Pope to Bishops: Guard Truth

VATICAN CITY (NC) - "To be a pastor and bishop of souls means to protect the word of God to watch over the truth," Pope John Paul II told the Dutch bishops at a concelebrated Mass solemnly opening the Particular Synod of the Dutch Bishops at the Vatican.

The synod is running now through Jan. 26 to try to resolve the divisions that, in the words of the synod's working paper, "threaten to paralyze ecclesiastical life" in the Netherlands.

The pope's homily did not spill out any of the problems the Dutch church faces or offer concrete solutions. It was a kind of religious pep-talk encouraging the bishops to assume their obligations with a trust in the Holy Spirit.

The day before, in a letter to Dutch Catholics asking them to pray for the synod's success, the pope emphasized that the bishops were chosen to be leaders of their people. Not just spokesmen for the pope's views.

Quoting a 1969 speech by Cardinal Bernard Alfrink, former Archbishop of Utrecht, Netherlands, Pope John Paul said, the bishops "cannot be content with echoing the voice of their people but must also place the word of the Lord in front of them."

"The bishops must make their own voices heard," he said. "They must not only be like one believer in the middle of the crowd, but like a man in charge of the mission, marching at the head."

Discussions at the synod are expected to center on liberal-conservative differences in the Dutch Catholic Church. Two of the seven Dutch bishops are considered to be conservatives, while the other five are known as liberals.

In his homily to the bishops, the pope urged them to place themselves under the guidance of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit and the teachings of the Second Vatican Council.

"In our difficult age, in our 20th century, the church has given, in the teaching of the Second Vatican Council, a particularly full expression of the truth about itself," the pope said.

"THIS TEACHING ought to be the measure of thought and action for all those who make up the church of Christ. In particular it ought to be the measure of our own thought and our own action for us, who are the teachers and pastors of the church," he said.

"It ought to be the measure of our thought and our action," he added.

The pope noted the unusual nature of the synod, calling it "an event without precedent."

There have been periodic general synods of representatives of the world's bishops since synodal (Continued on Page 3)

Florida Bishops' Letter on Abortion

In-VITRO LAB— Dr. Jack Rary, a geneticist at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va., works in the laboratory at Norfolk General Hospital that will become the first test-tube baby clinic in the United States. Virginia pro-lifers have protested the project and say they will take the matter to court. Bishop Walter Sullivan of Richmond also has objected to the clinic.

The following is a Pastoral letter of the Bishops of Florida commemorating the Anniversary of the Supreme Court's abortion decisions:

Joyous celebrations are a part of our human experience: holidays, reunions, anniversaries, etc. Family weddings are a special time, filled with joy-filled activities and a feeling of identity with loved ones. We gather from various parts of the country and for a time become one again and our unity is enhanced by the inclusion of a new member, a new family becoming part of our extended family. The love one feels is not diminished but enhanced by the additions to our circle of love.

This is what Isaiah's description of the covenant relationship between God and man arouses in us. It is exciting and delightful. It is similar to the experience St. John gives us of Jesus at Cana, turning water into wine at a family wedding feast.

In a way, wine seems to be a special symbol of our life as God's people. For the agricultural people of an earlier age, wine had a special meaning. It is a gift, a blessing from God brought to reality through the cooperation of man's labor.

It is the culmination of God's creative love and man's loving service. God's love and man's response are joined in this fruit of the vine.

Jesus uses the symbol of Himself as the Vine and we as branches.

When there is an openness to God's grace we are bountiful in bringing forth new wine from the branches. The new wine of loving service is a continuation of the work of the Kingdom. When the branch is cut off, however, it withers and dies. We live in a time of dryness. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States declared unconstitutional all laws protecting the life of the unborn child. The Court was reflecting a mood in this country, in this world, that we do not
News At A Glance

‘Proclaim the Gospel’

CHARLESTON, S.C. - (NC) - "Proclaim the Gospel to the people of today," Bishop Ernest L. Untereker said in marking the 160th anniversary of the Diocese of Charleston Jan. 1. In a pastoral letter on evangelization, the bishop of Charleston said that Religious and faithful have "a shared responsibility for making the teaching of Christ heard and acknowledged in our society."

Week of Prayer for Unity

GRAYOM, N.Y. - (NC) - The 1980 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - with the theme "Your Kingdom Come" - sounds a call for Christian prayer and action on behalf of world justice and peace, the two marks of the kingdom of God, said its sponsors. The week begins Jan. 18.

Soup Can Funds Canned

ST. PAUL, Minn. - (NC) - In the last six years elementary schools have collected and exchanged Campbell Soup labels for $1 million worth of educational and athletic equipment. But for some schools the labels soon could represent a sacrifice for social justice. The Farm Labor Organizing Committee, a farm workers union, began a boycott of the Campbell Soup Co. and Libby McNeil and Libby Inc. products last January with $39,000 in financial support from the Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. bishops’ anti-poverty program.

Bp. Kelly Praises King

WASHINGTON - (NC) - In a statement marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., on Jan. 16, Bishop Thomas Kelly, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, said racism retains a strong hold on many Americans and on society. "Great movements in history are born in the souls of great human beings. Martin Luther King Jr. is the American prophet of racial justice, a cause for which he lived and tragically died. The anniversary of his birth each year is like a tolling bell that calls us to look again on the progress of the work he began," Bishop Kelly said.

Liberation Theologian Condemned

PETROPOLIS, Brazil - (NC) - Some of the writings of a Franciscan theologian, Father Leonardo Boff, have been condemned by the Vatican’s Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, according to several Brazilian cardinals. Father Boff, 41, is considered one of the key contributors to the theology of liberation in Latin America.

Peace Eludes N. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland - (NC) - Britain’s first peace initiative in Northern Ireland since 1796 has failed to elude a stormy start as Protestant and Catholic apostles presented differing approaches for achieving long-range peace. The two apostles began conceptually Jan. 7. The Catholic apostle advocated a sharing between the two religions of government, but the Protestants want majority rule and won’t discuss unity with Ireland.

Gas for Religion Ministers

WASHINGTON - (NC) - A U.S. Catholic Conference official has urged that ministers of religion be given special consideration in regulations governing Catholic-Jewish marriages. The guidelines would permit a rabbi to be present and offer prayers and a blessing at a marriage officiated by a priest or deacon, and would allow a public ceremony recognized in civil law provided the Catholic party has obtained a dispensation from the canonical form of marriage.

Mgr. Higgins: Back Israel

WASHINGTON - (NC) - American Catholics should respond to the Israeli crisis with solid support for the state of Israel, Mgr. George G. Higgins told a distinguished audience in Washington Jan. 9. At a dinner he termed his "pre-retirement party," Mgr. Higgins said the "compulsive tendency on the part of the Ayatollah Khomeini and his followers to blame the present Iranian crisis on Zionism and, in effect, to call for the destruction of Israel makes it all the more timely for Catholics to recommit ourselves, without qualification, to the defense of Israel."

Cooperate With the Census

NEW YORK - (NC) - The Dioceses of the New York Metropolitan area have agreed to a uniform policy of limited cooperation with the 1980 census in regard to illegal aliens, according to Mgr. Anthony J. Brescia, director of the Brooklyn diocesan Migration and Refugee Office. "Basically, the policy is one of cooperation to a limited extent without being guarantors of confidentiality," he said.

Energy Is 'Justice Issue'

WASHINGTON - (NC) - Energy was called "the pre-eminent social justice issue of the 1980s" by Bishop William M. Cosgrove of Belleville, Ill., during a day-long Washington conference Jan. 10 on "Religion and Energy in the '80s." Signaling a major new effort by religious groups to have an impact on the energy debate in the United States, the conference included a breakfast at the White House and a 15-minute address by President Carter.

Bp. Kelly Praises Meany

WASHINGTON - (NC) - The United States was greatly enriched by the life and career of labor leader George Meany, and it is poorer as the result of his death, Bishop Thomas Kelly, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a message to Meany's successor as head of the AFL-CIO. Bishop Kelly joined other religious and political leaders in praising Meany after he died Jan. 10.

Pope Reminds Nuns To Keep Their Vows

VATICAN CITY - (NC) - Pope John Paul II reminded nuns to remain faithful to their vows, especially that of poverty, during an audience with members of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. "Have eyes and hearts only for the poor, as your founders did...never cease to stimulate them to contemplate our Lord Jesus Christ," the pope said in his French-language address.
Pope Tells Bishops To Guard The Truth

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structures were set up after Vatic an II. But the Dutch insisted the s ynod marks the first time a special or particular synod, composed of the bishops of a single country and devoted to their particular problems, has been called.

A Vatican historian told NC News Service that he could think of no other in-stance in church history in which a nation's hierarchy was asked to meet with the pope to solve its problems. The seven Dutch bishops, headed by Cardinal Jan Willebrands of Utrecht, and other synod officials including five cardinals from other nations who are participating in the synod, celebrated the Mass with the pope in the Apostolic Palace.

The total number of participants in the particular synod is 19, including the pope.

Cardinal Willebrands, president of the Dutch bishops' Conference and of Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, said the current problems facing Holland are not essentially different from the problems of other countries, notably those of Western Europe and America.

Only 10 of the 19 synod participants are Dutch—the heads of the seven Catholic dioceses in the Netherlands, two representatives of the country's religious, and Father Joseph Lescrauwaet, special secretary.

