

#### The Archbishop's Christmas letter

TO THE CLERGY, RELIGIOUS AND LAITY OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS

mas, and Mary is the connecting link.

Today, we celebrate her sinlessness; on Christmas, her motherhood of God. There are those who would deny to counts. We find them even among those who profess to believe in the Divinity of Christ. But when one places the Incarnate Word of God into the arms of the Blessed Virgin, everything else falls logically into place. Even had Mary never been mentioned in the Scriptures, and had she remained completely in obscurity, if we accept the truth of the Incarnation of the Son of God and His entrance into the world as a babe, we would have to picture the Mother who here Him as God's chosen handmaid filled with who here Him as God's chosen handmaid filled with she would be seen to bring. The woman whom God chose to bring His only Begotten Son into the world, by every sense of propriety must be the most perfect, in whom sin could have no part. We know that God did send His only Begotten Son into the world, and it has been made known to us that the woman He chose for His Mother was the Blessed Virgin Mary. "Hail full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women." Luke 1, 28. That was the salutation of the Archangel Gabriel as he amounced the privilege that was to be bers.

Within a few days we shall kneel in spirit with Mary in the Stable of Bethlehem. In our meditation there, our thoughts will be preoccupied with the great mystery that Christmas presents to us. What great love prompted God to come at all? And when He did come, why did He choose to come in the form of an humble babe?

He might have come with might and power in the manifestation of His glory, or there are a thousand and one other ways that He might have made His entry into the world. Yet, He chose to come as the humble Virgin Mary's Child, born amid the squalid surroundings of the stable. We do not know why God chose to do so, but now that if has happened, we can think of so many wonderful blessings that have come from it, that we would not wish the advent of the Savior in any other way.

Savior in any other way.

Just to think that through this mystery, Christ becomes our brother and Mary our mother, is sufficient to send us hurrying head-long to the crib to thank Eternal Wisdom. Who has so ordained. By her humble acquiescence in her answer to the startling amounted acquiescence in her answer to the startling amounted according to Thy word, "Mary gave to us Jesus as our brother, and in turn, by His solemn bequest from the cross to St. John, "Son hehold thy Mother," Jesus gave to us Mary as our Mother.

May the headyle of the sublime relationship he

gave to us Mary as our Mother.

May the thought of this sublime relationship be the source of real joy toy as you visit Bethlehem in spirit on Christmas Day. We are told that the Wise Men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrnt to the new-born Christ. Undoubtedly, these gifts were placed in the safe keeping of Mary and passed on through her hands to the Divine Infant as "the Child grew, and was strengthened in spirit." Luke 1, 80.

Bring your gifts too, and like the Wise Men, make them worthy of the Infant you would honor. Place the worthy of the Infant you would honor. Place the worth of the Infant you would honor. Place the Mary's hands for Hlm, first and above alt, your real-live lines and stand grace of penance; then your geld—to telle saving grace of penance; then your geld—to telle saving grace of penance; then your geld—to telle saving grace of penance; then your geld—to telle and old, to which your Christmas offering is dedicated. "To Jesus through Mary'—especially at Christmas time; it is impossible to separate the two.

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Begging the Christ Child to bless you most bountifully, we remain in the Service of Jesus and His Immaculate Mother,

### on Christmas Day

VATICAN CITY—Rome's four great basilicas made ready for Christmas Day ceremones con-voking the Second Vatrean Council before any official announcement that the council would be con-voked then.

His Holmess Pope John XXIII himself told Vartean prelates at the end of a recent retreat that the built of convocation would prob-ably be read on Christmas.

### Pope congratulates UNICEF

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y.—The Holy See and international Cather organizations have sent congratulations to the United Nations olic organizations have sent congratulations to the Children's Fund (UNICEF) on its 15th anniversary,

Cardinal Amleto Cicognani, Papal Secretary of State, said in a message to UNICEF:

"On this anniversary His Hollness (Pope John XXIII) is pleased to acknowledge the work done by UNICEF during many years on behalff of inderprivileged children and congratulates its executive director (Maurice Pate), and asks Providence to bestow divine blessings on this noble task." 

#### Expect Council call Archbishop Binz given St. Paul See

WASHINGTON — His Holiness Pope John XXIII has transferred the Most Rev. Leo Binz from the Archbishopric of Dubuque to that of St. Paul.

The action of the Holy Father was announced here by Archbishop Egidio Vagnozzi, Apostolic Delegate in the United States.

The See of St. Paul has been recant since the death of Arch-pishop William O. Brady in Rome



## Sacrifice the nonessentials for unity, Cardinal urges

### Uniformity seen 'hiding' true Church

STRASBOURG, France — 'ardinal Bernard Alfrink Cardinal Bernard Alfrink suggested here that the time has come for the Catholic Church to sacrifice non-essential elements of her essential elements of her life that tend to confuse non-Catholics about the true na-ture of her unity.

While unity of Faith is essential and indivisible, said the Arch-bishop of Utrecht, the ways in hishop of Utreeht, the ways in which the Faith can be practiced are variable. Cardinal Affrink said that in the course of hishory, the Church of Rome's ways of doing things spread throughout the West with a rigid uniformity. He said Protestants must be made able to see that what is Roman about the Church is no accessarily essential to her unity.

Cardinal Alfrink, head of the Dutch Heirarchy and a member of the Central Preparatory Com mission for the coming ecumenical council, addressed an ecu

"OBVIOUSLY, the Church could never accept a pluralism of truth," he said. "Truth is one. Thus the Church must give her all to protect the unity of revealed truth. Or the other must have truth. Or the other must have the other must be accepted in the protection of the other latting of the other must be accepted at the first process person of the pluralism can aid in lasting have the essential characteristics of the Church.

"Could it not be," he continued, that love for the Church and solicitude for non Catholics require, in our ecumenical era, that we sacrifice certain non-sexual things—however dear they are to us and however precious they save they stand in the way of a clear vision of the true Church?

"Would one be a less faithful son of the Church if he is ready to sacruice a little of this uni-formity in behalf of interests of the Church that in our age could be more important?

the more important?

"IN OUR DAY, in effect, it is the essential that is disputed and endangered. That is why we cought not waste our time and energy trying to protect and preserve the family the whole house is in danger of burning to the production of the whole house is in danger of burning to the country of the whole house is in danger of burning to the country of the whole house is in danger of burning to the country and the contributions of history and the centimation of the contributions of history and the development of Christian evidence, without dissowning the back, which is the contribution of the centimes, we outlist to so back more fervently to our origins, as we have been advised to moreover by Pope John XIII in his clear-sighted wisdom."

Cardinal Alfrick said that

Cardinal Alfrink said that Catholics and other Christians must together seek the truth—the whole truth. But he said that the fact of joining together in seeking to discover God's will (Continued on page 8)



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#### No Criterion on December 29

No issue of The Criterion will be published for December 29 to permit our hardworking staff an extra dougholiday at Christmas and to give the paper a few days to handle some year-end administrative details. The

### Confusion on marriage hit by Pope

VATICAN CITY—The confusion of public opinion in regard to the Church's stand on the sanctity of marriage must be cleared sp. His Holiness Pope John XXIII declared here.

Pope John spoke at an audience granted members of the Sacred Roman Rota high Church court, at the beginning of their legal year.

THE POPE TOLD them

"Since doctrinal uncertainties, arising in various places and indifferent forms, threaten to confuse public opinion, a solemn and grave reminder of the soundness of the principles which inspire the Church's delense of matrimony is eminently needed."

eminently needed."

The Church's defense of the m
dissolubility of marriage is not
merely a matter of Church or exit
an arbitrary position that can be
changed by succeeding cenerations, he added. The indissolubility of marriage, he declarcomes from the very will of God.

THE POPE SAID that the integrity of marriage is the most valuable asset of social bie and that public opinion must not be confused about it.

contused about it.

"There is only one reason, for Our saving what We have," he continued. "It is the same reason that has motivated the entire spiritual action of the Church through the content of the continued of the content of t

### Says internationalism is a Catholic ideal

CINCINNATI -- The Holy See - pletely free to criticize the open has said "yes" to the movement ation or manner of organization oward world community, but one Catholics say "no."

Speaking to the Cincinnati Medievalists, ex-Naval officer Kirchner declared:

"Catholics should be world-minded, , , Internationalism as an idea is certainly Catholic."

no root is certainty Catholic."
Despite the "string affirmative" given by Pope Pins XII to
the world community browners,
often individual Catholics have
been severe critics of the world
ciew." Kirchner said, "maintaining a negative and holationist
attitude." "THE WORLD is being units wheth

"But some don't even accept the international idea itself, a thus they are opposed to Church's position," he said.

participates formany in the move-ment toward world unity, Kirch-ter said. 'thy establishing--as it has-official relations with United Nations agencies, such as the Food and Agriculture Organiza-tion, the United Nations Eco-nomic, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the International Labor Organization, and others.'

He also noted that "some 10 Catholic organizations including Pax Romana, are accredited to the UN Economic and Social Council."

"THERE ARE SOME 300 inter

### Peace Corps won't sign pacts with church units

WASHINGTON — Peace Corps director R. Sargent Shriver, in a sudden reversal of previous pol-icy, has announced that the corps will sign no contracts with church-related agencies.

Bishop Swanstroni, an Auxiliary Bishop of New York, protested strongly.

SHRIVER'S stand appeared to

In April the Peace Corps issued a guide book dealing specifically with the question of its relations with church-related agencies.

The guide book, which was approved by Shriver, said in part:
"A project which meets Peace (Continued on page 3)

#### FIRST OF A SERIES

### Church-State issue in education is clarified by NCWC statement

The need for a comprehensive constitutional statement in the Church-State issue in education and its relevance to long-standing NCWC policies was made vividly clear by the statements and comply the statements and comply on these issues in this year's debate on Federal aid to education.

The related appears are provided in the state of the st

On March 28, 1961, the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare publicly issues its

This is a condensation of the first sections of the legal study entitled, "The Constitutionality of the Church-Related Schools is Federal And to Education." The document was prepared by the Legal Department of the National Cutholic Welfars Conference on the Conference of the Conference of the Conference of the Conference on the Confer

Rightist movement seen sinful

DAYTON, Ohio--The rightist movement, typified by the John Birch Society, constitutes a sin against both individual and social nustice, Father John Kelley, S.M., a theology professor at the University of Dayton, said at a public meeting on the university campus.

"In order to judge the rightist movement on moral principles," he said, "it is necessary to maintain that the undocumented exposure—the smear—goes contrary to fair play. More precisely, this tactic is judged to be a sin against individual justice."

He said a further judgment is much more important and also make more difficult. "s individual of the moral coupling of the goods.

much more difficult: "a judgment of the moral quality of this move-ment must be made from an analysis of its objectives."

"If we judge from our analysis of the objectives of this move-ment that these objectives are contrary to peace and contrary to the common good of the people of our country, then we must judge the movement itself immoral," he said.

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Father Kelley accused the Birch society of using "exposure" as

as non-denominational?
This is the general constitutional question to which this study is addressed.
Three related questions are not of restell; the basic constitutionality of Federal and to education; the constitutionality of Federal and to education exclusively; in public schools; and the constitutionality of Federal and to religious instruction.

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unity for an education of excel-lence.

• It is in the national interest that our moral heritage be pre-served, along with our freedom to acquire education in diverse, non-state institutions.

In simple terms, this means that every American child should have equal opportunity, accord-ing to his falents, or acquire the acquire it in such school as he or his parents, in the exercise of their judgment, deem most de-sirable, provided such school meets reasonable state require-ments of intellectual and physical competency.

competency.

TO ACHIEVE this objective, government need not be restricted to a single technique in selecting programs of aid to education—such as to extend aid through the institution only, or solely through parent or solely through pupil. 

If aid through institutions is the selected means, then aid should be given through all in-stitutions competent to educate —unless constitutional require-ments plainly dictate to the contrary.

While no position is here taken respecting the need for Federal and to education, it is apparent that two principles should ideally govern an American educational program for the future:

program for the future:

It is in the national interest that every child have the opportunity for an education of excel-

Considering in a particular vay both our public schools and our church-related schools, it vould be a very great mistake o assume that the former need any the less devoted to the (Continued on page 6)

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CHRISTMAS WELCOME COMMITTEE—Nine young ladies, members of the St. Vincent Hospital Volunteens, have effered to share an hour of Christmas Day to greet visitors at the hospital. In one-hour shifts the girds will wish the season's greetings and the hope that their loved ones would get well. The group includes, left to right above: Marie Russell, Patty Shimer, Goorgia Josephs, Pat Zaepfel, Cathy Wheeler, Tony Moloy and Diana Schwalm, Not present for the picture were Pat McCarthy and Susie Durcan.

### Pontiff offers program for Catholic Actionists

VATICAN CITY—His Holiness Pope John XXIII has offered a three-point program for members of Catholic Action: emphasis on the supernatural, unity in action, and cooperation with the hier-

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THE VERY variety of talents and temperaments filling the ranks of Catholic Action demands insistence on unity, Pope John

Instruction and a said.
"In Catholic Action everyone brings his contribution in different forms of preparation and sensitivity," he noted.

