not throw away any of the chances for peace.

8. The path from a less peaceful coexistence of all humans to a truly human and lasting peace requires dialogue, and continual dialogue. Truth too enables it to enter into such an agreement without seeking to dominate it. It shows what already unites the parties that were previously opposed; it prepares the ground for fresh agreements, because truth does not cast a suspicion of evil and injustice, in order to help him to recognize and accept truth, but at least it does not throw away any of the chances for peace.

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laws or agreements that have prevented them from getting worse. Promoting truth also means having the courage to foresee the future, to take into account - the new aspirations, compatible with what is good, that individuals and peoples begin to experience as culture progresses, in order to lead national and international institutions to the reality of humanity on earth.

Statesmen and international institutions therefore have an immense field for building a new and more just world order, based on the truth about man, established upon a just distribution not only of wealth but also of power and responsibility.

Yes, I am convinced of this: truth gives strength to peace within, and an atmosphere of greater sincerity which leads to the ultimate responsibility.

TO WORK for peace is the concern of all individuals and of all peoples. And because everyone has endowed with a heart and with reason and has been made in the image of God, he or she is capable of the effort of truth and sincerity which strengthens and guides me in my personal efforts to bring all Christians to bring to the common task the specific contribution of the Gospel which leads to the ultimate source of truth, to the Incarnate Word of God.

The Gospel places in striking relief the bond between falsehood and murderous violence, in the words of Christ: “As it is, you want to kill me when I tell you the truth as I have learnt it from God... What you are doing is worse than your father does... The devil is your father, and you prefer to do what your father wants. He was a murderer from the start; he was never grounded in the truth; therefore, I told you the truth in him at all; when he lies he is drawing on his own store, because he has no truth...” (Jn 8: 40, 41, 4).

This is why I was able to say, with such conviction at Drogheda in Ireland and why I now repeat: “Violence is a lie, for it goes against the truth of our faith, the truth of our humanity...do not believe in violence; do not support violence. It is not the Christian way. It is not the way of the Catholic Church. Believe in peace and forgiveness and love, for they are of Christ” (nos. 9-10).

Yes, the Gospel of Christ is a Gospel of peace: “Blessed are the peace-makers; they shall be called children of God” (Mt 5:9). And the driving force of evangelical peace is truth. Jesus revealed to man the full truth about man; he restores man in the truth about himself by reconciling him with God, by reconciling him with himself and by reconciling him with others. Truth is the driving power of peace because it reveals and brings about the unity of man with God, with himself and with others. Forgiveness and reconciliation are constitutive elements of the truth which strengthens peace and which builds up peace. To refuse forgiveness and reconciliation is for us to lie and to enter into the murderous logic of falsehood.

11. I know that all men and women of good will can understand all this from personal experience, when they listen to the profound voice of their hearts. For this reason I invite you all, all of you who wish to strengthen peace by putting back into its content of truth which dispels all falsehoods: join in the effort of reflection and of action which I propose to you for this thirteenth World Day of Peace by examining your own readiness to forgive and to be reconciled, and by making gestures of forgiveness and reconciliation in the domain of your own family, social and political responsibilities. You will be doing the truth and the truth will make you free.

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Campaña para las Caridades del Arzobispo

Estamos en los primeros días del año, un período en el cual miramos a las cuatro primeras letras del alfabeto —ABCD, abreviatura de la Campaña de Caridades del Arzobispo según el original título en Inglés.

Durante los próximos meses muchos voluntarios estarán trabajando para obtener promesas de donación a nivel Parroquial y Arquidiocesano para ayudar a las muchas y variadas instituciones católicas del Sur de la Florida que sirven a aquellos hermanos en necesidad: tales necesidades, muy a menudo, se traducen en existencias de extrema pobreza, crítica salud, falta de trabajo, etc. Muchos de los necesitados no tienen problemas financieros, pero están aún necesitados de asistencia porque son alcohólicos, adictos a drogas, están envueltos en divorcios u hogares destruidos, son madres solteras, o ciudadanos mayores, necesitados de cuidado siniátrico o simplemente que necesitan alguien que les muestre interés y cariño.