There were few details on the substance of the meeting.

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As we commemorate the seventh anniversary of the Princeton Declaration, condemning the murder of unborn children, I ask your support for the Respect Life Appeal that will be held next week-end throughout the Archdiocese.

This Appeal benefits the Respect Life programs in South Florida.

Thanking you for your sincere concern and support of this Respect Life Appeal, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Edward A. McCarthy
Archbishop of Miami

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The Chancery announces that Archbishop McCarthy has made the following change:


St. Rita Church in Boca Raton has been changed to St. Jude Church, Boca Raton, effective Jan. 15, 1980.
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The Miami Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women will open its legislative year with a seminar to be held at St. Anthony’s Parish Hall, 901 N.E. 2nd St., Ft. Lauderdale, on Feb. 2.

Registration is at 9:00 a.m. and the program will run until 12:30 p.m.

Areas to be covered are: ERA with Senator Veronica C. Holloway of Miami as speaker; Representative Tom Boust of Ft. Lauderdale will speak on A call for a Constitutional Convention to oppose a Human Life Amendment, Florida’s Medical Practice Act, and a family planning bill.

Jean Doyle of Orlando, Chairman of the Board, explained.

National: Right to Life Committee will address the Human Life Amendment and the Hyde Amendment; Rosemary Maguire, of Tallahassee, Florida Catholic Conference will speak on Women’s Role in Government; Marie Palmer of Miami, of the Florida Council of Catholic Women — ERA Chairman will report on Tallahassee Lobbying Trip and the 1980 elections. Ercel Hailey, of Jacksonville, Florida Council of Catholic Women — Legislation Committee will wind up the morning meeting.

Theme of the Seminar is “Catholic Women in the 80s: "Emphasis on Life and Family."

St. Vincent’s Dedication Set

Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy will dedicate the New St. Vincent Church of Margate, on Saturday Jan. 26, 1980 at 6:00 p.m.

St. Vincent Church was established in 1960, with a registration of 163 parishioners. Joseph Beaumont of St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Holiday Springs, Fla. was the founding pastor. Fr. William A. Gunther, the present pastor, announced there are now 2,212 registered families residing in the parish.

The old church seated 380 people, the new church will have a seating capacity of over 900 plus a cry room.

Father Gunther and Father Frank E. Cahill associate pastor and a number of priests from the Archdiocese will join Archbishop McCarthy in the dedication ceremony with a Liturgy at 6:00 p.m.
"People Helping People" — the theme for this year's ABCD Drive covers much territory in denoting the range of needs which the ABCD covers in our archdiocese each year.

Such is the gist of remarks made by Fr. Neil J. Flemming as he makes the circuit speaking of the needs of the Arch-Bishops Charities Drive for this year.

A MAJOR portion of the donations to the annual fund drive are used by Catholic Charities in a variety of ways which emphasizes how "People Helping People" comes to fruition.

Hundreds of South Floridians have heard various members of the ABCD fund-raising staff speak on the programs of the archdiocese and its almost myriad number of services all calculated to assist the needy in many different ways.

Another dinner was held at Key West last Thursday at the Holiday Inn and dinners are also slated for Ft. Lauderdale on January 21, 22, 23, 24, at Williamson's Restaurant.

THESE DONATIONS and pledges go to support such programs as education in the seminaries for priests of the archdiocese, for social services, child welfare services, emergency aid to our needy in many different forms. To relieve suffering and privation where found.

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You might think, "Yes!"

But the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has answered "No" to these and similar questions. The FCC proposed Oct. 5 that radio stations be free to broadcast unlimited commercials and drop all public services. Instead of local events, public affairs, news, community service and other constructive programming, your local radio station will be free to spend as much time as it likes selling you hamburgers, beer and laundry soap.

The FCC has proposed to eliminate your influence on radio programming as a member of your local community. That leaves all program decision-making to advertisers and station owners.

FCC Blacks Out The Public Interest

Radio stations are now required to serve you, in the "public interest, convenience and necessity." The FCC has proposed to repeal that law and reduce your interest in radio to that of a consumer of purchased products.

If you think local community standards are important to radio broadcasting and you don't want the FCC to hand your influence on broadcasting over to radio advertisers, write the FCC.

Let your voice be heard.


If you would like more information on the FCC's intention to give away the public's airwaves, write the Department of Communication, United States Catholic Conference, 1011 First Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.

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Mills Addresses Clergy At Alcoholism Meet

By GEORGE KEMON

More than 150 members of the National Clergy Council on Alcoholism—priests, counselors—and case workers—met at Barry college for their 32nd annual convention, Jan. 8 through 12.

Each day was packed with workshops sessions led by guest speakers and members of the Council. According to Fr. Michael P. Hogan, O.S.A., consultant in alcohol service for the Catholic Service Bureau of Miami, and director of the Alcohol Outreach Program, and also Convention Chairman, the five-day meeting was a great success and the culmination was a banquet at which the Honorable Wilbur Mills was principal speaker.

MILLS, former congressman for 38 years, and a recovering alcoholic for the past 5 years, told the assembly that without doubt, "Alcoholism is a progressive disease—a killer disease." The retired legislator went on to say that he would rather have Alcoholism than cancer since he knew there was something he could do about his alcoholicism himself, but most cancer was more difficult to treat.

"If the alcoholic can be motivated, there is help for him," said the former Senator. "He can recover and live a full and complete life in sobriety—if he chooses to," said Mills.

Mills said there are over 3 million alcoholics under the age of 21 in the United States and he cited cases of children as young as 6 years and 9 years old who were already classified as alcoholic.

"IT IS, without doubt, the most devastating problem in the U.S. today," said Mills. "But, we are developing some wonderful facilities for motivating people."

Mills believes that motivation of the alcoholic if a paramount importance and he believed that the recovering alcoholic can best be helped by another alcoholic who has been drunk and is recovering—be they workers in the field, or just recovering alcoholics.

The convention wound up on Sunday Morning with Liturgy and a board meeting, seating the new officers.

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Rite of Dedication Held

The new Church of St. David, in Davie, Fla., was dedicated by Archbishop Edward McCarthy this past week. Shaped in the form of a cross, the interior has pitched ceiling beams and sidings of natural wood. Stone facing accents the entrance and the sanctuary.

Highlights of the interior are the stained windows set over the altar and side windows which depict scriptural references to the Old Covenant and the New, the promise of His redemptive plan and its fulfillment. A viewer finds poignant scenes to Almighty God's continuing love for His people.

Archbishop McCarthy is shown with Fr. Gabriel O'Beilly, pastor, lighting the altar candles during the blessing and anointing ceremony, preparatory to the concelebration of the Mass.
On Liberals, Conservatives, and Doctrine

BY GERARD E. SHERRY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

I was about to enlarge on the problem discussed last week on tensions existing between editors and readers of the Catholic Press—when a batch of rather interesting letters came in from a class at Msgr. Edward Pace High School. These future leaders within the Church and the community give some hope in their charitable and positive criticism, as well as in their faith that they would be heard.

This is the key to the reduction of tensions and disagreements, not only in relation to the Catholic Press, but to every area of society—we have got to listen and attend to one another!

Quite a number of the Pace High letters deplored (again in a nice way) the lack of diversity of opinion within the columns of The Voice. And they made it quite clear that they were not talking about Doctrine, but issues which affect them and their families. Some used the term “traditionalist views,” others “modern views.” They seemed to want to avoid the semantic tangle of liberal versus conservative, but really that is what they were talking about.

Just recently a senior prelate in the American Church said we ought to do away with labels like liberal and conservative. But the terms won’t go away because they are used; the liberal and conservative. But the terms won’t go away because they are used; the liberal and conservative camps have been established, and the terms will be used. They should not be challenged to one another!

There has been much confusion and mislabeling in the so-called confrontation between Catholic “liberals” and Catholic “conservatives.” There is a tendency among the latter to challenge the orthodoxy of those who disagree with them. Still, the Divine truths which we espouse, and which we must constantly promulgate are unchanging. They should not be challenged in the dialogue among Catholics.

The rub is the Gospel Message must be lived as well as preached. In doing this, we must strive to apply Divine truths to concrete situations rather than try to apply them to some non-existing abstracts. Some so-called conservative Catholics seem hypnotized by abstractions and show genuine fear at current expressions of vitality and questioning within the Church. They so often wrongly equate a lively, expressive Catholicism with some past heresy. Yet, such lively manifestations of faith should be understood as an honest effort to avoid the extremes of both secular liberalism and reactionary conservatism.

What makes a Catholic a liberal or a conservative? How is it possible for two persons of equal education and experience to arrive at contrary conclusions about a given problem? Certainly, it cannot be the Faith. The whole history of the Church gives abundant evidence to the fact that every age has its conservatives and its liberals. Each era in the Church bears witness to the dynamic tensions between these two tendencies.

As far back as the Apostles this life-giving dialogue was a factor. St. Paul has to fight to assure the easy access of the Gentile converts, while some others fought to bind them to the Mosaic law.

One factor which cannot be overlooked, or at least so it seems to me, is the basic emotional approach each person has to reality. Two people can stand before one and the same situation: one will be caught by the dangers involved and one the other will be seized by the opportunities which it presents. Objectively the dangers and the opportunities have a constant value, but these two persons place a greater emphasis on one over the other. Fundamentally, the conservative is sensitive to dangers, and the liberal is sensitive to opportunities.