"But work in the different branches without any care for the question of unity would never achieve the desired results, for energies would be wasted in an exaggerated diversification. History itself teaches that there has

ON THE OUESTION of the laily's cooperation with the herarchy, Pope John quoted Pope Plus XI who sald: "The Pope Plus XI who sald: The Pope and will always think that the work of Catholic Action is truly, first and above all a missionary and an apostoic work."

In practical terms, the Pope added, the demands of the modern parish and diocese are just too much to allow a prest and a word of the property of the pro

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### Replace deals with ideals, Fr. Hesburgh urges U.S.

CHCAGO — The president of Notre Dame University warned research to the world a picture of "dollars and deals" rather than "ideas and ideals." Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., said at the University of Cheago's 28th convocation that there is need for "a dedication that there is need for "a dedication." Father Hesburgh said in his address, entitled "Change and the Changeless," that "our face to the world is largely the face of materialism, he root of change, instead of the image of spiritual reality, the heart of the changeless,"

less."

"OUR TACTIC is more often dollars and deals than ideas and ideals, he continued. "We plan to win the cold war by economies of the continued of the cont

higher levels."

He declared that "this material istic addiction . . is reflected in our practice of betraying at home what we preach abroad; our deep consciousness of color and race, and our subtle or not too subtle denial of equal opportunity in employment, housing, education, even in the administration of justice."

"Change indeed has come into the world," Father Hesburgh stated, "and more worldwide changing of sides may well be expected. Whether the next change results in gain or loss for us and for the world depends in very large measure upon our



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ability to change our tactic of fighting materialism with ma-terialism, spiritual blindness versus spiritual blindness. The great-est riches of the West and our best armaments are the spiritual unchanging values that have given thrust and vitality to our revolu-tionary heritage..."

HE ASSERTED that "in the midst of rapidly changing realities, the absolutes, the important, the necessary, the beautiful, the true and the good are changes." Our dedication to take of dedication to values that are changes." Our dedication or lack of dedication to take the splendor or tragedy of our midvidual lives, the glory or degradation of our times, the promise or betrayal of our national destiny."

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AT YCW SESSION—Romeo Malone, assistant director of the social action department of the Canadian Catholic Conference, Othawa, recently addressed a dinner meeting of the Indianapolis federation of the Young Christian Workers at Council 427, Knights of Columbus, Indianapolis, He is past president of the international YCW, MM, M. Maione, seated right above, are left to right: Father John Elford, Archdiocesan CYO director; Father William Cleary, Womederator; and Ernest P. Schnippel, of St. Roch's parish, federation

### Text of Nikita greeting, Pope's reply made public

of international problems were acknowledged by Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in his recent 80th birthday greeting to the Pontiff

The texts of the message and the response from the Pope have now been released here. Soviet Ambassador to Haly, Seme Krizev, sent the following message to the Pope through the Apostolic Nuncio to Haly, Arch-bishop Carlo Grano, on Novem-ber 23:

ber 25:

"I have been instructed to request that you (Archibishop Grano) communicate in the amount of N. S. Khrushchev to His Holinocassion of his 80th birthday congratulations and sincero garatulations and sincero garatulation attached.

VATICAN CITY—His Holiness aspiration of contributing toward pope John XXIII's contributions to world peace and the solution timernational problems were the solution of international problems. lems through sincere negotia-tions."

On the following day Archbishop Grano was instructed to send the following reply: "His Holiness Pope John XXIII

"His Holiness Pope John XXIII expresses his thanks for the god wishes and reciprocates to you and to the entire Russian nation cordial good wishes for the increase and consolidation of world peace through successful understanding of human brotherhood, and for this he offers fervent prayers."

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Franklin D. Roossvelt, Jr.,
Prosident Kennedy's representative at Tanganysika's independentive at Tanganysika's independentive at Tanganysika's independentive at Tanganysika's independencelebrations, said here that the
Catholic Church is making "remarkable" efforts to meet the
culcustional needs of that new
Airican nation. Mr. Roossvelt
also praised Prime Minister Julius
Nyeree and Cardinal Laurian
Rugambus for their distinctive
roles in Tanganyika's formative
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years.

\$\int \text{ST}\$. LOUIS—A new parents' group, known as "Missouri Citizens for Fair School Bus Laws." Will present line proposals for school bus and to children attending private and public school bus and to children attending private and public school searly next month. Eight years ago, while serving as state attorney general, Gov. Dalton ruled that school bus transportation for parochial school children violated Missouri's statute prohibiting us of tax funds for sectarian purposes. and meetings, the New Antlers Hotel Es offers a total of 35 to 500-Continental Menn ME 4-235T



objectives."

4 Pope John prayed for the blind throughout the world during an audience granted to some 4,000 pilgrims on the Feastday of St. Lucy, patroness of the blind. Addressing specifically a group of vast crowd, the Pope told them: "I shall pray that the blind in the world may be given the certainty to see the light at the close of their lives."

AT HOME

4 UNITED NATIONS — The
United Nations General Assembly
will debate population control at
next September's session, but
the assembly steering committee
turned down a proposal to give it
priority or consider it an important matter. The proposal for
priority was made by Denmark
and Sweden.

and Sweden.

• WASHINGTON—The Post Office Department has ruled that it will not ban two books on birth control from the U.S. mail if the books are sent only to a selected clientele. The books in question are: "The Complete Book of Birth Control." published by Balting Books, inc., and "Mollern lantine Books, inc., and "Mollern Branch and the Control." published by Paperback Library, Inc.

AT HOME

to all who can and must inter-rene" to restore peace in a Congo aathed in blood. Fighting in the Congo "is breaking Our heart," ope John XXIII said. The Pon-

cannot be field for damages.

A NEW ORLEANS — The president of the Southern Baptist convention said here his church "is not picking upon one denomination" in resisting tax and to schell H. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City and president of the convention, also stated in a speech at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary that the Baptist group known as Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU).

BAST ORANGE, N.I.—Porno-

or Church and State (POĀU).

◆ EAST ORANGE, N.J.—Pornographic Christmas cards were among materials seized in an antismut raid staged here by Escot County sheriff's detectives, East County sheriff's detectives, Postal inspectors. Postal inspectors described the collection as the "largest ever seized" in the East.

♦ PROVIDENCE, R.I. — The Rhode Island State Council of Churches has taken a stand against a proposal to furmsh taxpoad mathematics and science schools. The proposal vas made by Msgr. Arthur T. Geochegan, Providence ducesan supernitendent of schools. The state board of education tabled the request pending consideration of the general school aid issue at the next session of the U.S. Congress but announced the door "is still open" no matter what Congress decides. ♣

no matter what Congress decides.

8 Bishop Russell J. McVinney of
Providence observed here that
of Providence observed here that
of Federal and to education."
But he sand that if such aids
granted to public schools only,
it would serve to put Catholic and
other private schools "out of
business." Government support
of education should be a local
natter and "ought not to spread
to the national level," the bishop
told members of the Catholic Association of Catholic Alumni.

ABROAD

\* SANTO DOMINIO, Dominican Republic—A call for the establishment of a Christan Democratic Party to give this nation a clean break with all traces of the Tra-jillo regime has been made here by a group of returning exiles, by a group of returning exiles, local forces (Figure 11). The president Josquin Balaquer, who was associated with the late distance, Generalissime Rafael Tra-jillo. It rejects any outside inter-

THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

♦ CARACAS, Vencauela — While the Marish-dominated students' association of the State University students association of the State University students sent a young lady to present an orchid, the national flower, to Mrs. Kennedy at the airport. An honorary doctorate was presented to President Kenned's by the law school of Andres Bello Catholic University here.

Bello Catholic University here.

BURNOS AIRES — Argentine
Catholics were urged to participate in a "self-denial" campaign
to raise funds for assistance to
victims of world communism and
particularly for "sufferers under
the Castro regime" in Cuba. The
appeal was made by Argentine
Catholic Action in a statement
to coincide with Christmas—
"everywhere a festival of love
and peace."

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• RIO DE JANEIRO—Cardinal
Jaime de Barros Camara, cuche
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scriticted the Brazilian government for doing nobling to stem
communist advances in Latin
America and refusing to take a
stand against the Red regime of
Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

"While the government is criticizing Portuguese colonialism,"
the cardinal said, "it is doing
in Latin America."

in Latin America."

A KAMPLAL Usanda — The Ugunda Catholic Secretariat assa a briged document is being circulated throughout Buganda province in an attempt to discredit the Catholic Church. The document in question is a so-called letter of the Catholic Bishops to the Holy Father pressing lim for name; to help one of the political parties.

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ruling the court clied the loss of the Dominican established doctrine in Missouri courts that charitable institutions cannot be field for damages.

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A CARACAS, Venezuela — While the Marxist-dominated students association of the State University here called U.S. President of the Southern Baptist convention said here his charier is the president of the State University here called U.S. President of the State University here called U.S. President of strict race of which Dama is the capital. Under the South African Communication of the State University here called U.S. President of strict race of which Dama is the capital. Under the South African Communication of the State University here called U.S. President of strict race of the South African Communication of the State University here called U.S. President of strict race of the South African Communication of the State University here called U.S. President of strict race of the South African Communication of the State University here called U.S. President of strict race of the South African Communication of the State University here called U.S. President of the State University here to solve the Dominican article in May, 1969, political party. The papage was attacking Pope John XXIII has accused of attempting to restrict contribution of the State University of the Contribution of the State University of the Contribution of the State University of the State Contribution of the State University of the Contribution of the State town councillors have declared a reserved area for whites only the publishing an article in May, 1990. political party. The pure reserved area for whites only the viction will affect about 600 the finding families. Indians in Soil, and the continued by the Rome the freedom of the fit formation of the f

♦ ELISABETHVILLE, The Congo — Two Katanga ♦ ELISABETHVILLE, The Con-go — Two Katanga hospitals staffed by nuns have been at-tacked during the fighting be-tween United Nations forces and those of Katanga President Moise Tshombe. Each side claims the other is responsible.

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of Ngok Ronget.

- WEST BERLIN—A Requiem
Mass was said here (Dee. 14) for
Catholic youth who was shot
and killed by Communist police
as he sought for reunite an East
in West Berlin. Dieter Wohlfahrt,
20, an Austrian student at West Berlin Technical University, was
slain as he cut a barbed wire
barricade to allow the mother to
The wonan was arrested by the
Communist police.

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BONN — The Communist regime in East Germany has prevented Bishop Alfred Bengsch, of Berlin, from meeting with his predecessor, Cardinal Julius Deepfner, now Archbishop of Munich, informed sources reported here. Bishop Rengsch who

♦ ROME—The sentence imposed on a Rome magazine editor for



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## ♠ JEFFEINON CITY, Mo—The Misouri Supreme Court has upheld a lower court's action in dismissing a \$125,000 damage suit against La Salette Semmary. The suit had been filed by Arrhur Schollte of Meta, Mo., who sought accident in the seminary's swimming pool in 1954. In issuing the **Anglicans**

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plan visit to Pontiff

The group, known as the Society of the Holy Cross, said it would send a delegation to the Vatican soon after Easter.

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of the Universal Church.

"We regard the Church of England itself as but two provinces of the whole Church, outwardly separated from Rome in the 16th century, but that this accident of history, as we see it, is no fault of ours but a matter of politics rather than religion and an inherited disability to which we desire to see an end if possible within our own lifetime.

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#### Extraordinary



OMEONE said it. We don't remember who or where, but we read it; and it haunts us now, with Christmas so near.

"Christians," this someone said, "are ordinary people who make the most extra-ordinary claims."

It was not meant to be a compliment but a rebuke.

People who claim that God became man, was born of a virgin in a stable, died on a cross and rose from the tomb that men might be able to love as He loved, have no right to be ordinary.

"In this we have come to know his love, that He laid down his life for us; and we likewise ought to lay down our life for the brethren." (1 Jn. 3:16)

"A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you."  $(\mathrm{Jn.~13:34})$ 

People who would live by such teaching would be most extraordinary.

They would not be the ordinary folks living in the suburbs who refuse to let their Negro brethren live near them.

They would not be the ordinary prosperous citizens who are willing to let two-thirds of their brethren in the world remain ill-fed and ill-housed because they want to keep America strong and "foreign aid is money poured down a rat hole" and "those people won't do anything for themselves anyway." O. I was quite shocked by your rude comment on the question: "I would like to know why children are not instructed to behave in church." You did not answer it, but merely relorted: "Just how many children do you have?"

Is one to inter from your answer that since, in this day and age, children have little respect for heir parents, teachers and elders, it is useless to try to teach them any respect for Almighty God? I believe the Church still teaches that He is present in the Blessed Sacrament.

A. Sorry! Of owner land.

They would not be the ordinary timid Hoosier who won't heip lift up his starving and illiterate brethren by supporting UNESCO and UNICEF because these organizations have become "controversial."

If Christi has been pushed out of Christmas, it is not fault of the merchants and hucksters. It is the fault the Christians who refuse to take Christianity seriously.

Christ will be back into Christmas when His followers back up their most extraordinary claims by living in a most extraordinary way.