A través de las Caridades Católicas y Servicios Sociales muchos de los necesitados son atendidos por profesionales y voluntarios que se preocupan por el bienestar de los demás.

Los fondos del ABCD no están identificados sólo como limosnas: ellos, las más de las veces, proveen los medios por los que la gente se ve estimulada a ayudarse a sí misma, para mejorar su condición con su propio esfuerzo. Y para aquellos demasiado enfermos o incapacitados para ayudarse a sí mismos, los fondos del ABCD ayudan a obtener la necesaria asistencia de aquellos que aprendieron a brindar servicio con amoroso celo.

Por todo lo expuesto, urgimos a todos nuestros lectores a responder a esta Campaña de las Caridades del Arzobispo tan generosamente como puedan. Queremos decir hacer algo un poco más allá de lo que pensamos poder hacer. Es doblemente importante en este punto de nuestras esfuerzos arquidiocesanos de un genuino ministerio para ambos, el pobre material y el pobre espiritual. Primero, existe la siempre creciente inflación y el siempre amenazante espectro de recesión económica. Segundo, la reducción de gastos del Gobierno ha puesto un mayor peso sobre los grupos caritativos privados quienes deben tomar a su cargo parte de esta diferencia en relación con el creciente número de necesitados.

Si queremos sinceramente participar en recientemente lanzado programa de evanglización arquidiocesana debemos suplir los recursos necesarios espirituales y materiales. Deberemos dar cuanto podamos de nuestra riqueza personal pero no debemos tratar de aplacar nuestra conciencia con un cheque. Se necesita más que eso, se requiere envolvimiento personal y en oración. Porque si damos sin oración es como si diéramos sin amor. ABCD ayuda a dar de ambas maneras, con oración y con amor.

1980, El Año de la Familia

Manana, Sabado 5 de Enero, a las 10 de la manana en la Catedral de St. Mary, nuestro Arzobispo Edward A. McCarthy inauguro el Programa Arquidiocesano de Evangelización. Su Excelencia presidira la inaugurado el Programa Arquidiocesano para ayudar a las muchas y variadas instituciones catolicas del Sur de la Florida que sirven a aquellos hermanos en necesidad; no solo entre los esposos sino también en el amor de la madre y del padre por sus hijos. Es solo a traves del dedicado amor de unos por otros en el seno de la familia, que seremos capaces de crear ese sentimiento de pertenencia con los demas. Y si realmente pertenecemos, nos interesaremos verdaderamente.

El Año de la Familia es una oportunidad dorada para cada uno de nosotros para evangelizarnos a traves de una renovacion personal, de un compromiso personal, como padres, al fortalecimiento de la vida familiar en el amor y la fidelidad; no solo entre los esposos sino tambien en el amor de la madre y del padre por sus hijos. Es solo a traves del dedicado amor de unos por otros en el seno de la familia, que seremos capaces de crear ese sentido de pertenencia con los demas. Y si realmente pertenecemos, nos interesaremos verdaderamente.

Tal actitud desarrollada en la familia la capacitará más para pertenecer a la familia parroquial, donde el interés y servicio mutuo puede irradiablemente se extienda, que es donde el amor de Dios encuentra su total expresión.
**Nuevo Año, Esperanza Nueva**

Cada vez que nos acercamos a un nuevo año comienza a renacer la esperanza, que fue menguando durante el año que termina según nuestras inspiraciones y deseos fueron quedando sin cristalizar. La esperanza es una virtud que cuando está bien alimentada, no se desvanece como el humo con la brisa. Planteamos la esperanza en nuestros corazones y alimento nuestras esperanzas con la práctica de estas consideraciones de James Keller.