Because he sees dangers, and thus constructs defenses, the conservative naturally would choose to push the barricades out as far as possible, and accordingly choose to fight for some poorly chosen ground... He tends to blur the distinction between the essentials and accidentals...

While Catholic principles are unchanging, their application has to meet changing times. The black and white terms of the conservative must be replaced by the reality of complexity—to large areas of grays on the national and international horizons, to problems that appear to have no solution, and to matters that stubbornly refuse to be pigeonholed.

Let me finish up with a quote from five of the Pace High students:

“Because he sees dangers, and thus constructs defenses, the conservative naturally would choose to push the barricades out as far as possible, and accordingly choose to fight for some poorly chosen ground... He tends to blur the distinction between the essentials and accidentals.”

All right, these are 15-16 year-old young people, but they seem to be far more concerned about real problems than some of our critics—and they want the paper to help, not as a monolith, but as a medium of Christian dialogue.
We are Pace high-school students and we frequently read your newspaper The Voice. We find the paper informative nevertheless we feel that being your readers we should suggest how to improve your newspaper.

Most of the Topics on moral issues are quite current but sometimes the arguments are one-sided, writing only the Church's views. We suggest that the author stress the opinions the other parties. But we also think you should write the problems one might face in trying to follow Catholic teachings. (in other words like a point and a counter point type thing) So that the readers might have an open-minded view of that issue, and to accept different circumstances.

Please try to lessen the ads concerning funeral homes and try to make the jokes easy to understand. Thank you for your time.

Camilla Loro
Marta Moreno
Charmaine Chia
Reinaldo P. Portilla
Xiomara Sotolongo

More stories concerning teenage problems (drugs, pregnancy, suicide), better sport articles, more information on abortion, more articles on family planning, and better jokes that are easy to understand.

Beatriz Manero
Patty Abdulla
Joan Trakle
Manon Hagan

Most of your articles are centered around the Pope and older people. You should have a variety of articles pertaining to younger people.

Armando De Feria
Jane Gonzalez
Keith Sibul
Tiffany Cabassa

Some of your articles are lengthy, even though their subject matter is of interest.

We think that most of the articles are very up to date. But we think about the REAL religion – The history of it, its background. There are many questions about that. It would be nice to see some of these questions answered in the future editions of the Voice.

Most of your articles are interesting but with a few exceptions. For instance there is too much emphasis on the meetings of the Clergy.

Michael Perez
Valerie Markey
Martha Liyos

Things that are more up to date in the world not necessarily religion. So we call the articles we've enjoyed are of our interests. We would like to see more issues on abortion, homosexuals, birth-control, pre-marital sex, suicide and family relationships and how the Church feels on these issues.

Ondida Velez
Daisy Cruz
Milly Castillo

We are not putting down the Voice. But we would like to see more attractive subjects; something that we or younger students can relate to. Also speak of other people's point of view along with the Church. But not always the Church alone.

Maria Llorca
Sandra Tamargo
Luis Fajardo
Luis Aguilar
Manuel Lorenzo

Your jokes should be made to be funny, they rarely make sense.

We also suggest you should include some articles pertaining to the younger generation.

P.S. Some of your articles are also very interesting they help us to make decisions which will affect our future. Thank You.

The Sophomore Class at Pace High

Even though the Voice is a religious newspaper, we would like to have more interesting articles. We would like articles we think that it might gain the attention of a younger generation. We would also like a more variety of articles with a more variety of important people.

Another thing that might help would be a better comedy editor.

Students from Pace High School

Many of your articles are a bit too long. We believe that you could let a message shine through without using so many words.

In our opinion the article written by Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, "Devotedly Yours," was a very good idea except that he could write more articles pertaining more to the interest of the younger generation.

We remind you that this is in no way any form of derogatory criticism. These are our opinions. And we hope you take them into consideration.

George L. Sedano
Nannette Suarez
Rafael J. Guerra
Maria Diaz

First of all your jokes are as dry as the Sahara desert. Please try to find a more reliable source and if not refrain from having any.

I can say that your articles are very interesting because they involve problems faced by young people, faced by ourselves. Keep up the good work in the Voice, and please try to stay away from the bad jokes.

John Autore
Carlos Melchor
Noel Diaz

We would like you to write about more sports, more student activities of all the high-schools, and please put more effort into your jokes.

Margie Gana
Marcia Perez
Peter Benitez
Luz Rodriguez

We also find that your weekly jokes should be improved, in the sense that sometimes they seem some what difficult to understand.

John Wheeler
Sue Turby
Jessica Tusino
Carlos Alberti

We have only one suggestion for your paper, that is to write more about what is happening in our Catholic Schools today. The paper informs us what is happening in religion, nation wide and our local parishes etc. This is why we suggest that you write, maybe about a particular person, or group of people of a particular school, that participate in our Catholic community.

Patty Becerra
Eddy Del Toro
Felis Sosa.

We the 10th grade students at Monsignor Edward Pace High School, who read your Voice very often in class, Thank you, for publishing this paper.

At this time, we would like to tell you the different articles we like in your paper. Such as News at a Glance, Official, Matter of Opinion and Letters to the Editor. Here are some suggestions that we have thought of. A special section on Catholic High School sports, and maybe a small comic section, I hope these ideas may affect your paper.

Tina McCarthy
Dave Williams
Ricky Torres

We are students from Pace High School and we enjoy reading The Voice in our religion class. We discuss about the articles we have read. We have debates on such articles as, abortion, birth control and pre-marital sex. We get better knowledge of what the church and people in society think about it.

We suggest that you write about teenage situations such as drug abuse, unwanted pregnancies and broken homes. We'd like to know the church's opinions on those situations.

We would like to try writing articles on high schools, and high-school sports? We'd like to read about an athlete from one school who succeeds in that sport and do a special article on him.

We hope you take them into consideration.

10th grade students
Religion Class - Period 3

John Casalinelli
Anthony Gardner

We are students at Monsignor Pace High School. We read your newspaper weekly in our religion class. Some of your articles are very interesting, while there are a lot of boring ones. Some other articles are too long and frankly boring.

Our opinion is that you should keep your articles brief and perhaps try to write about interesting things going on now like Catholic Athletes and Catholic of the week.

Tony Moreno
Cali Plascencia
Ron Mansouri
Peter Vassallo

We think better lines would help. Your jokes are terrible because they are dry. There is a lot of things happening in Catholic High Schools. We think you should have a section for articles concerning high schools are more separate articles about them.

Jim Van Etten
Tony Marciano
Eben Morales

We would enjoy reading stories about local high school sports and activities especially among the Catholic Schools.

Rollie Castineyra
Beth Effrey
Tammy Balz

We would like to suggest that you would improve your jokes and obtain more articles dealing with the teenage high school students and their problems. We like the articles which are frequently in your paper.

Lois Byrd
Marilyn San Juan
Yannie Rivera
Martha Gill
Elizabeth Pando

The letters on this page were sent to The Voice from Monsignor Pace High School's 10th grade Religion classes, giving the student's views on the newspaper. Following are excerpts from some of them:
Hebrew mother and father were afraid the Pharaoh's anyone see their baby. They much. But they would not let conversation without much success. They had just made a law. The brick factories in Egypt. The slaves. They worked in the soldiers would discover their parents. They had a three-year-old boy. Mrs. Faulkner soon learned that their child was adopted. She told the young woman about her daughter-in-law and how she felt about adoption. The young woman, Beth, said she and her husband would like to meet Duane and Michelle. Both the younger and the older woman agreed that it would be best if the subject of adoption came up naturally. Neither of them wanted to push the idea off on Michelle. Beth stressed the fact that adoption was not for every couple, but if all that was stopping Michelle and Duane the period and red tape, that was not reason enough to decide against it. Maybe she was just being as much yours as one you give birth to. Marie Faulkner couldn't keep from missing her, but she had never known a couple who had adopted more than two four years for a baby, but it was worth the effort and the time. We have Catholic Charities to thank for our little Steve."

Duane and Michelle usually stopped by the Faulkner's house on Sunday after Mass. On a Sunday shortly after the two women's conversation, she two young couples met. Their friendship developed. Through the other young couples, Duane and Michelle began to view adoption as an answer to their prayers. They have passed and Duane's and Michelle's baby girl just celebrated her first birthday. They had had misconceptions about adoption, but through the sensitivity of Duane's mother and the young couple who lived next door to them, those misconceptions were corrected. They had found out that first love letter that learned Michelle would not be able to become pregnant that exchanged. They had own deepest feelings to another was paramount in their marriage relationship. Their sensitivity to each other grew in the months that followed. They married each other and were ministered to by a sensitive mother and a neighbor couple. Eventually, they discussed adoption with their parish priest and Catholic Charities. The chain of ministry surrounds us in our everyday life, not only in such a precious, but in many other daily experiences.

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**Moses: An Adopted Son**

He was a beautiful baby. His parents loved him very much. But they would not let anyone see their baby. They were afraid the Pharaoh's soldiers would discover their baby and kill him.