#### Santa Claus



HEN PEOPLE grow old, they may some-times become too clever by far and no longer able to understand the reality of Santa Claus. In order to clear up any confusion, and just to set the record straight, we wish to record our editorial opinion that there really is a Santa Claus. Santa Claus.

He cannot be seen, it is true. He is—as we might say for want of a more exact word —a spirit; one of those influences that are especially powerful at Christmas time, principally in what they do for children and for those who love children.

All those fellows we see with beards and red coats in shops are only make-believe Santa Clauses. They are there simply to stimulate the commercial part of Christmas. They seat a child on their lap, say "Ho ho" in a hearty voice, and ask him what he wants for Christmas.

When they ask the child what he wants, it is not with any intention of giving it to him but of embarrassing his elders into buying it for him at the store. This duplicity of purpose, common enough in the grown-up world, only confuses children and shakes their unerring sense of the reality of things.

reality of things.

The real Santa Claus is most likely to visit homes where there are parents and children, all living in the security of family life. His influence is greatest when the parents understand him properly, welcome him as he should be welcomed, and advise him on the gifts most appropriate for the children. (The most appropriate gifts are not necessarily the most expensive ones, not by any means. They are the gifts which show clearly the existence of continuous thoughtfulness, remembrance and loving care.)

Sometimes, as may be, one or both parents may be already departed this life, but Santa Claus makes ample allowances for this. He knows that these parents still love their children and pray that they may get what they need. He makes a special effort in these cases, perhaps with the help of aunts and uncles.

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Sometimes, and this is very sad, children have no parents or relatives able or willing to look out for them; children that, for example, live in institutions. Santa Claus may sometimes be puzzled in these cases. For the lack of personal advice, closely custom-designed to the needs of each unique child, he may make mistakes. Often enough, however, he is helped by those who, having more of both the love and the worldly goods than their own children can use, bring the overflow to children who live in institutions.

Sometimes there are homes with married folks but no children. Santa Claus understands this also and makes allowances, because he knows it is nothing else but an infliction come to them through the wisdom of a Divine Providence. He will visit these homes, therefore, but all the more readily when he knows that the gifts he brings, of mind and heart as well as of material things, will be shared with children in other places.



Santa Claus can do many things, but he cannot do every-thing. Never aggressive, he cannot force his way in anywhere. He is polite and must wait until he is invited. But wait wait until he is more and understanding and help and good will as they can, there is scarcely anything he cannot do.

Do you believe in Santa Claus? We hope you do.

We do.

#### Back to the cave

Religious motives

are bit confused

By MSGR.J. D. CONWAY

motives.

Besides it is quite futile: wager that the priest will pay eve attention to the hat than your husband. He weven be interested in how much it cost.

in the Blessed Sacrament.

A. Sorry! Of course I am not opposed to the proper training of children. I am often edified by many of the families in my parish whose children are quiet, attentive and interested all during Mass. But I happen to have a parish in which we have five baptisms each week and one funeral a year—a parish of young and fertile families. We even provide baby-sitting service during some of the Masses. But it is still necessary for many small children to be brought to church; either that or one parent will have to miss Mass. So we have much tolerance for crying babies and restless yearlings. Hardly anyone complains; they only participat more loudly in the responses of the Mass—and probably figure they aren't missing too much if they ear't hear the sermon.

About the only protests we get are from people who have no children of their own, and fail to sym-pathize with the problems. In the parish I cannot be rude to these complainers; so I let off steam in

y column.

From oft-repeated teaching of the Church we may fer that large families are a blessing, and that ey indicate conscientious compliance with dictates morality. Should we, who represent the Church, en some control of disapproval when these multiple essings inflict a gasual annoyance on our cellbate

rangumity?

To return to the original question: Why are children not instructed to behave in church? Some are.

Others may have negligent or overly permissive parents. And many may have parents who are so distracted with multiple cares that they can't get

And at this point I can't resist quoting one of my parishioners, whose many children are models of behavior and devout attention. His profession is psychology, and he explains it this way: "I am a per-mistive psychologist: I permit myself to use cor-poral persuasion when gentler methods fall to pro-duce patterns of desirable behavior."

A. Sorry, men, I cannot forward your letters. 4 Q. I have just viewed an interview with the proprietors of a nudist colony, shown on CBC television, Canada. I do my very best to be broad-minded, but I can never share the beliefs of such people. What is the Church's stand on such be-

havior? Would a Catholic in good faith and seeking only to further his knowledge of minority sects be wrong to visit a nudist camp, or even to join one? I would like to see this letter printed. Perhaps some others are interested. At least we should get some Letters to the Editor.

A. I have had to leave out some better portions

A. Now you know, gentle reader, that this the week for questions; not for answers. And assure you I have hundreds more. But I prominot to use them.

ranquillity?

S. IT a serious (mortal) sin if one wears an attractive hat to church so the priest will think she tooks pretty?

A. No, but it may be a cluster of vental sins: vanily, imprudence, extravagance, distraction of plous people from their prayers, and a confusion of your own religious motives.



QUESTION BOX

HE CIVIL Defense Department intends to propose to Congress a Federal subsidy for the construction of fall-out shelter accommodation for 20 million people throughout the country. The subsidy would be available to schools, colleges, hospitals and public institutions generally. Some of the shelter would be designed to serve "a dual purpose."

or a we know, the real administrative problem involved in the construction of fall-out shelters on a massive scale turns on the question: if we do it, will we condition ourselves to regard nuclear warfare as inevitable sooner or

ment of more than ordinary pointed lunacy.

This "dual purpose" idea is the most sensible to emerge since the public discussions began over four months ago. Shelters, available for use in time of war, could certainly be designed for peaceful uses; as gymnasiums, auditoriums, extra class-rooms, parking gurages, and so on. For our-cord to the control of the design of the control o At this point, it may occur to our readers that "fall-out shelter" is a deplorable topic just three days before Christ-mas. They might well think it is a deplorable topic at any

#### Bright as ever

later; if we do not do it, are we exposing ourselves improperly to the effects of a surprise attack made in a moment of more than ordinary political lunacy.



#### OPINIONS

#### Readers disagree on Conservatives



tion: "Is There Any Place Left in the Church for a Catholic Con-

an the Churcht for a Catholic Con-servative?"

Being a Catholic Conservative,

Being a Catholic Conservative,

t read the article with considerable interest, and I agree with
what the Holy Father has said
but not with the interpretation
placed on it by Msgr. Conway.

When Msgr. Conway says that
those opposed to foreign aid
should be reinstructed, I would
asy that he is right if, he means
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the United States taxing the people and then sending this aid to
ther countries hostile to us and
leaving their Communist Leaders
to with the aid what they want
then I say no.

Also put forth by Msgr. Con-Q. Why don't the Catholic churches have an organization for Catholic widows and widowers? It seems to me something could be done for widows who want to re-marry Catholics. I go out quite often, as I am quite presentable and only 37, but, Father, do you know I very rarely find a Catholic man. I have been a widow for three years and Father, do you know it.

man. I have been a widow for three years and have three boys.

This isn't a serious problem, as you usually receive, but I fugured it would be a change from all the really serious troubles married people have.

way is the idea of a "world com-munity" which is an idealistic and noble thought but, as long as Communists are being accepted Communists are being accepted inity" then it is clear to anyholdy who has studied anything at all about comunism that this idea cannot work until the Communist governments have been over-trown and complete victory has been attained over the atheistic I foo am in favor of the goals

orld Communist movement. I communist movement to am in favor of the goals UNESCO but, as long as Comunists have any control over its tions and are free to divert and byert it to their cause I am ainst it and any other agency nich has Communists controlling or in any way following their rectives.

of the letter—uniquely because of length!

I too like for people to be broadminded, but most minds are only so big; and if you broaden them too much you can't avoid becoming flat-headed. directives.

In closing I would put this question to Msgr. Conway. Is there any room left in the church for a non-conservative? Keep in mind the statement made by Pope Pius XI in Quadragesimo Anno.

"No one can be at the same time a sincere Catholic and a true Socialist." Q. Why don't we ordain more Bishops? With priests we have pastors and assistants. So why don't we have the same with Bishops? Man wants to get as much grace as he can, and by being ordained a Bishop, does not step him from gaining grace.

Catholics should examine their conscience about their Socialistic ideas toward big central government, etc. and change them

#### 'No place'

To the Editor:

Q. I have read your answer that a woman who made a mistake when very young could still be married in white gown and veil. I would like to know if she could be married with a Nuptial Mass. A. She most certainly can and may and should.

After reading the front page "Ouestion Box" column by Msgr.

J. D. Conway in your December 8 issue, I would say, "No, there is no place left in the Church for a for measuring costs. What he is Catholic conservative.

Norman H. Shortridge

To the Editor:

The writer says it is Our job to carry on the work of the REA. I, by Our, he means the customers of the REA, I will agree. But that is not what he wants, What he is asking is that the rest of the taxpayers help carry this load, as well as their own.

for measuring costs. What he is doing, is comparing a 20-inch ruler to a yardstick. The REMG costs would include no federal income tax and the taxpayers would be footing the bill for one half of the cost of borrowing in the cost of the cost of borrowing in the cost of the cost of borrowing in the cost of borrowing in the cost of the c

future needs for power which this would, he says, help provide. In fact, the only areas that have ever experienced a power short-age are those which rely on gov-ernment power.

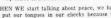
Low rates, says the writer, would encourage industry to the rural areas. The TVA is the great monument to this tenet, and Tennessee lags behind all its neighboring states in industrial development.

The writer speaks disparaging-(Continued on page 5)

#### SERMONETTE SERMONETTE

#### What is peace?

By REV. RICHARD MADDEN





HEN WE start talking about peace, we had better put our tongues in our checks because this is a word that really needs defining.

Peace, as a fruit of the Holy Spirit, does not by any stretch of the imagination mean freedom from war. As a matter of fact, I don't think we will ever beat the war rap. Our Blessed Lord promised us that there would always be varrand in the says so, that's enough for inc. past 3537 years, 14 years of war. No, the peace of the Holy Spirit is not freedom from war.

The peace of the Holy Spirit is not freedom from war. of the Holy Spirit is not freedom from war. The peace of the Holy Spirit is something that tonches individuals, not nations. It is grace that brings into the soul of a man a certain ability to relax. Do you ever wonder how in these heetic days some men are able to avoid enlistment in the ulcer brigade? Posibly this very presence of the fruit of peace within their souls for how else can a man remain unruffled as he feeds himself, almost by instinct, into the cauldron of the morning and evening rush hours? Or how can he keep calm when the boss promises a two-week, all expense paid trip to Hawaii, to the salesman and his wife) who comes up with the best sales record for the month? Haw with the salesman and his wife who comes up with the best sales record for the month? It is the salesman and his wife who comes up with the best sales record for the month? It have been the month of the mont

thing a bit more than human to remain calm in the fireree meleo of modern competition.

The peace of the Holy Spirit may not prevent a man's brow from being furnewed with thought, but never with worry. For he does not have to worry. He knows that he can get far more done in calmaces than others might be able to get done in a frenzy.

Due to the awareness of God in his life, he knows that he need not worry about the past. He did his best; he can do no more than that. The future does not frigitten him because God makes the future and God knows what He is doing. And he has no unduly great concern for the present for God is with him. In the face of an emergency, give me the cool, steady type every time \*\*, \*\*, the man who enjoys the internal peace of the Holy Spirit.

## After all, our peace and our hopes of continuing peace are related absolutely to the degree to which we remember our Creator, and to the strength of our good will to follow His unmistakable teaching. That there is so little peace in this world of ours is not altogether due to the Communist insanity. It is just as much due to a lack of good will throughout the whole human race. STRAY LEAVES

time. That it is so much in the news in Christmas week makes us realize this all the more keenly.

As we contemplate fall-out shelters and the possibility we may reduce ourselves to cave-dwellers, we may look back at that cave which saw the rebirth of humanity, when, in a world of great promise, the angels sang "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth, Peace to Men of Good Will."

### A happy Christmas to one and all...

By MICHAEL BOWLES



AST WEEK, we contemplated **The Critic.** This week, my Excellency is minded to be effulgent on or about critics.

The Indianapolis Philharmonic is now in its twenty-first consecutive season. It comprises sechol teachers, honsewives, a lawyer or two, an engineer, and so on, all amateurs of orchestra musie who reets a season, with additional concerts as opportunity serves.

tunity serves.

The orchestra is supported by subscriptions: of its playing members, averaging between fifty and sixty; its sustaining members or own subscriptions of the sixty; its sustaining members of the sixty; its sustaining members or own when contribute various amounts from \$2.50 of to, I think, \$250 or so. It applied for, and received a small grant from the Lilly Foundation some fifteen years ago. It has not asked for a grant from the saity foundation so, nice then, as it has been able to carry on in its independent Hoosier way and prefers to wait until "the shoestring breaks" before applying for help.

Out of its stender resources, the orchestra gives

oreaks" before applying for help.

Out of its slender resources, the orchestra gives employment to five or six, sometimes more, professional musicians at each of its concerts. It also offers playing scolarships worth \$50 to music students—five or six each season, depending on the state of the funds. It has given concerts in the State hospitals at Madison and Indianapolis, as a public service. It has given concerts in Indianapolis high schools.