La Esperanza busca lo bueno en la gente. El lugar de machacar lo malo.

La Esperanza abre las puertas que la desesperación cierra.

La Esperanza descubre lo que se puede hacer en lugar de rezongar sobre lo que no se puede.

La Esperanza obtiene su poder de una profunda confianza en Dios y la bondad intrínseca de la humanidad.

La Esperanza "enciende una vela" en lugar de "maldecir la oscuridad".

La Esperanza considera los problemas, grandes y pequeños, como oportunidades.

La Esperanza no abriga ilusiones, ni cede ante el cinismo.

La Esperanza fija grandes metas, y no se frustra por dificultades o reveses repetidos.

La Esperanza empieza hacia adelante cuando sería más fácil abandonarlo todo.

La Esperanza se conforma con modestos logros, pues se da cuenta de que "el viaje más largo comienza con un paso".

La Esperanza acepta los malos entendidos como el precio de hacer un bien mayor a otros.

La Esperanza es una buena perdorera porque tiene la seguridad divina de la victoria final.

"Van a tener que sufrir mucho en este mundo, pero, ¡sea valiente! Yo he vencido al mundo". (Juan 16-33)

James Keller

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**El Baile de Juan y María**

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**1980: Primer Encuentro Familiar**

El Primer Encuentro Familiar de este nuevo año será los próximos días 5 y 6 de Enero, justo cuando esta edición ve la luz, en el Seminario St. John Vianney, 87 Avenida SW y Calle 29. El Encuentro tiene por objeto la unión de las familias y las relaciones armoniosas entre padres e hijos. Es un magnífico modo de comenzar el Año de la Familia tratando de mejorarla y unirla. Siempre se puede ganar algo en favor de una familia aunque estemos seguros de que la nuestra es un modelo. El Rvdo. P. Florentino Ascoa será el Director, a las celebraciones.

**Aniversario**

Nuestra Cena - Bailable aniversario NDSRIM0S DIARIAM£NTE DE 8 A.M. A 6 P.M. que se celebra el día 16 de Febrero de 1980 en el Casablanca Banquet Halls. Música por J and M DISCO. Pronto le mandaremos más información. Reserve ese día para pasarlo con nosotros, trae a un amigo.

Es Justo Dar Gracias...

A fines del pasado Octubre el Canal 23 ofreció un reportaje en su programa de noticias que fue una clara propaganda para el "Ladies Center of Miami," centro para el aborto, disfrazada de noticia. El grupo "Respeto a la Vida de Miami" solicitó al Canal 23 un tiempo igual para refutar tal presentación. La petición fue atendida.

El Dr. Luis Flores y la Sra. Magali Llaguno fueron espectadores del programa. El día 23 de agosto de 1979, se realizó el primer encuentro de cientos de personas de todas las partes del mundo que fueron a dar su "Respeto a la Vida". En la siguiente transmisión se ofreció el mes de Diciembre.

Eso de agradecer al Canal 23 su gesto y todos los simpatizantes con la causa antinortista deben escribir al Canal 23 unas líneas de gratitud y urgir a limitar futuras historias sobre el aborto en la base de una cobertura actual y balanceada.

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**Seminario en FIU Sobre Exilio Cubano**

Este Seminario está programado en el Campus de la Universidad de FIU y se dará el lunes 7 de Octubre a las 7 p.m. El Seminario es una organización que conozco la Historia cubana y tienen interés en una reflexión teológica de ella. Considerará en un análisis sobre la experiencia del pueblo cubano en sus sufrimientos y logros, desde la perspectiva de Evo Morales y como parte de una visión de la realidad presente y futura a la luz del Evangelio, con el que es necesario llegar.

El Seminario tendrá lugar los días 22 y 26 de enero, en St. John Vianney College Seminary, 251 SW 87 Ave, Miami, Fl. 33165.