They were Hebrew slaves. They worked in the brick factories in Egypt. The Pharaoh, Egypt's cruel ruler, had just made a law. According to his law, all Hebrew boy babies were to be thrown into the river and drowned.

For three months the Hebrew mother and father were able to hide their baby boy. But it became more difficult as the child grew. Finally they decided on a way to try to save the baby's life.

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The mother took a strong covered basket made of papyrus. She smeared it with pitch to make it waterproof. She gently placed her small son in the basket, closed the cover, and carried it to the river bank. The baby's older sister, Miriam, went along.

At the river the mother carefully placed the waterproofed basket in the water. She never imagined what would happen. The baby floated a short distance away to see what would happen to her baby boy.

She didn't have to wait long. She saw the daughter of the Pharaoh coming down to the river to bathe. The maid of the Egyptian princess walked along the river bank enjoying the sun. A few minutes later, the Pharaoh's daughter noticed the basket among the reeds. She was curious and had one of her maids bring it to her.

Wondering what was in the basket, the princess lifted up the cover. To her amazement she saw the baby. The baby began to cry. "It's one of the Hebrew's children," she said to her maid. She felt sorry for the beautiful baby and wanted to care for him.

See while Miriam had joined the maids of the princess. She ran with them to the palace. There she found that each had been set apart to care for him. Miriam made a bold suggestion to the princess.

"Would you like me to get one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked Pharaoh's daughter. "Yes," she answered with a smile, "that is a good idea. Please find me one of the Hebrew women." So Miriam ran back home and told her mother what had happened. The two of them ran back to the river bank.

The princess handed the baby to the Hebrew woman (not guessing that she was the baby's real mother). "Take the child home with you. Not me for me and take good care of him. I will repay you." She said.

The baby's mother took her baby home. Her husband could hardly believe his eyes. Their plan had worked better than they could have imagined. Their baby boy would surely not be killed now because the Pharaoh's own daughter wanted him.

The boy grew up at home under the protection of the princess. When the baby was three years old, his mother took him to the home of the Pharaoh's daughter. The princess was very surprised to see him. She adopted him as her son, took him into her home, and raised him as one of her family.

She called him "Moses." The Hebrew word meant, "He drew him out of the water." Moses grew up in the palace as the Pharaoh's son and became an important person in Egypt. But he never forgot his real mother and the Hebrew slaves.
Adoption is an Adventure

By MARY KENNY

As a four-time adoptive mother, I would describe adoption as an adventure. Adoption changes your life and leads you down mysterious paths which previously you can scarcely imagine.

For me, our adoptive children provided hope for the richest sources for meditation on the wonder and goodness of God. The 10 most adoptive children, ours were not conceived and born under ideal circumstances. Yet I look at our beautiful Matthew, and Annie-with-the-wide-smile, and I think, "Out of pain and evil come these beautiful human beings. They are living proof that good will triumph over evil. What greater symbols of hope could surround me! What greater testimony that we live in a world full of wonder and mystery!

RARELY do we have a couple contemplating adoption hold a positive view. In an infertile marriage, one or both partners may hold deep feelings that something is wrong with them. They feel testimony that we live in a world full of wonder and mystery!

Adoption seems like a second-rate way to become parents. Our culture endorses these negative attitudes. Do you have children of your own? If someone asks, implying that adoptive children are some sort of boarders.

Again witness these words by a genetic counselor in "Psychology Today": "Some couples choose adoption, fully aware how difficult a process that may be, because they feel that parenthood matters through to them. They are willing to undergo the rigorous of an adoption study, or the expense of a private lawyer's fee; to wait as long as five years for a healthy newborn baby of any race; they may agree to handle the problems and expenses involved in adopting a child from abroad, or a child with a physical or mental handicap, or an older child who may come from a background of serious emotional deprivation or physical abuse." Sounds pretty awful, doesn't it?

In contrast to these negative attitudes, couples who have had a happy adoption experience adopt positively. Adoption is not a second-rate way to become a parent but an alternative to biological parenthood. The adoptive mother never experiences the excitement of carrying a child within her. Yet her experience can never be enjoyed by the biological mother. No adoptive parents can ever forget the moment they first meet their child. It is a monumental experience, just as profound as hearing your newborn's first cry. It is not a better experience; it is a different kind of joy.

Adoptive parents are real parents. As some parents have explained to their adopted children, every child has two sets of parents, the biological parents and the forever parents. The forever parents are the ones who nurture and raise you, who pass on their habits and values. In most cases both sets are one and the same. In adoption they are different. Adoptive parents are forever calling.

Parents who choose a child who is hard-to-place for social, physical or intellectual reasons view their choice positively. The genetic counselor pictures them as people so desperate for a child that they will accept anything. This is not so. Parents who choose a hard-to-place child focus not on the burden, but on the opportunity. Whether one has difficulty hearing or 20-20 vision, all persons are handicapped in some way. The parents who choose a hard-to-place child focus on his potential rather than the weakness. They welcome the challenge and adventure of raising such a child.

Adoptive parents recognize, perhaps more clearly than biological parents, that children are not possessions. Whether adopted of biological, children belong to themselves. Parents are their stewards, not their owners.

How can you decide whether to adopt and how you develop positive feelings toward adoption? Get to know families with children, especially families with adoptive children. Expose yourself to real children, not just the image of golden curly heads asleep on a pillow.

Baby sit, for your friends. Assist with teaching or youth programs to get to know older children. Most adoption agencies hold group meetings periodically for prospective adoptive parents. It is a good way to meet others with the same fears and hopes and to learn more about adoption. You make no commitment when you attend such a meeting.

A positive alternative to biological parenthood, an adventure, adoption is also a surrender to God's plan, allowing him to lead us along new, unknown paths. I watch two of four adopted children sleeping arm-in-arm beside me, and I reflect, "There are no blood ties between them or between either of them and me. Without adoption, none of us would ever have crossed paths in our lives. Yet here we all are, truly united, intimate as only family can be. What a marvelous direction our lives have taken! Adoption is a living symbol of the wonderful and mysterious ways of the Lord.

A Prayer Answered

By MARIANNE STRAWN

The case worker leaned over the crib to pick up the baby who was to be their adopted daughter. For Kathleen and John Brinkmiller, it was the longest moment of their lives.

"It couldn't have been more than a few seconds," Kathleen recalls, "But it seemed like an eternity." Those moments seemed longer than the years the couple had waited for the adoption.

First we were on a pre-waiting list. Then it took us 22 and a half months to get to the top of the waiting list. Three months later, the case worker called to begin the home study," Kathleen explains.

As surely as a baby grows in the body of its natural mother, it grows in the hearts and minds of parents who wait to bring an adopted child into their home.

Gretchen and Richard Eck had to wait only nine months for their infant daughter.

We felt God's presence throughout being a problem family." Gretchen smiled as she recalled the details that surrounded the adoption.

Even as a girl, she had dreamed of being the mother of a large family populated with batches of children, some of them adopted.

She and her husband agree that adoption has been a very positive experience even though the adoption required a great deal of patience and anxiety.

As she stopped for baby clothes, Mitch recalled "a feeling of sadness that I didn't carry the baby in my body. But the waiting experience was a good one. It brought us closer through a special kind of sharing."

Adrianne Lee had given birth to a daughter but lost her shortly after her birth. "I did not know how to handle the loss," she said. Adrianne suspected she might have trouble getting pregnant again. So she began a program of adoption seriously.

"I felt God might have a special purpose for the life of our family," she said. "I prayed that God's will would be done in the adoption. I was finally accepted, I think, because of the training I had in adoption."

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Ayatollah's Revenge and Jesus' Love

By MSGR. JAMES J. WALSH

So Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini hates the Shah with a blind hatred and seeks total revenge. Nothing short of the Shah's humiliation and death will appease him, even if it means his own death.

What a profound and prolonged lesson the world has had for more than two months in the guideline of hate, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth."

WACHING the ugly drama unfold from day to day, you can almost taste and smell the odor of bitter hatred in the strange old man with his dull eyes and his thousands of fanatic followers who scream for vengeance night and day.

I wonder if the repulsive sight has made up a real life more forcefully that we ourselves can also live by Khomeini's deadly principle. In our homes, in offices, in neighborhoods. Part of our wounded nature is to be inclined to seek an vengeance of things. Sometimes, however, there is no word or place for forgiveness. And in Christianity there is no inherited spirit of peace and pardon.

We are born with the tendency to resent wrong. Baptism gives us the means to overcome these violent inclinations, but does not remove them. The grace of prayer and the sacraments places man in command of his passions, but does not destroy his nature.

The urge to "get even," therefore, will be found even in the saints. But giving in to the urge is something else. Is this common? You know it. We are all painfully aware of vindictiveness among practicing Christians.

You do something harmful to me, whether deliberately or thoughtlessly, and I immediately have a meeting with myself and draw up plans how I can hurt you to the same degree. A tooth for a tooth.

This principle has become the breeding ground of suspicions, jealousies, family hatreds, loss of friendship and a score of evil effects. It has tended to keep people on edge, to kill off generous impulses, to create the decaying spirit of revenge.

One of Christianity's most admirable triumphs was its success throughout history in enabling so many of its followers to refuse to live by that dreadful rule of revenge. There was always a struggle, always pain in the soul, until the person with the help of God's grace could go against the vindictive tendency. The saints, especially the martyrs, could see and forgive their persecutors with a smile and genuine love.