The Indianapolis Concert Choir made its debut in The Indianapolis Concert Choir made its debut in Indianapolis with the orchestra's collaboration; in 1957, with the Brahms "German" Requiem; in 1958, with the Mendelssohn "Elisiah." Neither of these works had been heard in full in Indianapolis for, maybe, forty years No Indianapolis music critic at-tended these choral concerts.

tended these choral concerts.

In fact, this is the third consecutive season the Indianapolis Times music critic has not been attending the concerts of the Indianapolis Philharmonic Orchestra. During the same period, the Indianapolis News critic had noticed two of the concerts; one in February, 1959, which brought up a thought the orchestra might do better with a permanent change of conductor and one in February, 1959, which in-dicated the orchestra was improved. There may be a music critic on the Indianapolis Start 1 do not know for sure but, as I say, there may be.

In this season of good will, I would venture to

In this season of good will, I would venture to accourage the Indianapolis music critics to resume encourage the Indianapolis music crities to resume their interest in the Phillarmonic orhestra. If only as a piece of journalistic common-sense. As I have said, the organization is now in its twent-first season and has quite a few hundreds of steady supporters, all of them, no doubt, readers or potential readers of Indianapolis newspapers. I promise to be real, real nice to the critics. No matter what they may asy about the orthe-first's performances—or mine—I shall make 50 comment in this column. I shall not use the column to discuss their ability as critics or shall make to comment in this column. I shall not use the column to discuss their ability as crittes or their general suitability for the appointments they hold. They are welcome to say what they like in this free country. Like any hardened public performer, I shall accept whatever comes from their fluent pen; and without protest, if that seems to be indi-

This reminds me of an amusing occurrence in Manchester, England, some thirty years ago. Neville Cardus, the music critic of the Manchester Guardian, took exception to the tempo adopted in the slow movement of the Boethoven "Ninth" Symphory by Sir Hamilton Harty, then conductor of the Halle Orchestra. He said Sir Hamilton's performance of the piece took a good four minutes longer than any he had ever heard. Harty work to the editor of the newspaper and complained about this, saying he did no helieve music critics movined the use of a stop-watch to judge the excellence of a performance of the piece under the direction of Sir Hamilton Harty, he would not bring with him a stop-watch would be right and a supposable the would bring an alarm-clock to wake him up in time to go home.

Critics of any of the performing arts have always

Critics of any of the performing arts have always Critics of any of the performing arts have always the last word, which, in a way, is as it should be. They represent the public interest. If a performance excities any interest at all, whether favorable or unfavorable, it should be given expression. Indeed, the late Sir Thomas Beecham went so far as to suggest that the only reasonable way to assess criticism was to measure the number of column inches. It was better, he thought, to make the columns than praised in a comple of inches. The columns than praised in a comple of inches. The columns than praised in a comple of inches. The columns than praised in a comple of inches.

A Happy Christmas to one and all.

Question Box Continued)

Q. I wish you would print this so the uninformed, disillusioned, or false speakers can see the light. I recently heard the statement that after four children (with or without complications) a couple can "do something" whereby the woman may never conceive again. This "something" is supposed to be morally within God's law, and not sinful. Just what it is I don't know.

A. Neither do I. Unless it be total abstinence— and I doubt that many would find their efforts at that to be morally within God's law.

## Marriage is tottering



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A farmer's prayer

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Let us never forget Your own instruction, that whatever we do for the least of those around us, we do for You. Help us always to serve You in the generous, selfless spirit of this seesaon, and we shall then he real Christians—more and more like You—other Christs, Amen. (From the Rural Life Prayer-

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remedies may be available for both.

Further, you and your wife would do well to make a closed retreat, either separately or as a couple, if facilities for the latter are available. You may protest lies, but it is easy for couples to fall into a spiritual rut, marked by such routine and monotony that supernatural viewpoints and monitores crosse to be operative in their daily lives. Moreover, it will for a few days from the lense situation in which you are now involved. Don't say you haven't the time or money. What is the success of your marriage worth to you?

Now let us turn to a few considerations that may prove help-ful. Although you suggest that you quarrel over almost every-thing, are there any specific areas such as the use of money, personal habits, relatives, friends, and so on, that have long been a bone of contention and consisting with similar cases. I have discovered that aeveral such major areas usually exist and have been the focus of quarrels for years because no constructive plan for dealing with them had ever been developed.

Everything was left at loose Everything was left at loose

developed.

Everything was left at loose ends. Nothing was ever resolved, and so well as the followed the pattern of the last. For example, couples will quarter over the use of money for years, the never keep a budget or itemized account of how their money is actually spent. In such cases, a counselor is bound to suspect in the country of the real issue or one of the patthers is in bad faith.

Arapmer's prayer

Aral Jesus Christ, when, on a winter's night I look up through the clear ara the starts, I can be very close to You and to Your native Bethlehem. It was at night that You first came to this earth. It was under the same stars that now gleam in this night sky that Mary first held You in her arms. It was by the faint light of these stars still shining tonight that the shepherds found their way to the stable, and discovered You, as the angles had said they would, lying in a manger.

Dear Christ, it is especially at Christmas time that I see and understand how close You are to those who live on the land. We have so many reminders of You! The stars and moon at night and the sun hy day—the same stars under which You were born; the same mon that brightened Your first days on earth. The stable, and the farm animals that shared their quarters and their warmin with You, their creator. The sheep and the shepherds that came to adore You—rough men, but good, truthful, honest, and starce (fed. You are so wonderfully made one of us at Christmas time! You are our God, but You are our Brother, too. You are our King, but You come as a helpless little baby, longing for our love. Help us today and always to see You in all those with whom we come in contact.

Let us never forget Your own instruction, that whatever bad faith.

It is possible that your irritability stems from frustration or dissatisfaction with your work?
Once the modern American male passes the half-century mark he knows fairly well how far he is likely to go in his chosen work, likely to go in his chosen work, because the state of the his prospects, he usually work of the his prospects, he usually considerable of the history of the hist

Some men become hard to live with when they suddenly realize that they have passed this point of no return and must spend the rest of their working years at a job that no longer offers them any challenge. If they are prudent, this is the tune for them to enlarge their scope of interests or concerns, and to develop more and families, yet on the pretext of fatigue many merely turn to television, and this sterile tranquilizer further dulls their initiative.

quillizer further dulls their initiative.

Do you and your wife share any activities as a couple? Some couples have no social life and not even attend church services together. Is it surprising the properties of the social properties of the social properties of the social properties. Finally, have you seriously tried to analyze your own outlooks, notives, and feelings, comparing them with the Christian ideals toward which you must strice? Partners in conflict frequently compare themselves only will compare themselves only will be approximately and the social properties of the social properties. As a result, they get caught in a vicious circle of mutual recriminations, suspicion, and petty, mean acts of retaliation which they attempt to justify on the grounds that "the other started it." But remember, the Model on which you will be judged is Christ, not your partner!

(Fr. Thems will be unable to

(Fr. Thomas will be unable to give personal replies.)

#### POPE SENDS AID

SEVILLE, Spain.--His Holiness Pope John XXIII has sent a mes-sage of condolence to victims of floods in and around Seville, and has dispatched a gift of more than \$2,000 for flood relief.

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and ...



MARIAN COLLEGE MADONNA—Miss Kathleen O'Connor, a senior at Marian College from St. Jean of Arc parish, Indianapolis, por trayed the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Christmas tableau yester day during the college's annual Christmas program. Six-monthhold Daniel McCarthy, Jr., was the Christ Child, while the angels were Sharon Sweeney, left, and Billie Shinn, both of Indianapolis. (Staff

THE YARDSTICK

### Seek to bring unions under Sherman Act



note mettectiveness.

National or even company-wide collective bargaining would presumably be eliminated. Workers employed by many of our multiplan corporations would be prevented from using their collective strength to improve their wages and working conditions.

terms of the Sherman Act.

The CED, in a study report on
collective bargaining which was
sisued a week or so ago while the
AFL-CIO convention was still insession in Miami, proposed a
modified anti-trust restraint on
labor when prices and products
are affected and competition is
threatened.

The CED report opposed the application of anti-trust legislation to trade unions as it applies unions were permitted activities in product markets as contrasted to labor markets that are not allowed to employers. The report urged that "the law be changed so that unions are not permitted activities in product markets that currently the product markets that the product the product markets that the product the product in the product markets that the product that the change should be in national labor legislation rather than in ex-



the right to take collective action in defense of wages. Should this section of the Clayton Act be re-pealed, unions would be seriously weakened and, in some cases, might even be reduced to com-plete ineffectiveness.

were a complexity separate that a study group of the Committee for Economic Development, an organization made up for forward-looking employers, is also opposed to including unions under the terms of the Sherman Act.

(Continued from page 4)
by of what he calls the huge power
monopoly. What he fails to realize
monopoly. What he fails to realize
monopoly regulated by a public service commission was the preferred
way to operate. The basic question really is not an imagined
way to operate. The basic question really is not an imagined
government should continue its
wholesale invasion into the realm
of private enterprise.

In closing, I would like to ask
a question of the writer and
others who favor the REMC proposal. If private enterprise is to
be replaced by subsidized nontanaparjing organizations, who is
going to pay the freight for the
tremendous load of subsidies already going to the larmer?

David E. Schnorr

David E. Schnorr Indianapolis

REMC editorial

minutes.

Your choice of words in the writing of the editorial belies your stated intention of fairness. For example, when words such processing the state of the

brought about by two factors: (1) Direct grants through low interest loans by the federal government and (2) By permitting coopera-tives to hold patrons' savings without paying taxes on such profits at the time they were carned. Furthermore, and this is the part that hurts, were it not for

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**Opinions** 

rates.

I charge in conclusion that you have taken half truths, loaded words, an educated quill, weapped all this with the Papal Encyclical and by the wrappings made it all look wonderfully believable. I don't buy your story and I hope your readers won't.

E. G. Freeman Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

#### Bethlehem's Star

To the Editor:

To the Editor:

Was it a star, the worldly wise question? We know of none that it might have been. Perhaps some of our planets in one of their frequent conjunctions could have been the cause of the apparition? It may have been a chance comet or a wondering asteroid. We see these comments periodically in the secular press. At no time do not the properties of the properti

your readers who will not stop to question your conclusions assuming that what The Criterion prints must, by definition, be true. I suggest in this instance, however, the study that you state your did prior to the editorial certainly didn't consume much time for arriving at the truth; and REMC director could have supplied you the few facts you printed in five minutes.

nebulous masses of matter throughout the cosmos, designed no doubt to take form in due time. Most astronomers would agree that it would be plausible, for this nebulous mass to concentrate into the concentrate in the con

It could not have been accidental that He chose a star for the signal that He chose a star for the signal that He chose a star for the signal where they would find Him lying in a manger when He took upon Himself the nature of man, to live among men, for the stars were with Him before other creatures. Down through the ages, before the compass and sextant, the traveler on lard and sea looked to the stars as trustworthy guides, and star dies on the star who followed that was a trustworthy guides, and the star dies on the star dies

J. Earl Owens

#### NEW SABBATH LAW

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interior a neighbor. Take a good long look mext fime at that tup human being. See how helpless it is, how utterly dependent for everthing it is and will be for a number of years. And think over that about the only thing that baby can do is to bring happiness to its parents and family being what it is.

But what about the Christ like the properties of t

Rose Bowl-Jan. 1

-The Editor

Your ballot must be filled in and be in the mailbox by Wed-nesday midnight, December 27, 1961, on order to qualify for the \$3.00 cash prize.

so using nappiness to its parents and family being what it is.

But what about the Christ Child, the Infant Jesus Whose birth we commemorate Christinas Day? Was He nots another baby Yes. .. and not for like the completely dependent on His parents. And if the recent photograph of Perness Margaret he baby mast have brought a beautiful smile of happiness to the face of His mother also.

The difference with this habout of the control of the

deput of trincess Margaret and cheeces. Here child is any example, Chista Hard and the bahy must have brought a contribut emit of hopiness to be face of His mother also. The difference with this bahy? Our Lord has come to give in well on save all of us. Here in this im infant was frammoute—God, in the contribution of the con

#### **Bowl Forecast**

Bowl games are as common as resolutions at the New ir. (Let's hope the resolutions last longer than the games. year. (Let's hope the resolutions last longer than the games, though!) Here are the ones we have picked for this veadon version of Football Forceast. Rules: 'Put an N next to the team you think will win! 2. Give the exact score of the tenth game. 3. Cut out this box and mail to the FOR TEERS ONLY Editor. West Raden College, West Baden Springs. Ind. Entire must be postmarked not later than Wednesday, December 27.

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PLAN NOTRE DAME DANCE—General Chairman Jerry O'Grady (second from left) discusses final plans with committee members and Alumni Club leaders for the Annual Notre Dame Student Club Christman Jance, to be held Friday, December 29, P. pm. to 1 a.m., at the Indiana Roof Ballicom. Working out details with O'Grady are Student Committee members Fran Brezette (left), Joe Mc. Gowan center), and Mr. and Mrs. William Mooney, Alumni Club representatives. Mooney is co-chairman of alumni reservations for the popular annual affair, along with James Wolch. Reservations may be obtained by contacting Jerry O'Grady or any of the Student Club Officers or Committee members.