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Habrá también una sesión para sacerdotes los días 23, 24, 25 y 26 de enero a 11 a.m. y a 6 p.m. en la Ermita de la Madre de Dios.

Si necesita más información llamar al teléfono 433-7711.

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**Ampliado Centro Mater**

Una adición de dos pisos al Centro Mater será bendecida por el Arzobispo de Miami, Edward A. McCarthy, el domingo 6 de Enero a las 6 p.m., fiesta de la Epifanía del Señor y la tradicional festividad de los Reyes Magos.

El Centro para la juventud Latino-Americana, fundado hace 12 años por la Sra. Margarita Miranda, tiene actualmente unos 150 jóvenes de ambos sexos registrados en sus programas. "Después de la Escuela". La adición de dos plantas, proveerá un centro para cuidado diurno de los niños de madres que trabajan, y oficinas administrativas. Está localizado en el 418 SW de la Calle 4, en la Pequeña Habana.

**Noticias de Impacto**

Impacto No. 49
Enero 12 y 13, 1980.- Necesitamos tus oraciones. Misas de Clausura Enero 13 a las 6:30 p.m. en Blessed Trinity.

Picnic
Febrero 3, 1980. En el ROBERT KING HIGH PARK, 7025 W. Flagler St., Miami, desde las 11:00 a.m. hasta las 6:00 p.m. Se vendrá comida. Acompañanos con tu familia y amigos a pasar un día lleno de alegría y de juegos.

Impacto No. 50
Enero 9 y 10 de 1980. En este mes se cumple también un aniversario más del comienzo de Impacto, 7 años, y también es el Impacto número 50. Ve pensando desde ahora en esta fecha tan especial para el Movimiento y asiste con nosotros a las celebraciones.


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Padre, Lleve Mi Mensaje...

Por Rito. P. Paul Sagby

En ocasión de la Cena de Navidad en el Instituto Correccional, Belle Glades.

No podíamos dejar pasar estas Navidades sin recordarnos de nuestros jóvenes que están al margen de la sociedad, presos en las cárceles por errores cometidos muchas veces involuntariamente o por circunstancias en las que la vida les ha precipitado.

Para comprender la situación que atraviesan, es necesario analizar nuestra sociedad, en la que les ha tocado vivir. Si los condenamos, tenemos que condenar nuestra sociedad y nuestros métodos de vivir. Nadie ha nacido con la maldad en su corazón. Malo se hace uno, por falta de orientación, y por falta de educación. Muchos de estos que cumplen una condena han sido víctimas de las circunstancias, o del ambiente en que han tocado vivir. Hablo aquí de jóvenes que crecieron sin padres, sin ambiente familiar, sin el calor de la madre o el amor de una niñera. Es una tendencia del hombre, y por eso se dejan llevar por esa falsa sirena que le halaga. Es un campo fácil de obtener grandes ventajas sin el menor esfuerzo. Es una manera de enmendar, en lo que se pueden, para mantener en ellos el amor de Dios, el amor del prójimo y el amor a la sociedad que muchas veces ha sido injusta con ellos.

Al hablarles de libertad, mencionando sus familias y sobre todo la madre, se entremezclaron lágrimas en los ojos en que me dicen: "Padre, lleve mi mensage a mi buena madre, que seguramente estará llorando en secreto, como yo estoy llorando en el silencio de la noche cuando nadie me ve, y digo para mí: Ojalá hubiera escuchado sus buenos consejos al principio de una nueva etapa, de una nueva vida, cuando me despedia de ella y me dijo: "Hijo mío se bueno, sabe que tu madre te hará todos los días por tí. Que Dios guíe tus pasos por el sendero del bien." En estas palabras con cariño traigo a mi memoria sus recuerdos y sus palabras a medida que me halagan, pero al mismo tiempo me animan para que no hable de mi caso, por no haber escuchado sus palabras.