THIS IS ONE of the most difficult aspects of our life. We are put on the spot so often. Daily life is certainly full of cause for friction. Different temperaments are sure to clash, unless one keeps on guard. Misunderstandings happen even to people who love each other dearly. Circumstances at work and at home can set the stage for the urge to render abuse for abuse. How easy it is to make a habit of returning evil for evil.

Part of our trouble is self deception. We rationalize that we are acting fairly, that after all "this is different." If I don't rebuke this repulsive person, he will hurt others. Moreover, it's kind of cowardly to ignore wrongs which have disturbed us. It's even hypocritical to smile when you feel like cursing.

So we twist out thinking enough to make it seem "natural" to "tell off" this person, or isolate that one so it will be noticed by others, or to whisper something to people to make sure that idiot's reputation gets what it deserves.

Palm Beach Lawyers Hold Red Mass

A committee of Catholic Lawyers in Palm Beach County - The Guild of Catholic Lawyers will sponsor a Red Mass for the first time in the county on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 9:00 a.m. Such undertakings have been conducted annually by Guilds of Catholic Lawyers throughout the United States for the past fifty years, beginning in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City in 1938, and are celebrated each year in Miami and Tallahassee.

The Mass will be celebrated at St. Edward's Catholic Church, Palm Beach. Msgr. Bernard J. McGrenahan, V.F., Pastor, Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy, J.C.D., Archbishop of Miami, will be Celebrant and Homilist. Although its precise origin has been lost in antiquity, the Red Mass historically has been celebrated at the reopening of the courts to seek Divine Guidance for the members of the judiciary and legal profession, and for those associated with both. Its name derives from the fact that the vestments worn at the Mass are red.

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Dade Youth Federation Meets

By GEORGE KEMON

The South Dade Youth Federation met on Jan. 11, at St. Catherine of Sienna. Since the last meeting four committees were formed following the total Youth Ministry model. Each one reported and the following events will be taking place throughout the Federation in the coming months:

SERVICE COMMITTEE: Project Haiti (For those Haitians here and there.)

The Haitian Mission Drive kick off will be held on Feb. 3, and end on Feb. 24. All parishes in the Federation will be participating through collections, medicine and goods donations, through bake sales, car washes, etc. On Feb. 24, the effort will come together at Epiphany Church. The outcome of the drive will be channeled through the Haitian Refugee Committee for those Haitians here and those in Haiti. Contact person is Don Tilson, 598-1809.

CULTURAL COMMITTEE: There will be a Spiritual Celebration Night held on Feb. 2, at St. Theresa of Little Flower. A Dance, Poetry, songs, etc., will be included in the program. Contact information is Ismay Hernandez, 551-4243.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: A Beach Party has been scheduled for May 4, and more details will be announced later.

WORD WORSHIP RETREATS: Pilot Lock-In Project for Youth Group Leaders will be held March 7 at Christ the King Church. It will start on Friday Night, and end on Saturday morning. Two youths per parish will attend—high schoolers only.

A Search for Christian Maturity Week-end will be held March 11-13. Location is pending. A Kerygma Week-end will be held April 18-19, location to be announced. Search is for 11-13 graders. Kerygma is for 9-10 graders. Contact person is Fr. Shamus Gaughnessy, Christ the King Parish, 238-2485. Then there is a Vocational Awareness Week to be held at St. John Vianney Seminary. Dates to be determined.


Also discussed at the Friday Night meeting were proposed plans for the Summer—such as a camping trip, a Youth Rally, and a Latin American Mission—to gain a greater vision of the Church as a whole, by helping others just like ourselves.

The next Federation Meeting will be held on May 2, 1980, at 7:30 p.m., at St. Catherine of Sienna.

From 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in South Dade, at St. Catherine of Sienna, Jan. 22 and 29; Feb. 6 and 12.

North Dade — at St. Lawrence, Feb. 20 and 27; March 5 and 12.

Broward County — St. Clements, Jan. 23 and 30; Feb. 6 and 13.


BEYOND SURVIVAL: SKILLS FOR THE YOUTH MINISTERS:

Dade County: Christ the King, Jan. 14 and 21.

Broward County: St. Helen's Feb. 17 and 24; Feb. 21 and 28.

Palm Beach County: St. John Fisher, Feb. 11 and 18; Feb. 26 and March 3.

For more information please call Fr. Murphy or Maria at the DYA, 476-6241. in the Palm Beach area call Barbara Staley at 854-3906.

Pops Concert at St. Clement's

Members of the Ft. Lauderdale symphony and the Broward community college Youth Symphony will perform in concert with Dr. James A. Brook, conducting at St. Clement Catholic Church on Saturday evening. Jan. 26th, 1980 at 8:00 p.m.

Selections for the evening will include works by Bizet, Brahms, Neblybel, special arrangements by conductor Sal Recchi, and a variety of Broadway show tunes. A champagne reception will follow in the parish hall.

Proceeds will be used to aid the Youth Symphony Scholarship Fund and the parish Development Fund.

Seating is $3.50 per person. Tickets are available at the church rectory. 2975 N. Andrews Ave., Ft. Lauderdale or may be reserved by phone 566-5877 or 566-3633.

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need the vine. We can do it on our own. This is a time of decision when we — who believe — must be witnesses for life. This means, at the very minimum, that the Supreme Court’s decision must be reversed. Now, in January 1980, the necessity for the adoption of a Human Life Amendment to the United States Constitution becomes ever more clear. In his homily on Oct. 7, 1979, “Respect Life Sunday,” in Washington, D.C., Pope John Paul II stated: “Human life is precious because it is the gift of God, whose love is infinite; and when God gives life, it is forever. Life is also precious because it is the expression and the fruit of love.”

Sisters Name Superior

NEWARK, N.J. (CNS) — Sister Doris Ann Bowles, 47, a member of the Sisters of St. Dominic of Caldwell and a native of Rhodosia, has become the first nun named to head the school system of the Newark Archdiocese.

We, God’s people, are the fruit of love, the new wine given through Jesus for the salvation of all men and women.

Our Holy Father went on to reiterate the need to “stand up every time human life is threatened.”

This is a task we bear with Jesus, whose death and resurrection is the life blood of the branches, giving us the consolation of His loving presence in Word and Sacrament and the challenge to be witnesses to a view of life that rejoices in our covenantal relationship with our heavenly Father.

The Bread and Wine of the Eucharist are not just signs of Jesus among us, but rather they are our food, our sustenance, our sharing in the life of the Lord of Life, empowering us to be disciples and indeed His brothers and sisters.

In defending the inviolability of human life at all stages, we are prophesying announcing the value and dignity of that most precious gift of a loving God, the gift of life; not separate and apart, but a life that is shared with our Lord and thus points to a more-to-come that is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.

Let us pray with our Holy Father:

“We are confident that Mary, the Mother of God and the Mother of life, will give us her help so that our way of living will always reflect our admiration and gratitude to God’s gift of love, that is life. We know she will help us to use every day that is given to us as an opportunity to defend the life of the unborn and to render more human the lives of our fellow human beings, wherever they may be.”

We pray we will all come to the fullness of eternal life in Christ Jesus.

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Agustin Roman
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Urges Update Of Diocese Histories

Comparing the history of the Catholic Church in the United States to “a newly discovered and incompletely explored continent,” a prominent church historian has called upon diocesan religious communities and lay organizations to be aware of their past accomplishments and to preserve them through scholarly treatises.

Fr. Robert Trisco, current occupant of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Chair in Catholic Church History at Catholic University, says some of the largest dioceses in America still lack scholarly histories.

Works on the archdioceses of Baltimore and Chicago are in progress, Fr. Trisco says, “but research should also be undertaken on the important archdiocese of New York, Newark, Louisville, Milwaukee, San Francisco and Los Angeles; on the populous dioceses of Brooklyn, Buffalo and Pittsburgh; and on the old dioceses of Charleston and Mobile.”

Writing in the current issue of “Catholic Digest,” national publication of the Catholic Daughters, Fr. Trisco says histories of religious orders of men and women are also essential to our knowledge of the development of the church in the U.S.

“Although histories of a few Benedictine monasteries and of several smaller congregations of men have been published in the last two decades, little has appeared on the largest of the Society of Jesus — and almost nothing on the Franciscans, Dominicans, Vincentians, Holy Cross Fathers and Paulists.”

“We know religious have been more productive,” Fr. Trisco says, “but the founding and growth of many of their congregations are still unchronicled.”

“The American Catholic Press can also boast of a flourishing past which remains largely buried in libraries,” Fr. Trisco says.

Florida Bishops Letter on Abortion
"Wouldn't You Abort the Deformed?"

By FR. DAN KUBALA
Director, Respect Life Office

There is a very prominent Jewish lawyer who teaches law and commercial science at Northwestern University, Victor Rosenblum and his wife have nine children; the ninth child is seriously retarded. One night on a TV special on abortion, he was asked, "Dr. Rosenblum, if you knew that a baby was going to be deformed, you'd certainly allow for an abortion, wouldn't you?" And this beautiful man responded, "Oh no, never. I thought you were trying to build a human family of love. And if we're seriously about this, about what we're doing, we would say to that little baby, 'Little baby, you're not going to have arms. But, with all of our advanced technology and our bioengineering, we're going to make you arms. And if they don't work, little baby, we will be your arms because we love you. You don't have to pass any physical examination with perfect marks. You're already one of us. We love you and we'll take care of you'."