#### Cy Cipher

GREETINGS—Father John El-ord, Bill Sahm and the CYO staff stend to all best wishes for a lerry Christmas and a Happy

#### CYO CAGE RESULTS

JUNIOR-SENIOR LEAGUE Games of Sunday, October 17 ion One St. Christopher 30, 51, Mich. Haly Ezinity, 69, Catentral 22, 54 y 60, 51, Malachy (Brownshurg) 33, 38 32 av Author 41, av 2 of 51 Paix X 2.5. 3 Division Bree 51, Ros 3 Division Bree 51, Ros 3 Division Bree 52, Ros 3 Division Brow 51, Ros 52, Ros 52,

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CADET LEAGUE Cames of Salurday, December 16 is 27; 51. Rita, bye.
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Susanna (Plainfield 21, 51. Monica 18;
Bridget 55, 51. Malachy (Brownsburg) 12;
Joseph 28, 51. Luke 21; Mount Carmely Angels, postponed.

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Sams of Saturday, December 16

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19; Holy Trinity 61, 51, Joseph 93, 51,
ord Arc 24, Immaculate Insent 8; 51,
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53, Mirk A. 44, Assumption 23; Holy
et 31, Holy Cons 17.

#### Yardstick

Continued from page 5) isting anti-trust law. It would be illegal under the CED proposal for a union to condition work by its members on maintenance by the members of the condition work by its members of the condition work by its members of the preclasse of a firm's supplies from a given group of employers.

Organized labor, it seems to me, would be well advised to go along with the Committee for Economic bevelopment on the latter point. Labor's opposition to the inclusion of unions under the terms of the Sherman Act is well founded. Not so, however, its opposition to the climination of certain forms of collusive price fixing between unions and employers.

unions and employers. If labor will take the initiative in eliminating these collusive practices—by legislation of necessary—it will strengthen its own hand in trying to counteract the current and very unfortunate campaign on the part of some employer groups to repeal Section VI of the Clayton Act, which has long been known as labor's Magna Carta.

#### Name Texas girl 'Youth of the Year'

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Margaret Ann Sefeik, secretary of the Corpus Christi (Tex.) Diocesar Catholic Youth Organization, has been named the "Outstanding Catholic Youth of the Year."

The annotincement was made here by Father John J. Connif, acting director of the Youth De-partment—National Catholic Wel-lare Conference. He said that Miss Sefek was selected from CVO units and more than 100 Catholic colleges and Newman clubs.

Miss. Sefeik, active in the Corpus Christi CYO for six years,
last year was awarded the "Eagle
of the Cross." highest national
award for Catholic teen-agers.
Father Conniff said Miss Sefeix
was knonred by her fellow youth
because of "outstanding leadership" in the CYO and because
she "exemplified the many thousands of Catholic youth across
the country who live their daily
lives honoring God and practicing
loyalty to their country."

#### Church-State issue

(Continued from page 2) expression of our traditiona moral values than are the latter

moral values than are the latter.
Indeed our great public school
system—built by men of all faiths
—should receive the particular
interest (as it does the financial
received to the church-related
schools since no citizen should
shirk his duty to work for the
common good in all areas of
society.

tion with them.

The charch related schools, teaching largely the same curriculum as the public school for the general education of the citizen, so not an intruding latecomer on the American educational scene. It represents, rather, our original source of popular education and the control of the citizen and the control of the control

The elementary schools in all the colonies had the teaching of religion as their chief aim and as their main component.

their main component.
The end of the colonial era and
the coming of the Republic witnessed no change will respect
to the strongly religious character
of the American people.
It is not therefore surprising
that hospitality to the religious
upbringing of their children should
have marked public attitude
toward education.

THE THIRD article of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787 stat-ed a major purpose of education:

Religion, morality and knowl-edge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall be for-ever encouraged.

The Northwest Ordinance de-cribed as "second only in im-

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portance to the Bill of Rights of the Constitution as a guarantee of religious freedom," was re-enacted August 7, 1789 by the first session of the First Congress.

session of the First Congress.
Today, church-related schools are making a vast and patent contribution to the public welfare. Considering the largest of the groups of these—the school under the auspieres of the Roman Catholic Church—the extensiveness of citzen education which it supplies is remarkable.

The phrase of the preceding sentence—"citizen education whole it supplies"—bears repeating, since these schools supply not some form of special or eccentric training, of which society can take no notice, but education recognized by the state as meeting essential citizen needs.

#### Announce pairings for cage tourney

Sacred Heart parish, Indianapolis, will play host to a CYO Cadet invitational basketball tournament, December 26 through December 29.

December 29.

Eight teams will participate, and trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in the tournament. In addition, an outstanding player trophy will be presented and individual medals to the two tourney finalists. The public is invited. Admission for adults is 25 cents and for children 15 cents.

Following is the tournament schedule:

schedule:

December 28: 7:30 p.m., St.
Mark vs, Sacred Heart; 8:30 p.m.,
St. Mark vs, Sacred Heart; 8:30 p.m.,
St. Gather, St. Mark vs, Sacred Heart; 8:30 p.m.,
St. Catherine vs. Holy Name,
St. Catherine vs. Holy Name,
Orecomber 28: 7:30 p.m., winner of game No. 1 vs. winner of game No. 2; 8:30 p.m., winner of game No. 3 vs. winner of game No. 4; 8:30 p.m., winner of game No. 3 vs. winner of game No. 4; 8:30 p.m., winner of game No. 2; 8:30 p.m., winner of game No. 3 vs. winner of game No. 4; 8:30 p.m., winner of game No. 4; 8:30 p.m. on December 29, with the final game slated to follow at 8:30 p.m.

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### A lesson at Christmas



your wishing certain people would read this column because you feel it would prove a means of telling them that you "hate" them and are going to "get even" with

are going to "get even" with them.

I'm interested only in your reading a basic truth that is most appropriate during this particular season of the year. It is a truth that you should have known and practiced from the age when you reading a basic before the practice of the practice of

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will be punished by Him. How true it is, Judy, that we are often tempted, as you are now, to take over for Him — to "even the score." The commandment to how the score. The commandment to how the say before was not nearly ward of obeying it literally is very great indeed.

I know you must be pretty busy this week trying to finish up your Christmas shopping, but if you really want to get the true spirit of Christmas, get away from those treatment of the score of the second of the score of the second of

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"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people. For this day is born to you a Saviour, Who is Christ the Lord, in the city of Double of the Christ the Lord, in the city of a "When the fulness of time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." Gal. 44.3.

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But it is indispensable, today more than ever, that this doc-trine be known, assimilated and translated into social reality in the form and manner that the different situations allow and demand.

It is a most difficult task, but a most noble one, to the carrying out of which We most warmly invite not only Our brothers and sons scattered throughout the world but also all men of good

To this diffusion, Our beloved sons, the laity, can greatly contribute by knowing this doctrine, making their actions conform to it and by zealously striving to make others understand it.

Hence We stress the fact that it is of the greaest importance that Our beloved sons not only know this social doctrine but



to individual political communities and on a world scale.

In the modern era different
ideologies have been devised and
spread abroad with this in mind.
Some have been devised and
spread abroad with this in mind.
Some have the some some have
undergone substantial changes,
Others have waned much and are
losing still more their attraction
on the minds of men.

The reason is that they are
ideologies which consider only
certain and less profound aspects
they do not take into consideration certain inevitable human imperfections, such as sickness and
suffering, imperfections which
were the most advanced economic-social systems cannot eliminate.

pled down by violence or skill-fully smothered.

IN FACT, the most fundamental moerine reror is that of considering the religious demands of the buman soul as an expression of feeling or of fantasy, or a product of some contingent event, which should be eliminated as an anachronism and as an obstacle to human progress. Yet by this continue to the sould be a supported to the sould be supported to human progress. Yet by this continue to the sould be supported by the support of the su

of truth, justice and love. It is true that the persecution of so many of Our dearly believed brothers and sons, which has been raging for decades in many countries, even those of an ancient Christian civilization, makes ever clearer to the dispution, makes ever clearer to the dispution of the persecuted and the refined barbarity of the persecutors, so signs of repentance, it induces many to think.

many to think.

But it is always true that the
most perniciously typical aspect
of the modern era consists in the
absurd attempt to reconstruct a
solid and fruitful temporal order
presentaling from God, the only
man to want to celebrate the
greatness of man by drying up the
offul from which that greatness
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springs and from which it is
the state of the strength of the
Everyday experience continues
to witness to the fact, amidst the
most bitter deliusions and not
rarely in terms of blood, that,

By REV. LEO J. TRESE



care.

A prospective mother would seem to be very foolish were she to neglect to receive this blessing. It is an official blessing of the Church. Consequently, it earries with it the prayer-power which only the liturgical blessings of the Mystical Body of Christ contain.

gins "May God have pity on us and bless us..."

This is followed by more short versicles, then the final prayer and blessing. Our space does not permit us to give the words of the entire blessing here, but let us quote a portion of the longest of the prayers:

us quote a portion of the longest of the prayers.

"O Lord God, Creator of all hings... receive the sacrifice of the contribe heart and the long of the contribe heart and the long of the contribe heart and the long of the contribe heart and the contribe and the contribution of the child which Thou didst grant her to conceive... so that the hand of Thy mercy may assist her delivery and her child may come to the light of day without heart of the long of the lo

The fundamental principle in such a conception is, as is seen from what has thus far been said, that individual human beings are and should be the foundation, the end and the subjects of all the institutions in which social life is carried on, that is individual human souls considered insofar as they are and should be by their as they are and should be by their distributions of the subjects of the subject in the plan insofar as they are in the plan insofar as they are in the plan of Providence, and by their elevation to the supernatural order. From this fundamental principles.

In the new English Ritual (for which we thank Pope Pius XII), the blessing after childbirth is not just for the mother; it now is for the mother and child.

that they be educated according to it.

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## Special blessings

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with kindness on this Thy servant, who comes rejoicing to Thy holy temple to give thanks to The head grant that after this life she and her child may, by the merits and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, attin to the Servant of the Child of the c

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The Liturgical Week

bapilized (or the adult convert, or that matter) should not have a us own baptismal robe. It would add much more significance to this part of the baptismal ceremony,

During the months when she is preparing for the arrival of the newcomer, mother might mother might make (or have made) a baptismal robe of the thably. It should be made of linen, and made simply: a sleeveless garment that will always a complete before and with liturguesially over the baby's head. It cam be made somewhat along the the form and backe-priaps a lines of a chasuble, the outer

intersecting circles for the Bless ed Trinity or a Chi Rho for Christ

ed Trinity or a Chi Ikho for Christ.

Ties could be provided at the sides to keep the robe in place sides to keep the robe in place placed it on the child. The god-placed it on the child. The god-parents should take the robe with them when they go to the church for Baptism. Before the eere mony begins, they should ask the priest to use the robe when he comes to that part of the eeremony.

own, he will want to us robe for his children,

#### • THE LIFE OF OUR LORD

## 'Thou hast said it'



LI. four Evan colisis set lim and picked up from the Persians and the Romans from the Greeks. Guests always reclined on their fing at the Last Supper that one of the apostic was about to be late of the properties was about to be know which of them it was. Jud as kn Christ was "two which will be the properties of them it was. Jud as kn Christ was "two which of the three or four closest was the befrayor but not wanting to the properties of the three or four closest was the befrayor but not wanting to the properties of the properti

dord's breast, asked Him the about picked up to the host lay with their leaf towards him, I fear that this description may not be a miracle of clarity, but it is worth while to try to form a mental picture of the seene.

Peter—anxious to know which of the three or four closest was the had had about the foot works, another sub/ (like the one he had had about the foot works, inc) by asking Our Lord directly—made a sign to John, to find the host of the large of the host of the large of the host of the large of th

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By REV. ROBERT W. HOVDA

We will of the Lord's Birthday.
CThe Mass of trugil, a day of watching year.

Journal of the Lord's Hirthday.

The Mass of trugil, a day of watching, watching are generally preceded by a day of trugil, a day of watching, watching. Today's Mass serves as a kind of transition from our Advent time and the Lord's last coming to the more "this-worldy" countries and the Lord's last coming to the more "this-worldy" countries and the Lord's last coming to the more "this-worldy" countries and the Lord's last coming to the more "this-worldy" countries and the Lord's last coming and the Lord's last coming to the more "this-worldy" countries and the Lord's last coming and the Lord's last coming to the more "this-worldy" countries and the Lord's last coming and the Lord's last coming to the more "this-worldy" countries and the Lord's last coming to the more "this-worldy" countries and the Lord's last coming to the Lord's last co m FRIDAY, December 29-Third

# FRIDAY, December 28—Third Mass of Christmas Day—Scrip-ture Reading of Second Mass. It ian't that this world of ours has divinized itself, has lifted itself up by its own bodstraps. "Not did ourselves, but according to his mercy" (Epistle). It is odd who has made this totally unique "break-through." Ite has broken through our shell of self-suffi-ciency, our shell of separation, or shell of independence, and by sin. MONDAY, December 25-The

in this Bethlehem mystery. After tures, struggling in a lonely fashion after a goal perceived only dainly.