Ojala, privados de libertad, celebramos la cena de Navidad como los santos que cantamos "Noche de Paz, Noche de Amor..."

De veras era una poesía de amor, una bendición, una bendición de un amor que Cristo nos ha traído del Cielo.

Para nosotros estos jóvenes no son objeto de admiración por su resignación a la voluntad de Dios. En la noche de Navidad todos en Perdón, to- do es amor, todo es Paz. Por la paz del mundo hemos ofrecido a la Madre y a Dios nuestra postrera voluntad de todos los presos que sufren las consecuencias de una falta cometida, muchas veces involucra- tivamente. Por ellos nuestro corazón llena de dolor, dice a Dios: No deben sentirse solos, olvidados, nosotros estamos a su lado. No se está muriendo, este es un momento de esperanza. No debemos sufrir con ellos, debemos estar a su lado, ayudarles a superar sus dificultades. De esta manera, colocaremos la paz, de esta manera, colocaremos las puertas del amor, colocaremos las puertas hacia Dios.

El Domingo 6 de Enero, Festividad de la Epifanía del Señor, tendrá lugar la ceremonia de apertura de la Iglesia de St. Brendan. SW 87 Avenue y la Calle 32. La ceremonia señalada para el 29 de Diciembre se pospuso debido a las fiestas de Navidad. Habrá una ceremonia muy humana, aunque sencilla, que incluye la pro- ceisión desde el actual templo hasta el sitio donde se construirá el nuevo. La Parroquia se ve en la presente con los Obispos Auxiliares de Miami, Monseñores Aguín Roman y John J. Nevin. El Pastor de St. Brendan, Mons. David Buswell, invita a todos los amigos y seguidores del Sra. Frank Beal Abbott. Nuestra estación de Nuestra Señora, está en una posición privilegiada de estar presente en estos momentos de gran re- cibimiento y, en circunstancias difíciles y adversas, y por eso cayeron víctimas del error y del vicio.

Como sacerdote, tengo mucho contacto con ellos. Todos los días de celebrando la Misa y predicando, hablándoles al corazón, acaso entiendo, pues en ellos la voluntad, el arrepentimiento que es siempre señal de hones- tidad y enmienda. Todos jun- dos, tristes, desamparados, en estos momentos de Navidad, sacar provecho de la vida pasada y de estos errores.
Viven Entre Ustedes, Para Ustedes

"Por eso busquen de entre ustedes a siete hombres de buena fama, llenos del Espíritu Santo y de sabiduría, para cuidar este oficio" (E 6:3)

Estas palabras de los Apóstoles, reunidos para resolver algunas quejas por la falta de atención a algunas necesidades de la comunidad, debieron originar el diácono, como un ministerio de servicio a los fieles. El vocablo "diaconos" viene del griego "diakonos", que quiere decir servicio.

Los primeros diáconos ordenados en la Iglesia, con imposición de manos sobre ellos por los Apóstoles, fueron: Esdeban, primer mártir del Cristianismo, Prócoro, Nicanaor, Felipe, quien convirtió al maestro Simón y al etopeo Gazer, Timon, Parmenas y Nicolás. Desde el principio, el servicio del diácono fue un oficio voluntario, nacido del amor a Dios para bien de sus hijos.

Los diáconos de hoy también son voluntarios. En su mayoría padres de familia, profesionales o obreros, que luego de cumplir con las obligaciones que sostienen sus hogares dedican horas libres al servicio de sus hermanos en Cristo, por amor a Dios, Padre de todos. Este servicio es muy variado. No solo llevan la palabra de Dios a quien la desconoce, sino que sirven también en las necesidades materiales como visitar a un enfermo o a un anciano recluido en un asilo, brindándoles un hogar con el sacerdote por cada día. También visitan las familias necesitadas materialmente para conocer su situación y recabar la ayuda pertinente. Nos interesamos por conocer la experiencia más emocionante tenida en sus servicio diaconal.

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