The panel members looked astonished and said to him, "After enough people have abortions, the furor will die down, won't it?" Dr. Rosenblum lowered his head and said, "Yes. And that's going to be the saddest day in all of American history, the day when the furor dies down."

The above is recorded by Father John Powell, S.J., the well known speaker for the Respect Life cause. Dr. Rosenblum's words of wisdom ring very loudly as we approach the seventh (7th) anniversary of the infamous Supreme Court decision allowing abortion on demand in the United States.

We, as Christians, must not let the furor die down when we hear that since Jan. 22, 1973 some 1 million lives have been snuffed out. The furor must not die down as we hear that there were over 1 million abused children last year. (The figures are estimates there were 3,000 children who died as a direct result of child abuse.) The furor must not die down as we hear of the senseless murders that happen in our communities. The furor must not die down as we hear of the poor treatment of our mentally handicapped. The furor must not die down when we hear so often of the inhumane living conditions of many of our elderly.

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The words of Pope John Paul II echoed in our nation's capital. He reaffirmed the Church's teaching on the sacredness of human life—a teaching we can be proud of. Pope Paul VI, speaking to pilgrims on April 26, 1978, just a few months before his death, stated: "The time has come when we must love Christ, both teachers and disciples, must remember, and not only remember but observe, this fundamental Christian law: human life is sacred. What does sacred mean? It means that it is put beyond the reach of man's power, but protected by an authority superior to that of man, and defended by the law of God. Human life, over which man exercises his authority in so many ways, for reasons of kinship, or for reasons of social superiority, is as such, put beyond the reach of man's authority...our thought goes in the first place to abortion. Poor and innumerable lives about to be born swept away in your weakness, in your innocence."

"How can a civil society, and that is more—a Christian one, authorize and remain impasive, dry-eyed, in the presence of such a 'slaughter of the innocents'?"


The answer is clear. If Christ's Vicar constrained to speak such words just weeks before he died? It seems very stones...But we would have cried out had he not given voice to the terrible anguish. His question haunts us. Jesus came to us as the Way, the Truth and the Life. He told us that, "Whosoever you do to the least of my brethren, you do to me."

He specially chose that word 'least', meaning the powerless, the dependent.

Is there any stage of humanity more least among us today than the unborn whose very lives are threatened? This weekend, a special collection is being taken in the Archdiocese for the Respect Life apostolate. These funds will be used to educate the Catholic community as well as the general public to the great need we have now to respect life, in light of the powerful forces that exist in our society that threaten human life.

The funds will also be used to help those women who choose life for their unborn children and need our assistance. Please be generous, remembering that real love is shown in deeds. Please too, above all, remember daily in your prayers this important apostolate: promoting the sacredness of all human life, born and unborn.
The Erin Society is now accepting applications for Miss Miami Colleen of 1980. The winner will reign over the Second Annual St. Patrick’s Day Parade which will be held in Miami on Saturday, March 15th. The Irish Festival at Bayfront Park on Sunday, March 16th and the annual Emerald Society Ball on Monday, March 17th. Entrants must be between the ages of 18 and 23, single, (never married), of Irish heritage, and attend school in south Florida. For applications and further information, contact Pat McCormick 681-3179. Deadline for applications is February 1, 1980.

Women’s Clubs

St. Bernard’s Women’s Guild will have its Day of Reflection on Jan. 21, in the Church, Sunset Strip and University Drive. Registration at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Sue Blum of MACCW will be the speaker. Lunch will be served at 12:00 followed by Mass celebrated by Fr. John O’Leary, and a visit to Isidro Mission, Pompano.

St. Bernard’s Women’s Guild will hold a workshop conducted by Rosemary Scharp on Tuesday, January 22, at 8:00 p.m. in the Church, Sunset Strip and University Drive, Sunrise. All officers, Commissioners and Vice-Commissioners are requested to attend.

The St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Women’s Club will hold their annual Luncheon-Fashion Show on Jan. 26, at the Palace Hotel; at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are $6.00 per person. Call Meta Sinagra, 454-7646 or Eloise Powell, 923-5844 between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. for tickets.

St. Bartholomew Church at 2801 N. Federal Hwy. Miramar, Florida will hold a Flea market on Jan. 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is sponsored by the CCD Program.

St. Bartholomew Church in Miramar will hold four leadership sessions for teenagers on Jan. 23 and 30, and Feb. 6 and 13. These meetings are for potential Youth Leaders. If you are interested please let the Pastor know as soon as possible.

Fun-Game nights

Two “Fun and Game Night Benefits” will kick off the Knight of Columbus 1979-80 pledge to benefit the Archdiocese Respect Life Office. The first is 8 p.m. Jan. 19th at Saint Joseph’s Parish Hall, Miami Beach. A week later, Sunday, Jan. 27th, and starting at 6 p.m. a repeat “performance” will be at Miami Council Knights of Columbus hall, 5644 N.W. 7th Street. Single admission to either is by advance $5.00 donation and includes free food and beverages. Call the Respect Life Office, 603-2921 or Len Boymer, 883-6377 (661-5801 weekdays and evenings) for your reservation to have an evening of FUN!

Lobster Fest

On January 25, 26 and 27, 1980, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, is sponsoring a unique Lobster Fest in the parish hall at 2055 Coral Way, Miami. The fest will be held from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and will feature lobster, crab, shrimp, cakes, puppies and music, cooking demonstrations, gift booths, children and adult games, Matt East treasures, jewelry and ethnic educational films and displays. For additional information call the Church, 856-7449.

Placement Test

There will be a placement test at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 19, 1980 for all students who plan on entering the 9th or 10th grade at Archbishop Curley High School in September.

Retreat for Lay Carmelites

On Jan. 25-27, there will be a retreat for Lay Carmelites at the Retreat Center. Contact Al Rafferty, O. Carm., with the Theme of Community. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and concludes on Sunday after Eucharistic Celebration. Contact Al Rafferty, O. Carm.

Art and Music Eve

St. Juliana’s Church, West Palm Beach will have an evening of art and music on January 25, at 7:30 p.m. The Choir will present “Lord Jesus” from the Lyric Liturgy by Peloquin and “Be Not Afraid” by Bob Duford, S.L.; Fr. Richard S. Vosko, will speak on “Church Art and Architecture”, and selections from “The Witness” be presented by Jimmie and Carl Ovens will round out the evening.

Cambodia Relief

Anyone wishing to send donations for relief to starving Cambodians may send them to: Catholic Relief Services Cambodia Fund 1011 First Ave. New York City 10022.

Boutique Sale

Lighthouse Point – A “Nearly New” Boutique under the auspices of the St. Paul Women’s Club will be held in the parish education building on Jan. 18 and 19 between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Right to Life

Miami Right to Life will sponsor a special Memorial Service for the unborn on Jan. 22 at 8:00 p.m. at the Torch of Friendship, Bay Front Park, Miami. This event marks the seventh anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand. For Information call 233-7631.

New Address

The New Mailing Address for Our Lady of Mercy Church in Deerfield Beach, Fl., is: Rev. Wendel Schenley, 901 N.W. 49th St., Pompano Beach, Fl. 33064.

The parish purchased a new rectory at the above location in December.
U.S. Cardinal Baum Gets Vatican Post
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Cardinal Baum, a native of Dallas, has been archbishop of Washington since 1970 and a cardinal since 1973. A soft-spoken, scholarly intellectual, he is the youngest U.S. cardinal.

Cardinal Baum grew up in Missouri and studied philosophy and theology at Kenrick Seminary in St. Louis before his priestly ordination for the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, Mo., in 1951. He also has a doctorate in theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

He became the first executive secretary of the newly formed U.S. bishops' Committee for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs in 1965.

Because of his ecumenical expertise, there were rumors in 1975 that he would be called to Rome as head of the Vatican's Christian unity secretariat to replace Cardinal Jan Willebrands, who had just been named archbishop of Utrecht, Netherlands. Pope Paul VI kept Cardinal Baum for his past chairmanship of the bishops' ecumenical and doctrinal committees.

Also expressing "a mixture of sadness and pleasure" at the appointment was Dr. Edmund D. Pellegrino, president of the Catholic University of America, Washington. As archbishop of Washington, Cardinal Baum has been chancellor of Catholic University.

"We are saddened by the loss of our chancellor, whose leadership has given strength and inspiration to the University for the past seven years," said Pellegrino.

Several candidates for the Hispanic Pageant to be held in Belle Glade on Feb. 9. hold a discussion at a recent retreat at St. Isidro parish. The pageant, or "Reina," is a festival to uplift the Hispanic values and traditions among migrant and rural workers, and draws candidates from each of the nine rural missions, selected on the basis of cultural, moral and human values.

Catholics 18 Per Cent Of World

VATICAN CITY - (NC) - Roman Catholics made up over 18 percent of the world's population at the end of 1977, according to new Vatican statistics released in mid-November.

The 1977 Annuarium Statisticum Ecclesiae (statistical yearbook of the church), compiled by the Central Statistics Office of the Vatican, said baptized Catholics numbered 739 million among the more than 4 billion people in the world. The percentage was nearly the same as in 1976, when there were some 724 million Catholics in a world population of about 4 billion.