For our sakes a Child is born and to our race a Son is given. All of creation rejoices in His coming. The earth is no longer more than 10 methods on the path to the Father's promised embrace. It is no longer merely something to be used—it is now smething to be used—it is now smething to be used—it is now something to be glory of its creator.

It is no longer merely samething the reflects with restored brightness the glory of its creator.

It is no longer merely a stampling ground for selfish men—it is low to be the property of the property of

# TUESDAY, December 26-St. Sun., Dec. 31 TV Sun., Dec. 31 TV 12:00 p.m.—Scope Jan. 1 thru Jan. 5 TV 7:30 a.m.—Sister Says CONNERSVILLE AREA Radio-Sunday EVANSVILLE AREA Sunday Television

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### Tic Tacker



ANUARY 1 will mark the first of a new series of catechism classes on WISH-TV, Channel 8, Indianapolis. "Sister Says!" is the little of the program to he shown daily, one week cach month, at 7:30 a.m. Two Sisters from each of the religious communities with motherhouses in the Archdiocese will share the "star" billing. The first week's programs will feature Sister Margarette, O.S.F., of St. Lawrence School, Indianapolis. Watch for it.

Vice president of the Catholic Indianapolis. Watch for it.

CIVIL RIGHTS APPOINTEE—Mrs. Coma Spuriok, a member of St. Thomas Aquinas parish, and been supported by the Catholic Indiana Civil Rights Commission Director. In this position under the State Merit System, Mrs. Spurhock will be in charge of the various educational projects of the Commission. Recently Mrs. Spurhock received the national James J. Hoey Award in recognition of the refere tween the field of race relations. The new position will be the highest post ever held by a Negro woman in state government.

CONGRATULATIONS—Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bauer of St. Patrick's parish, Indianapolis, who will observe their 50th Wedding Anniversary on December 29.

Wedding Anniversary on December 29.

NAMES IN THE NEWS.—Father Anthony Lauck, C.S.C., professor of art at the University of Notre Dame and a native of Indianapolis, will speak on "The Qualities of Sacred Art" at the Herron Museum of Art tomight, December 22, at 8.30 p.n., ... Mrs. Anna Turner, a member of St. Andrew's parish, Richmond, recently became a grand-nother for the 60th time. She has 12 children. ... Father Clarence J. Witte, M.M., who was recently appointed regional superior of Marykoul Fathers in Japan, visited his family in Richmond and Indianapolis before departing for Japan last week. ... Msgr. John B. McDowell, Ph.D. Pittishurgid diocesan superintendent of schools who was the keynote speaker at the Archidiocsan teachers' institute in Cetaber, has been named editor of "The Catholic Educator," a professional magazine published for all levels of Catholic education.

OPERATION SQUEEZE—Visitors to the snugfitting parking area which serves \$1, John's parish and the Chancery Office in downtown Indianapolis have noticed workmen busig" vidong something" to the side of the Chancery. To the casual observer the small appendage being added to the building means one less parking spot in an already-crowded lot. To the chancery officials the small addition will allow for expansion of the vault, where all important documents and records are kept for the Archdiocese. End of mystery.

PLAN AHEAD—One of the first dates to circle on your new 1802 calendar should be Sunday, March 11. The famed University of Notre Dame Glee Club will appear on that date at Marian Col-lege for the benefit of the scolarship fund of the Notre Dame Club of Indianapolis, (How about the Bel Canto chorus of Marian sched-uling a date at ND for Marian's scholarship fund?)

HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS—The Christmas vacation period will provide the last minute discussion in many Indianapolis-area homes about "where Johnny tor Sucie's will go to school next year." Entrance examinations will be given for the nine Indianapolis Catholite high schools, puts the new Chartrand High School withei will open next September, on Priday. January 5, at 9 a.m. The examination for Chartrand will be held at St. Jude's School, MSS McFarland Road, Elsewhere, Clarkswille Providence will test Saturday, January 5, Malasina Shawe and Terre Haute Schulle will test of Priday, January 5. (When new high schools are opening it seems to open the flood-acts of rumors concerning the fact of older schools. No high schools in the Archdisecse have any plans to close. That's the word.) HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS-The Christmas vacation period will pro-

### Peace Corps won't sign

#### Sacrifice

Sacrifice

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should not be confused with finding it.

"All of use-all whe want to be
Christians—could always pray together for this unity." he added,
"provided that we have already achieved it be
the state of the state of the state of praying
bether ought to make us deeply
aware of our division rather than
hilling us by any seeming unity.
"In this perspective," the Cardual stated, "it seems to me
there is no sense in taking part in
the state of the state of the state
aame things about these sacraments. Such an 'intercommunion'
would be moreover a danger to
the true unity of Christianity.
"Undoubtedly it could be a
striking demonstration of the desirking demonstration of the desirking of communities join in
the Lard's Supper. But such 'intercommunion' would also protercommunion' would also protercommunion' would also protercommunion' would also protercommunion would also protercommunion' would also protercommunion in fact does
not exist, so make faith in regard
to the intention that Leasus bad in
instituting Holy Communion."

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Corps criteria and standards will not be barred from receiving Peace Corps support hecause it is sponsored by a religious or scetarian group..."

Committee, the United Presbyter-in Church in the U.S.A. and Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

and State.

But other religious groups, like
the National Council of Churches,
the National Catholic Welfare
Conference and the National Association of Evangelicals, had
encouraged the 'denominations
they represent to cooperate with
the Peace Corps.

SHORTLY BEFORE Shriver's appearance before the Senate foreign relations unit, the Peace Corps announced that it was negotiating contracts for six projects to be carried out by religious agencies.

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#### LUNCHEON SET

INDIAMAPOLIS—The St. Francis Hospital Guild will hold an Installation and Guest Day Lunch-con, January 2, at 12 noon in the Severin Hotel. Mrs. Carl Chay and Mrs. Carl Higgins are co-chairmen.



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PREPARE CHRISTMAS BASKETS—The Ladies of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul received untiring support and direction of their annual Christmas collection of clothing, toys and food for needy families from 88-year-old Sister Remigius, above, seated. A member of the Daughters of Charity for 68 years, Sister Remigiures annually directed the filling of 400 bags containing cookies, candy, fruit and a small toy. Assisting her in the project above are Sister Mary Emily and Mrs. Dan Moran. (Slaff photo)

#### Remember them in your prayers

RICHMOND
PETER DERAGO, 84, Holy Family 6
Dec. 18. Survivors: despites, Mr
hony J. Michael, Mrs. Philip Schneid
hrs. Ted Crawford, all of Richmonds
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arlestown, with whem she made n, of Flint Mirin; James, of bughter, Elizabeth Fox, of Bedford JEFFERSONVILLE
JOSEPH SCHMITF, 20, Sacred,
Dec. 12. Survivors: parents
Vincent Schmitt; sister, D
h grandparents, Mr. and Mrs.
Letter, all of Joffersonville.

ST. JOSEPH HILL † ROBERT C. EBERLE, 67, St. Dec. 18 Survivors wite A

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(Continued from page 7) the light of faith which henceforth will guide the new Christian through life. It also is a symbol of Christ the Light of the World. Here again it would be a fitting hing for the parents to provide the child with a candle of his own, so that it can be taken home own, so that it can be taken home own, so that it can be taken home when the significance of Baptism as a spiritual rebirth is underwhere the significance of Baptism as a spiritual rebirth is understood and appreciated, the baptismal anniversaries of the children are celebrated even more joyfully than the birthdays.

Each year on the baptismal

joytully than the birthdays,
Each year on the baptismal
anniversary the godparents are
invited (if they can come) for a
"party" dinner or supper. There
is a special cade, and in the center of the cake the child's baptismal candle stands brightly
burning. At the rate of half an
hour or so each year, the candle
will last for twenty years or more,

SPECIALLY DECORATED can-

dles can be procured at most stores which specialize in church goods and devotional articles. Or the parents can obtain a wax candle from the pastor and decorate it hemselves.

The candle, of course, does not have to be decorated—but it should be a wax candle, the kind that is used on the altar.

Prelate defends

union activities

RHEIMS, France — Archbishop Francois Marty of Rheims has condemned any disciplinary measures against union leaders simply because of their union activities. The Archbishop also said union activity is a duty as well as a right

right.

He spoke in a stalement issued in a tense climate of labor-management wangling over production cutbacks and firings.

"The Church cannot remain mute in a social atmosphere that degrades itself by attacks against justice and charity," he said.

Cross Cemetery. Survivors: brother John, and Dr. Thomas Marshall; so Kate Eberts, Ales. Mamie Sultner.

Church Course Mary . 1 HAYES SR St. Catherine Church Dec. 20. Holy Cross Cemeltery. Survivers: wate. Gestrude E.; daughters, Ellen and Mos. Daniel Christman; sons, Michoel J., Intolly, and Juling sister, Mrs. Carl Schmidt.

1 JAMES G. MILEATO, 3, 5t. Simon's Church, bec. 20. Holy Cross Cemetery. Survivors: parents, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Auleato; ssyler, Rosanne; grandparents; Mr. Tony M. Mileato, Mrs. Anna Ernst.

† LOUISE T. CHIPLIS, 73, St. Patrick's Chiprith, Dec. 21. Holy Cross Cemelesy. Survivors: husband, Felix So; sons, Felix A., Robert H., Thomas J.

A, Robert H., Ibonas J. .

Anna E. DonNelly, 79, 51, Callecine's Chorch, Occ. 21, Calvary Centery, Survivors: despiter, Arx. Mary Sanders, 17 JONE KIRP, 67 S1, Patrick's Church, Survivors: borband, Altred; daugitter, Joantal Tyree; sons, Ray, Lonand, Jamer, Paul, and Insenty brother, Walter Dalten; saster, Martins Green.

#### Radio and Television

HOUR OF ST, FRANCIS (TV) HOUR OF ST, FRANCIS (TV)
-Sunday, Dec. 24, "Brother
Juniper's Christmas," a piece of
Instorical fiction, presented by
Damy Thomas, St.
- Marchael St.
- Marc

LOOK UP AND LIVE (CBS-TV)
—Sunday, Dec. 31. "The Modern
World," part four in a series depicting the "composite man,"
analyzed in hopes of ascertaining
the degree and style of his Christian orientation.

CATHOLIC HOUR (NBC-Radio)
-Sunday, Dec. 24. The Gospel tory of the birth of Christ in arration and song. Music by the eloquin Chorale of Providence,

R.I. Sunday, Dec. 31. Special New Year's Eve message by Msgr. John J. Dougherty, S.T.D., president of Seton Hall University, South Orange, N.J.

FAMILY THEATRE (TV)—Sunday, Dec. 24. "The Joyful Hour." one-hour Christmas presentation featuring Pat O'Brien and family, Ruth Hussey and others. (WTHI, Channel 10, 12:30 p.m.)

Channel 10, 12:30 p.m.)

SACRED HEART PROGRAM

(TV)—Sunday, Dec. 24. Father
Eugene J. Jakubek, S.J., of Alilwaukee, speaks on "Confident
Suffering," second in the current
series entitled "Suffering Sanctified."

series entitled "Suitering Salecti-Sunday Dec. 31. "Prayerful Suffering." is the topic of Father-John E. Curley, S.J., director of the Southern Jesuit Mission Band, MIDNIGHT MASS (NBC-TV)— Sunday, Dec. 24. Auxiliary Bishop John J. Maguire, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of New York, Midnight Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York.

MIDNIGHT MASS (NBC-Radio)
—Father Philip Walsh, provost of
the Pittsburgh Oratory, will be
celebrant of the Midnight Mass
carried from the University of
Pittsburgh's Heinz Chapel. Bishop John J. Wright will deliver

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL (ABC-CHRISTMAS SPECIAL (ABC-TV)-Sunday, Dec. 24. An all-Broadway cast will be featured in an hour-loop "special" dramatic adaptation of "The Saintmaker's Christmas Eve." by Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Horana. The story is a folk tale set in early 19th century New Mexico, centering around the fascinating art of the santos and santos-makers.

### Annual telecast set of Midnight Mass

Midnight Mass from SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral will again be and Paul Cathedral will again be the WERM ST. St. Peter and Paul Cathedral will be WERM ST. St. Peter and Paul Cathedral, celebrates the Solemn Mass. Deacons of honor will be two Jesuit Fathers from West Baden College. Father James Higgins and Father Bernard Shea will serve as deacon and sub-deacon, respectively, of the Mass. The Archipriest will be Magr. Adolfs Grosbergs.

Other officials will include:

Grosbergs.
Other officials will include:
Msgr. Henry Hermann, master of
ceremony at the throne; Father
William Ripperger, master of
ceremony at the altar; and William Dunn, Metropolitan Cross
Bearer.