The yearbook also gave breakdowns by continent - Roman Catholics made up 62.3 percent of the population in North and South America combined; 39.8 percent in Europe; 25 percent in Africa; 4 percent in Oceania; and 2.3 percent in Asia.

The Catholic Church was divided into 2,372 ecclesiastical jurisdictions at the end of 1977, including 833 in the Americas, 688 in Europe, 372 in Africa, 365 in Asia and 64 in Oceania.

On Dec. 31, 1977, there were 1.6 million Catholics "actively engaged in pastoral ministry," the yearbook said.

The figure includes 3,700 bishops, 421,859 priests (of whom 259,985 were diocesan priests); 4,456 permanent deacons; 1,063,097 Religious (79,211 men and 984,786 women); and 133,673 catechists in mission territories.

There were 6,034 priestly ordinations in 1977 throughout the world, 144 less than the preceding year. The number of men ordained diocesan priests increased from 3,786 to 3,866 while the number of new Religious priests dropped from 2,392 to 2,188.

Some 6,829 priests died in 1977, 120 less than in 1976. A total of 2,506 left the priesthood, 300 less than the year before.

The number of seminarians enrolled in philosophy and theology schools increased by 697 between 1976 and 1977 to 6,013.

Throughout the world in 1977, 4,669 Catholic periodicals were published with a total printing of 1.8 billion copies.


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ST. PAUL, Minn. - (NC) - In an effort to reach out to women who have had abortions, 12 priests from the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis have volunteered to provide spiritual and psychological counseling to women seeking post-abortion help.

The counseling is part of the archdiocesan respect-life program, which engages in pro-life education and political activity, according to Janet Krocheski, program director.

Commenting on the counseling, Ms. Krocheski said, "I think the most important part is that the church is reaching out and showing that it cares. We need to be where women are having these problems of repair.

She said information on the counseling service is being sent to state pro-life hospitals and parish respect-life program representatives so women who may need counseling can know that help is available from the archdiocese.

The program is not limited to Catholic women, Mrs. Krocheski said. The women can arrange the place for their counseling with any of the 12 priests, who are located throughout the archdiocese.

"The woman may not wish to go to someone in her own area. This way she can go across town. That's the reason these men are spaced out so the way all are over the diocese," she said.

Priests rather than lay counselors were chosen for the service so that the sanctum of reconciliation can be offered to those women who request it, she added.

ACORDING TO Mrs. Krocheski, the idea for the service was the result of talking to parish priests, family ministers and parish workers who felt there was a need for this.

Mrs. Krocheski also asked pro-life organizations if they already offered this type of service.

We found there was little or nothing being done in the area of counseling for women in post-abortion," she said.

The archdiocesan program is the only one of its kind in the country, she said. The Buffalo, N.Y. Diocese has an abortion counseling program for teen-agers; according to Gall Quinn, a spokesman for the U.S. bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activity.

The WORLD in which we live offers little evidence for a glorious future. There are wars and famine and sin of all kinds. But, as Christians, we know, in faith, that the Lord will come," said Fr. Eugene H. May, diocesan theology and vice-rector of Mount Saint Mary Seminary of the West, Norwood, Ohio, when writing in Focus On Hope, an adult religion text published by HIL-TIME Publishers, Inc. Elm Grove, Wis.
World Hunger Situation Seen Growing

ROME—(NC)—The world food situation is becoming precarious and the developed and industrial countries should provide more technical and financial aid to Third World nations, according to representatives of 147 nations.

They stated their position at the close of the 20th World Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

More than 1,000 delegates attended the conference in Rome. They approved policies and programs for the U.N. agency in 1980-81 and adopted a budget of $278,740,000.

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"...reserves may fall even below the minimum safe level for world food security," the conference said in its closing document.

In a major resolution, the conference adopted a plan which, if fully implemented, would provide for a system of internationally coordinated but nationally held food reserves to be released in the event of crop failure. The stocks could also be released if world food prices jump to a high level in an effort to lower the prices.

It also called on governments to refrain from taking protectionist measures that would hamper agricultural trade, unanimously approved the pledged target for voluntary organizations to the U.N. World Food Program for 1981-82 of $1 million and decided to establish a World Food Day to be observed annually starting Oct. 16, 1981. Oct. 16 is the anniversary of the founding of FAO.

"Two days after the conference opened, Pope John Paul II addressed the group, calling hunger the "gravest and most acute" problem in the world today. "Millions of persons are threatened in their very existence," he said. "Many are dying every day because they do not have the minimum of necessary nourishment."

Conference participants heard a report from FAO leaders estimating that in developing market economies alone, some 400 million people suffer chronically from hunger and malnutrition.

The conference leaders also said that production in developing countries had increased during the 1970s by an average of three percent against a target of four percent.

President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia delivered the conference's 11th Frank MacDougall Lecture in commemoration of the late Australian statesman who was instrumental in the creation of FAO.

"Freedom and peace are impossible when people are hungry," Kaunda said.

The people of developing countries "are no longer prepared to wait for tomorrow to eat," he added. "They want to eat now."

Citizens of those countries are "a political force arising mainly from the failure of their economies to develop at a faster pace than is the case now," the Zambian president said.

"We have, as an ingredient for world instability, not only the 450 million hungry people but the whole developing world which is impatient about the distribution of prosperity in the world today," he said.

The conference, FAO's highest policy and legislative body which meets every two years, re-elected Bukar Shalib, ambassador of Nigeria to Italy, as chairman of the organization's council, which handles FAO business between conferences.

In his closing address, FAO Director-General Edouard Sezoua made an optimistic assessment of the world food situation in future years.

"The 147 nations which now make up the membership of this organization have shown, by their words and their actions at this conference, how truly great this organization is and how much human potential exists among all member nations to attack the appalling crime against morality and justice that is constituted by widespread hunger in the world today," he said.

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Carta Pastoral de los Obispos de la Florida en el aniversario de la decisión de la Corte Suprema sobre el Aborto

Las celebraciones alegres son parte de nuestra experiencia humana: fiestas, reuniones, aniversarios, etc. Las bodas familiares son ocasiones especiales, plenas de actividades y soledad, identificadas con nuestros sueños queridos. Nos recordan procedentes de distintas partes del país, y por un tiempo, volvemos a ser una unidad de nuevo, y esa unidad se realiza por la inclusión de un miembro, una nueva familia que se convierte en parte de nuestra familia general. El amor que sentimos no desaparece si nos es cambiado por la nueva adición a nuestro círculo de amor.

En el día de verano, San Juan nos brinda de Jesús en Caná, transforma el agua en el vino en la celebración de los Bodas. De cierto modo el vino parece ser un símbolo especial de nuestra vida como el puel de un hombre que las personas dedicadas a la agricultura en épocas pasadas, el vino tenía un significado especial. Era un regalo, una bendición y sostén de la fe, una forma de vida que la cooperación de la labor del hombre.

Es la culminación del amor creador del Dios y del servicio amor del hombre. El amor de un hombre que responde al amor del hombre en este fruto de la vida.

Jesus usa el simbolismo de El como la vid y nosotros somos los frutos de la vid. No se lo ha dado a donde nos encontraron, pero donde se dan como frutos de la vida.

Las celebraciones alegres son parte de nuestra vida como el vehículo de nuestra fe, nos es la expresión: "No se a donde se nos encuentran, pero donde se dan como frutos de la vida" e hicieron su adopción y participación en las villas migratorias que "no encontramos" en Indiantown, donde tuvo un nuevo significado este libre. Esta situación fue la que dio su explicación: "No se a donde nos encontraron, pero donde se dan como frutos de la vida.

Nosotros el pueblo de Dios, somos el fruto del amor, el nuevo que se puede ver en los círculos de las personas vacías, cómo se abrazan cada vez que la vida humana se ama."

También no son casos de los que se nos encuentra, sino que nos encontramos, pero donde se dan como frutos de la vida.

Leviertse como compartirnos con Jesús, cuya misión resucitada es la salvación de las vidas de los trabajadores de la localidad, y que se conoce de los que no se nos encuentra, sino que nos encontramos, pero donde se dan como frutos de la vida.

El Pan y vino de la Eucaristia no son solo signos de un nuevo y de lo que es el fruto del amor de Dios. Para nosotros es el fruto de la vida, que se comparte con los demás.

No se nos dice que en el momento de la victoria, o en el momento de la paz, o en el momento de la paz de Dios, o en el momento de la paz de Dios, o en el momento de la paz de Dios, o en el momento de la paz de Dios, o en el momento de la paz de Dios, o en el momento de la paz de Dios, o en el momento de la paz de Dios, o en el momento de la paz de Dios.
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Los fondos también serán utilizados para socorrer aquellas mujeres que optaron por dar vida a sus hijos por nacer y están necesitadas de asistencia moral y espiritual. El Dr. Rosenblum bajo similar dirigido a los sacerdotes que trabajan en la Archidiocesis Americana, el día en que ese furor cese apagadas en su debilidad e inocencia. ¡Cuando el Padre en su homilía del 7 de Octubre, Domingo de Respeto a la Vida, declaró: "La vida humana es preciosa porque es un don de Dios. El amor de Dios es infinito y continuado. Cuando El nos da la vida, la da eternamente. La vida es igualmente preciosa porque es expresión de fruto del amor." El Papa Pablo VI anunció que ésta fue una de las consideraciones más que nada, tenga presente que cada criatura es un ser único y singular don de Dios con derecho a formar parte de una familia unida y hermosa. Cuando la familia se ve amenazada por presiones de tipo social y ecológico, el amor de Dios nos pondremos en pie y reafirmaremos que la familia es necesaria para el bienestar de todos y cada uno de sus miembros. El aborto es un sacrificio porque es un don de Dios.