Archbishop Schulte will deliver

#### Third Order unit sets annual party

The Sacred Heart Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis will hold its annual Christans parly on Sunday, December 24, Instruction for novices begins 2:15 p.m. in the St. Cecella Chib Room at Sacred Heart Church, followed by services in the church at 3 p.m. Members are asked to bring a 50c gift for exchange.

a brief Christmas homily,
The telecast will begin promptly
at midnight, Christmas Eve, with
William S. Sahm steving as narwilliam S. Sahm steving as a
partial stev

#### Tulsa board asked to admit pupil

TULSA, Okla.—The Tulsa school board has been asked to change its policy so that parcohal school rehildren can be admitted to remedial reading classes offered by the public schools.

Vincent J. Sposalo made the move in an attempt to open the reading course to his son Michael, 12.

ael, 12.
Michael and his sister, Nancy, 13. and fill Kavanagh, 10, son of thr, and Mrs. J. P. Kavangh, were denied admission to the reading class earlier this fall because they are not earolled in the public school system. All three attend Marquette school which is operated by Christ the King parish.

#### Says internationalism

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See's participation in UNESCO
because it was headed by Julian
Huxley, Cardinal Angelo Roncalli, who is now Pope John
XXIII, favored participation.

cain, who is now Pope John XXIII, towered participation.

"The Cardinal's position," said Kirchner, "was that if we withdrew we would be partly responsible for the materialistic characteristic characteristic content of the participation of

Confirmation."

LATER, Kirchner spoke in Louisville, Ky., on the need to help underdeveloped countries.

The confirmation of the confirmation of the confirmation of the confirmation of the countries and their needs of these countries and their needs of the cave men in s me instances—as basic and crude as the needs of the cave men in s me instances—a personal involvement with heir daily life and a hand-to-hand assistance to improving their lot, Kirchner lodd the Dean's Cultural Assembly at Bellarmine

#### Chile bishops plan to sell Church land

SANTIAGO, Chile-Farms and santiago, chie-rarms and states belonging to all dioceses i Chile will be divided and sold o rural families, the nation's ishops have announced.

Jisshops have announced.

The Chilean Bishops issued their statement after their annual meeting here. They spoke while a new law for agrarian reform is being studied by a congressional committee. The Bishops sald they are eager to take the first step and set the example for all Chileans.

Chilcans. The Bishops pointed out that while these lands are not nearly as extensive as is generally believed, nevertheless their alle will be a succeed to the second their second to the second their second to the characteristic and their second to the characteristic and their second their second to the characteristic and their second their second to the second their second their



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## The changeless lesson of a Child in a crib



ACK and forth across the sapplite floors of he aver rushed the busilest, most bustling of the angels was out and, and every choir angel was so tired he could scarcely lift the smallest wings. The tremendous energy of the choir angels was pouring into swelling and magniferent song.

in things that should be stable for man to know himself.

The outstanding characteristic of American culture today is a manufaction and professional literature bombard us constantly.

That fact is too obvious to need prologged comment. The whole nation, from the totolding child, are provided in the proper of the matter of the land o

"THE LOSS of identity of mod-ern man," the doctor goes on in his report, "is largely the result of an adaptation to a constant flow of changing stimuli. Any event, indeed any individual, is merely a matter of the moment.

LESS A CHRISTMAS ALLEGORY LESS SESSES

ANGEL FEATHER

At the throne of God, the angels of adoration and the single sold of adoration and the single sold adoration and the single sold applies. The saints, knowing as always a poligianal surge of devotion during the holy season, intensited their glorias and their intercession for the sinners and the faithful on earth. St. Peter, humming to himself beside the faithful on the hinges with the contents of a little can marked, "Penance," and smiled indulgently as the souls nearest the gates wonderingly—then excitately—slipped through.

Resplendent in his bishop's

By ANNA-MARGARET RECORD
Member of Nativity Parish
Indianapolis

ACK and forth
across the sapphile floors of he ca ven rushed
the busices with the busices digestars to the lustrous
black satin of the sky.

liness, the lack of belonging-ness..."
"A type of person," Dr. Belloness, believes, "will emerge whom we once regarded as abnormal. He will be shallow, his relations with things and people will be transi-tory and have little feeling in them."

ONE MAY question to what degree this "bombardment of con-stant change" affects the nation as a whole. But one can hardly question the fact that in one way

or another practically every home and person in the country feels in the country feels in the second of the second

The impact of these exterior in-fluences can be summed up, as the control of the control of the words "change, change, change," The simple conclusion is that we need a contrary influence. Some thing that is changeless. We need a stabilizing counter-actant. We need a kind of en-vironment that is strong enough and soothing enough to allow us to be "just ourselves" for at least

THE BABE IN the Crib, nestled in His tiny bed of straw, His tender, loving little mother leaning toward Him, with watchful Joseph standing by, is the symbol of that Changeless Love which the world so badly needs. We are of that world.

that world.

The Nativity scene, no matter how it may be portrayed, is but a symbol. It is merely a replica of the reality that once took place. The figures of the Child behave in the contract of the contra

intimate union of Holy Commu-nion.

He is one with us and we are one with Him, because we live His life and He lives ours in the tremendous Life which is His Mystical Body.

Nowhere in the world, nothing in the world, is comparable to the concept and the reality of being with God.

The relationship of the Change-less Creator to His change-tossed creatures is the one antiolec that can control the virus of restless-

and our minds to the Great and Eternal Reality.
The living Christ Child is still with us in His little tabernach home on the also tours to possess in the infinite one of Holy Communition. and the senses of the millions.

THIS DIVINE cure is neither a deep, dark severe hidden from the milds of men nor an unfathomable mystery which can be known only through some painful process of the control of the con

#### STILL PRESERVED

#### St. Francis made first creche in 1223

By MSGR. JAMES TUCEK



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RECCIO, Italy

—The story of
Christmas is ilinstrated in
c o u. n.l. l.e. s.
creches through,
but the first one
the world ever
knew remains:
isolated and relatively unknown
on a windswept
Italian mountinside.
It was in a cave here in Gree-

It was in a cave here in Gree-cio that St. Francis of Assisi assembled the first Christmas creche. The warmth and humility he left on a night 738 years ago still remains.

still remains.

The cave is approached through a narrow valley, dotted with tall expresses and shivering popular roces, lined on either side by mountains. It is the Valley of the nountains is Assis, and only a few miles away is the great city of Riel. To the right is Monte Lacerone, site of the cave. The approach now leaves the highway, crosses a river, and along a winding, while stone road, clambs the mountain.

clumbs the mountain.

NOT MUCH has changed here since St. Francus' time. The fields are farmed with the first state of the firs

The road grows narrower, steeper and more winding. On

the top of the mountain to the left are the remains of an old castle, and halfway up the mountain to the right is the tiny monastery built up around St. Francis' cave. It is perched precariously on a ledge.

precariously on a ledga.

Down in the valley below, St. Francis used to pass. In the year he assembled the first creche, 1223, the "poverelo" of Assisi was old before his time. He was made to the standard of the standard of the work of the standard of th

THERE IS A little shepherd's hut farther up on the top of the hill, hardly more than a heap of stones, where Francis liked to ston for the night along the way. He added a few more stones and called it hermitage, but some of

his companions who were a bit more corpulent than the ab-stemious Francis asked him to move the hermitage farther down the mountainside to make the climb less arduous, Francis moved it to the cave where he built the creche.

nount the creche.

St. Francis had already been to
the Holy Land and now, as the
feast of Christ's birth drew near
in this year of 1223, he conceived
the idea of making the story of
minds of the shepherits and farmers who lived here.

ers who lived here.

The holy man of Assisi gave instructions for what he wanted and the people joined in enthusiastically. Even Lord Glovanni Vellita, who lived in the castle, joined in. Francis had this cave, and in it there was a rock lege that he proposed to use for an an ox and a donley, certainly (Continued on page 10). 

#### Room for Him?

No room for Him? Not for the Prince of God? No room for Him? Not for the Prince of God? Whose very smile should warm the trembling clod, Whose very steps would speak of ransomed earth, Whose voice would speak of man 5 eternal worth? No room for Him—God's little holy Child, Whose word would quiet all life's tempests wild?

Oh, is there room loday—the wide world round, For Him in whom all utmost joy is found? Some room for peace and hope and faith and love? Some room for Him who leads to heaven above? Some room for mercy, tenderness, and light? Some room for kindness, honor, truth, and right?

Ah, if the heart can find no room for Him, Its larger hopes for life grow very dim!

---L. Victor Cleveland

### Christmas tree traced to 11th century play

never was a saint unwilling to help St. Nicholas with his Christ Land and the saint was a saint unwilling to help St. Nicholas with his Christ William of the saint was a saint was some new to paradise. She comported their parents left below on carth, and saint he to liables she once had sung in Nazareth beside the Christ Chrids' cradle.

Aziel, the smallest of the angels, watched and listened, and his trap hell like voice picked up, and and the properties of the paradial states of the saint help the content of the saint help the content of the saint help the saint help

Estlore Francis N, Weiser, S.J., popularly Ianova as Bostons, "Christmas Friest," was interviewed at Hoston College where he is a professor of theology. Father Weiser has spent much of his liter research on Christma feasts and especially on Christmas customs. He is the author of 24 Book."

The Christmas

The Christmas tree, he says, is the outgrowth of the Paradise Tree around which the 11th cen-tury mystery play was produced in Advent.

"WHEN THE serpent finally tempted Eve to pick an apple from the tree," Father Wesser noted, "there was thunder and lightning and young players came on to throw cloth and animal skins on "Adam" and Eve' to signify that they had sinned."

afty that they had samed. At the conclusion of the play, Father Weiser added, "there was always an enjlogue by an angel in which the audience was told that it had seen the Fall of humanity, but a redeemer would come to right the wrong Adam and Eve had done."

BOSTON — The traditional American Christmas tree has its roots in the central prop of "Bell" be well the custom to America, first to New Porka and Pennsylvania and them to Keep and the characteristic of Eden, according to a Catholic authority on Christian feasts and "America has added one new America has added one new to the control of the control o

go practice thying:

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and nyaenth ribbons of dawn, and nyaenth ribbons of dawn, answered the same about the suntanger of the same about the suntanger of the same about the sa

and Eve had done."

In the 15th century, Father Weiser pointed out, mystery plays were banned from European churches by bishops who ruled that too many abuses were conceted with the productions. The devils in the dram had become "comine figures" who distorted the religious theme of the presentations.

tions.

Father Weiser observed that
the people of western Germany
were anxious to preserve the
spirit of 'The Play of Paradise,'
so they set up trees in their
homes on the 24th of December,
regarded as the 'feast of Adam regarded as the "feast of Adam and Eve" in the medieval church. At about the same time, the "Christmas lights" were first seen in Germany when candles were lighted in homes on Christmas

Christmas Prayer Baby Jesus, Born today, Here's a wish, I send your way:

From your stable, Warm and bright, Bless those who wander Through the night—

The little lambs. That no one loves.
The tired, the sick,
The wounded doves.

Send your star To light their way. Every day!
--Kathleen Murst Seib

N WESTERN Germany, this Christmas light—in the form of many small candise—used to be placed on the shelves or steps of a wooden structure in the form of a pyramid. In addition to the candies, the "Christmas Pyramid" was adorned with evergreen, sadorned with evergreen, sadorned with evergreen, sadorned with a complex form of the sadorned with the sadorned with evergreen, and the light and 17th centures. In the 16th and 17th centures, Father Wester continued, the German people began to combine the "Tree of Paradase" and the "pyramid of lights" to produce what is generally regarded as the Christmas Iree.





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## Angel Feather

"Do 1.—do I really have your permission to leave heaven and go to earth?" assped Ariel.

"Yes, little angel feather, but things, humility and care."
"Oh, thank you, thank you, glank you, thank you have you have

Aziel sat on the man's desk and rustded a rosary, but the man frowned. He sprang to the man's shoulder and whispered tenderly, the man rubbed his ear, and glared. From his other shoulder, came a hostile rustle. Aziel found himself staring at a vicous little red revil who did not quite dare prick him with the poteheck he was the control of the control of the pro-team of the control of the control of the property of the control of the control of the property of the control of the control of the property of the control of the control of the property of the control of the control of the property of the control of the control of the property of the control of the control of the property of the control of the property of the control of

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"The soft will know what lie most wants from you."

Aziel brightened, and wined his face with the sleve of his robe. "You want to wait for long." He will be sleve of his robe. "You want to wait to far long." He will know what lie most wants from you."

Aziel wished for the strength and authority of St. Michael. In what lie most wants from you."

"And at once, Mary this mother much the gift meant to Anthale with the gift meant to Anthale want to the man. But the man, after a hestiant mouent, shook his want to be a shad to the want the want to want to want to wait for lie was the want to want to wait to be a shad to the want to want to wait to for the want to wait to be a shad to want to wait to be a shad to ward to wait to be a shad to want to wait to wait to be a shad to want to wait to be a shad to wait to be a shad to wait to be a shad to

When he passed a school yard a little later, his attention was drawn to a situation below him. Two very small boys were glowering at each other across a marble ring, each with his fists doubled up like stones to be flung in anger. Aziel quickly spokewordlessly—to the boy he could

anger. Adel quickly spokewortlessby-to the boy he could
reach first.
"You don't really want to hit
him. He's your friend." And to
the other, "In't that the marble
you quarreled over? There against
that elod of dit?"
"Billy! Here's your marble.
Right here. See it?" Gladly, one
of the little boys dropped his fists
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tempting to cook the evening meal.