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La Cacerolada anuncia el siguiente nombramiento y cambio:


La Iglesia de Santa Rita en Boca Raton, será ahora Iglesia de San Judas, efectivo desde Enero 15, 1980.

La colecta de Respeto a la Vida se realizará el fin de semana de Enero 19-20 en todas las Iglesias de la Arquidiócesis.
En El Comienzo

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El aborto en los EE.UU.

Por Magaly Liaguno

"La esencia de la bondad es: proteger o preservar la vida, promover la vida, permitir que esa vida se desarrolle, y alcanzar su supremo destino", el principio fundamental de ética es pues el respeto a la vida", Albert Schweitzer.

"Ha olvidado el mundo este principio, incluido el aborto, nuestro, en casi todos los países del mundo el aborto está siendo legalizado con la excusa de la medicalización de la natalidad. Se usa más de una manera. Se utiliza hoy en el mundo. (Pasa a la Pag. 4A)

Recién nacido ¡Regalo de Vida!

Hoy día, nuestros hospitalesamericanos presentan escénicas como éstas: en una habitación vemos un grupo de médicos celebrando la vida de un niño prematuro de dos libras, mientras que en otra habitación un médico mata a otro niño de dos libras por medio del aborto. ¡ Esto es incomprendible , es simplemente una locura!

Nadie, ni siquiera los que favorecen el aborto pueden negarse a discutir el hecho científico de que la vida humana comienza en el momento de la concepción y que es continua, sea intrauterina o extrauterina hasta el momento de la muerte. La reunión científica más distinguida de la última década que consideró esta cuestión a fondo fue la "Primera Conferencia Internacional sobre el Aborto", llevada a cabo en Washington D.C. en octubre del año 1967.

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En las primeras, que se desvanecen, pueden reconocerse las rodillas, tobillos y dedos de los pies. Desde el momento de la madre de donde saca su alimento. Este pequeño ser humano empieza a formar lo que se puede llamar su primer órgano, o sea la placenta — su línea de vida que se extiende hacia su madre.

Durante el primer mes es un esquema de más cambios físicos que durante cualquier otro periodo de su vida. De la célula viviente original surge un embrión con cabeza, tronco y órganos elementales. Durante este periodo, su desarrollo es tan dramático que los científicos han planeado estudiar el desarrollo del cuerpo en sólo tres días. Este desarrollo se presenta hasta después del nacimiento. Durante este mismo tiempo, el corazón también está formándose. Un corazón primario está presente a los 18 días. Este corazón empieza a latir de una forma irregular a los 21 días. Una semana después, el corazón continua su contracción rítmica.

Los órganos que se forman rápidamente estos, el bebé está, bien empezando a funcionar. Durante el día entero y el niño puede ver el mundo en el fluido amniótico, aunque pasarán algunas semanas antes de que su madre sienta tales movimientos.

A final de las siete semanas, el feto se empieza a parecer a un bebé minúsculo. Ya se pueden distinguir las facciones externas y todos los órganos internos de un adulto. Sin embargo, puede solamente una pulga y medias. El feto tiene una cara humana, ojos, uñas y labios y hasta pueden notar las raíces de los pelos de la cabeza. El cuerpo está bastante lleno, relleno con músculos y cubierto con una piel delicada. Los brazos tienen manos con dedos y pulgares. Durante el cuarto mes, el niño empieza a crecer de tal manera que se suma a una rapidez. Un crecimiento continuará hasta dos o tres meses antes del nacimiento. Durante este periodo de meses que el niño está en el vientre, este continuará perfeccionando sus actividades y hasta aprender a prepararse para el día del nacimiento. A principio del tercer mes sus actividades empiezan a reflejar su propia personalidad única. Se mueve con gracia en el mundo de agua, se levanta y se duerme, cambia sus posiciones y escoje su posición favorita, reacciona violentamente al dolor de una aguja, le da bocas, traga mucho fluido amniótico, oye la voz de su madre y reacciona a la música y a los ruidos, eventualmente puede ver la luz y la oscuridad a través de la pared abdominal.

A los ocho y nueve meses el niño va siento muy in/ cómodo en el vientre de la madre, por eso ya pronto viene el nacimiento.

Sin embargo, la vida es más que las formas físicas. Nosotros valoramos nuestra vida humana porque es un regalo de nuestros padres, de la naturaleza y de Dios. La vida humana es un regalo de nuestros padres, de la naturaleza y de Dios. El niño aún no nacido representa la vida en sí. Con el tiempo esa vida puede seguir a su vez el regalo de otra vida, pero sólo si se le da la oportunidad de crecer, desarrollarse y madurar.

El aborto es un acto de violencia. Su propósito es destruir a otra persona humana, su naturaleza es negar la vida.

En el camino a la violencia nos atrae porque nos promete una solución segura y ligera. Pero la promesa es falsa y engañosa. Trae la muerte, no la vida, desesperanza y no esperanza. Debemos rechazar el camino de la muerte y escoger el camino de la vida. La destrucción directa y perversa del niño aun no nacido es indigna de una sociedad comprometida a la bondad y a la justicia.

Como un instrumento que ayuda a guiar la vida de la sociedad, la ley debe de asegurar el valor esencial y igual de cada ser humano en cada etapa de su existencia.

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Saulo no era un fanatico proponiéndose eliminar a Jesucristo, sino un hombre convencido de su Evangelio. De su tradiciones. Precisamente, el escéptico amante de su fe judia y Saulo no era un fanatico proponiéndose eliminar a Jesucristo, sino un hombre con el alma abierta. Convierte a Saulo a la fe cristiana es uno de los hechos más relevantes de nuestra historia. Un gran hombre fue Saulo, y se dedico, con mas fervor, a difundir el Evangelio de manera popular. Saulo, por que me persigues?

La conversión de Saulo le contestó la voz: "Yo soy Jesus, a quien tú persigues. Jesús se le presentó a Saulo y lo mando a la ciudad llevado por sus acompañantes, quienes quedaron sobrecogidos al oir la voz sin ver ni nadie ante la ceguera de Saulo quien estuvo tres días en Damasco sin comer ni beber. Seus, entretanto, le envió a Ananias, un cristiano de Damasco muy fiel al Señor, para que visitara a Saulo quienes "era pa
ta, vazo de elección" dijo Jesús. Ananias le habló a Saulo y cuando le impuso las manos recobró la visión. Con la conversión Saulo tomó el nombre de Pablo. Fue bautiza
dó y se dedicó, con mas fervor que antes, a predicar el Evan
gelo. Saulo por todo el mundo conocido entonces. La conversión de Pablo es fiesta de las donaciones pero por falta de espacio nos vemos forzados a

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**El Aborto**

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En Noviembre de 1971, el doctor Otheren de la Univer
dad de Carolina del Sur traspantó una glándula timo de un bebe abortado vivo, a un hombre baptizado. El timo humano fue muerto en el pro
ceso. Cada dia aumentan los informes sobre experimentos con seres humanos diminu
tos cuando aun estan vivos. Todos los documentos fueron ma
dos al concluir los experimentos.

El Dr. Roberto Goodlin de la Universidad de Stanford, en California, según ha sido re
portado, ha estado trabajando a cabo experimentos con seres humanos (abortados vivos) en un laboratorio. Este trabajo incluye la incisión en el pecho de un niño para observar el funciona
miento de su corazón, o en otro caso, el remover el hígado para transplante. Dichas opera
ciones han sido ligeramente disuadas con el P. Navarrete quien ofreció la homilia.

**Hablan mujeres sobre su dolor al aborto**

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**Obispo Busca "Posada"**

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**Mons. Higgins Rinde Tributo A Meany.**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (NC) Con palabras del Libro del Apocalipsis, Mons. George J. Higgins, rindió tributo al viejo amigo y "gigante del movimiento obrero" George Meany, quien falleció el 10 de Enero en Washington, D.C.

Mons. Higgins, Secretario para Investigaciones de la Conferencia Catolica de los EE.UU., ofreció la homilia en la Misa Funebre celebrada en la Catedral de San Mateo en la Capitol por el Padre de la Iglesia St. Bartholomew en Bethesda, donde Meany era activo miembro. El obispo W. Baum de Washington presi
dió la celebración. El Presi
dente Carter encabezó el conti
nente de dignitarios y perso
najes que fueron a despedir al líder a la Catedral de San Mateo.

Noche Cubana

Nos hemos enterado que en los terrenos de San Juan Bosco, en West Flagler y la calle 13 se va a celebrar una Noche Cubana. No se nos han adelantado los detalles pero sí sabemos que las papeletas pa
ra el evento ya están a la ar
ta. También nos enteramos que habrá muchos premios.