"Itselt, darling, hush," she kept imploring. "If only you were grand in the state of the property of the state o

The plain little kitchen was filled with the radiance of flowers in glorious colors. Ariel was momentarily amazed; flowers here? Then he knew that only he could see them: they were the prayers of the baby mother, flowing in gratitude and joy from earth to heaven.

gratitude and joy from earth to heaven. So passed his allotted hours. Aziel spoke gently to quiet anger, soothed the ill and the unhappy, led a little girl to church for con-





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In the fingers of the Baby God, the tiny feather gleamed with a pure and lambout light, brighter and brighter till its brilliance flooded the very throne room of heaven itself. Through the white radiance, Azel heard the angelic cauliele of joy—the choirs of angels to joy—the thouse of angels of the control of the con-trol of the co

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fession. He visited one very old woman who, from wise and peaceful and holy eyes, saw him and up a trailing tatter along hi 
begged for a message from 
heaven.

If was time now to return to heaven. But where was his Gift? Where were the south he had meant to hrough the Baby Jesus? Where were the south he had meant to home the heaven the same that the same t

dirty. The voices of the nine angelic choirs filled the seinfillant heavens will unearthly beauty and majesty. Ariel leaned for a noment against an opaline cloud, then slipped into line behind the last of the angels. Weary and bedraggled, unnoticed by the rejoicing hosts of heaven, he knelf with the others to honor the Baby King on the occasion of lis birth. As the gifts of the fathful on earth, and the saints and the angels in heaven.

gifts of the faithful on earth, and the gift of the gi

stood beside him, smoothing his blown and dusty curls, bathing his face with a bit of soft discarded rainbow. St. Anne, the loving grandmother of Our Lord (and for His sake the heavenly grand



OKY PILOT

VATICAN CITY—Father Cornelius Tessar of Verona, Italy, a missionary in Rhodesia, has applied to the Vatican Secretariat of State to become a chaplain on the first Western His application has also been sent, if was announced, to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the United National Aeronautics and Space Administration in the United States.

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#### St. Francis creche

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where the most way are the same the reason was a superior of the con-cept of the control of the con-trol of the con-tr

he bare stone.

OUTSIDE THE kitchen is the pave: ten feet square and seven the cet high. Here on Christmas even 1223 the first Christmas ereche was fashioned. There were no figures for Joseph and Mary and he Magi. There were only the woo live animals, the ox and the lonkey. And there was the Christ Monkey. And there was the Christ and the christmass of the christmass of

three years before he died.

"The time of by and of exultation had come. The firsts from
different localities had come together and the men and women of
the place brought, each according
to his means, candies and torches
to lluminate that night. . . Lastly the saint arrived, saw all the
preparations and was happy. The
preparations and was happy. The
prought in and the ox and donkey,
def forward. Simplicity was bonored, poverty exalted, humility
praised, and Greecio became a
new Bethlehem.

"For the reade and the axis."

"For the people and the animals, it seemed to be full day-light on that delightful night... The woods rang with voices and the rocks echoed the hymns of joy.

"The solemn rite of the Ma was celebrated over the crit, a the priest enjoyed an unusual c solation. The saint, vested as i deacon of the Mass, chained Gospel. He then preached to people and said very ten times about the birn of the people the control of the solemn vi-te control of the solemn vi-everyone returned to his he full of joy."

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"Bor will sit on David's royal throne, establishing it in right and in justice." The splendor of the hope and the paltriness of the actuality: here is a paradox. Rather than a response to the expectation of justice, promised under God's covenant with his people, the content of the parameter of injustice.

The rights of the lowly, so

and to emphasize the permanence of injustice.

The rights of the lowly, so prized by the conscience of Israel, could they have been mocked more expicially than in the city of Mary's family where "there was about to give birth to her child?

The lot of the lowly, is it now so very different? The half-semile aged, dispatched from the family circle to mental institutions, the lonely "without" and the most was about the semiler of the control of the control of the control of the control of the competition of the greater resources of the factory in the field—such and the competition of the greater resources of the factory in the field—such and the competition of the greater resources of the factory in the field—such and the competition of the greater resources of the factory in the field—such and the control of the chains of tustice.

of the factory in the field—such familiar instances raise a disturbing doubt of our consciousness of the claims of justice.

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as he owned his horse and could dispose of either at his whim with dispose of either at his whim win-equal legal impunity, was modi-fied to conform to the now self-evident truths that men are cre-ated equal and by reason of their equal creation are endowed with certain unalienable rights.

Far from inculcating submission to injustice, Christianity established the basis for human rights and for an order of justice: the imperishable dignity of each person, the object of God's costing love.

When, then, the pageantry of the Christmas drama moves us to tenderness by the spectacle of "the goodness and kindness of God our Saviour," it will be well to recall that the Infant whose helplessness claims our affection is also the Teacher whose imperious directives command our consciours.

"It was said to you of old, but I say to you . . . " There is something undoubtedly unearthly, almost facrie in the moonlit seene of shepherds living in the winter fields and keeping watch over their dozing sheep when an angel of the Lord suddenly appears to

of the Lord suddenly appears to Now the God who was born poor, it should not be lorgotten, is the same God who damned in-justice. Born in an animal's stall, them so that the glory of God shines around them and they tear with a great foer until the angel assures them of the 'good news of great of the god on the con-traction of the god of the god of the con-traction of the god of

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# Woe to you, Scribes and Pharises, hypocrites! for you pay tithe of mint and anise and have omitted the weightier things of the Law, justice and honesty and truth.

THE CRITERION, DECEMBER 22, 1961

The story of Bethlehem is an count of the family of an unskilled workman, a family into which God

workman, a family into which God chose to be born. the Son of God will die a victim of an unjust sentence. But the end that He foresaw—the chalice which He would not refuse—do not for a minute represent a condona-tion of injustice.

tion of injustice.

On the contrary, it is designed to demonstrate to human intelligence to what extent injustice has corrupted human hearts and to what crimes the passion for the contract of the bottom of every injustice, behind all greed is the bleeding face of the Crueffied. Whoever has really contemplated that face can no longer tolerate injustice; he can only determine to spend his energies endlessly fighting it.

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gious aspects of Christimas. Auxiliary Bish-op Thomas I.I. and psychological in meral, social beston archidocesan newsweekly. Bishop Riley is the author of be-pager's "Theology for Beergman" pages and the property of the second pages of the second pages of the where he was professor of moral theology and now is paster of St. Peter's church in Cambridge.

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stressed that the Santa Claus
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e "provided it is kept free
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iations of ideas. He sugd that the tradition "may
be helpfu" in developing
virtue of beneficence."

THE BISHOP also stressed that there is nothing inconsistent in relating the Santa Claus myth with the religious aspects of Christmas.

"The problem of the commer-cialization of Christmas, and the debasing of the Christian dig-nity of Christmas is, it would seem, entirely distinct from the problem of Santa Claus," Bish-op Riley declared.

Observing that the Santa Claus myth "had caught the imagination

"There seems to be no reason," he stated, "why the myth of Santa Claus should not be allowed to keep its place among the imaginative elements which have found their way into the psychological environment in which children in this part of the world develop their human powers."

But, he added, "there is nothing sacred about this myth which would raise it to the dignity of a social image which would be be-yond all attack."

THE PRELATE urged Christian families to "sanetify" the practice of gift-giving at Christmas time.

as time.
"There is reason to fear," he
armed, "that unless the exchang
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will degenerate into a calculat
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is pursuit of selfish advantage."
The columnist noted that such elfishness "has unfortunately ecome all too evident" in recent pars.

Nears, "The very word Christmas," he stated, "has become detached from its prinary religious significance, and thus become associated with purposes which are regrettably irreligious and often mmoral. What we call Christmas presents are often given received and in anticipation of tuture similar (avoys.)

"If we love God, Who reveals Himself to us in the sacred humanity of Christ, our exchange of presents with our friends will bear witness of our appreciation of God's gift of Himself to us in the mystery of the Incarnation."

"If his blought he uppermost in our minds at Christmas time, we shall not be influenced by the control of the c

### U.S. women leave

will serve under Chicago-born Bishop Nevin W. Hayes, O. Carm. Both women studied for mis-sion work at the Grail Institute for Overseas Training, Brooklyn, N.Y., and at Grailville in Love land, Ohio. Miss Greer took fur

comitry came as a surprise.
"All of our looking forward to
Christmas," the said, "was centered on the High Mass of Christmas Day."
Santa Claust. "He wasn't in
our program at home," she said,
"We gave surprises in the children on the fifth of Decembers,
the exe of St. Nicholas' St. Nicholas' cat,
when they left their shoes out for
gifts."

habit them.

"In Spain," murmured Dr.

"In Spain," murmured Dr.

"In Spain," murmured Dr.

"we have no Christmas tree."
"No Santa Claus in Tancanyika," smiled Joseph Kabyemera.
"No turkey in Indonesia," said
Mrs. Jan Van Sluys, who went on
describe the special dish,
aiamkotok, which is the turkey's
counterpart.

"No snow in Israel," said
Akram Daniel

signs of the Christians season in Israel, according to Akram Dan-iel, student at Xavier University, is the relaxation of the ban on travel into Jerusalem, where barbed wire separates Israeli and Arab territory. For 48 hours, he said, it is permitted to visit the holy places without restric-tion.

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of people in our own country long before Christmas had lost its sugmicrance as a religious feast, "
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(The custom as thus developed came to America with early Dutch colonists in whose language St. Nicholas was known as Sankt Nicholas, or Santa Claus).

DESCRIBING Santa Claus as "a harmless creation of the collective imagination," The Pilot columnist stated:

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A XAVIER university graduate student from Japan, Peter Hama-gueli, said that American influ-ence has saturated Japanese de-partment stores with the Santa Claus figure, 'but it is only for commercial purposes,' he added. commercial purposes, includers, when have up their stockings for girts," he said, "but these are postwar customs. Our Catholics are less than one per cent of the total population, so there isn't too much evidence of Christmas 10 Japan."

"We do have a representa-tion of the cave at Bethlehem," she said, "and usually it is very beautiful. We erect it a few days before Christmas and keep it in our home until Epiphany.

A Christmas letter Editor's Note: A Criterion reader who lost her husband in death a few years ago expresses her feelings on the first Christons without him in the family circle. "If a desolute one can absorb some of the strength I found in setting down ing licent on paper," she wrote, "not only will I be glid, but I shall be stronger too."

All day I have telt that if I turned my head quick enough, I would see you-you have been so close to me this day! I keep remembering back, and my heart is so heavy, yet this is the way it must be
I have a big free, and there were many presents. The boys were so deligated, Seems as though everyone was especially nice because this is your first Christmas away from us, and they are trying to fill the void. Uncle Emil completely out-fitted both hoys, plus shoes for the gifts and a basket of fruit and a five-pound low of candy for us all. They have been so good to us.

Wasn't it nice of the Neuschaefers to have a Mass for you? And how do you like your picture on the tree?

on the tree?

I miss you so much, Bill! The adjustment has been far more difficult than I ever dreamed. You are so close to me-yet I can not touch or see you. Ask God to give me strength-these are hard days to get through.

But it has been a special Christmas for you-your first with God and His angels!

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ADVENT WREATH CEREMONY—Youngsters of Christ the King Mission, Paoli, are participating in the traditional Advent Wreath ceremonies during the weeks before Christmas. They attend Saturday Christian Doctrine classes taught by the Javuit theology students from nearly Wost Baden College, The children, part of 40 in the class from Paoli, Orleans and Hardinsburg, are, left to right: Susar DeLong, Mary Lumley, Bobby Halbert, Betty Lumley, Martine Harelwood, Michael Bioecher, Rich ard Snyder and Mark Bloecher.

ONE OF THE MOST dramatic

and former resident of Cuba, said boys and girs write letters to the Three Kings much as American hidren write to Santa Claus.

"Before the children go to bed est among as," she said, "their some grass for the camels. On the sixth they wake up to find gifts beside their beds and in other places of the home."

Christmas tiself centers about Midnight Mass, she said, and on Christmas Eve Cubans used to cather a form of the control of the co



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turning from prayers in church,
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(the Christ child).
In Cuba, as in Spain, the
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## Those 'horror' movies



escape is a good thing. Far better, some said, that our young people be chilled by the obvious fakery of "The Pit" than exposed, say, to the grim reality of a film like "La Dolce Vita."

like "La Dolce Vita.

If the audience is young of course, "La Dolce" does not belong in the argument. The Italian film is intended for adults, and only those adults willing to take a hard look at real, not make helieve, evil.

Many choose never to look for

helieve, exil.

Many choose never to look for this kind of truth in art, whether in movies, plays, books or even painting. But the perennial pursuit of the merely pretty is a defect in character.

detect in character.

THE SAME is true of a constant search for escape. Some art, some entertainmen needs to help its understant enceds to help its understant enceds to help its understant enceds to help its understant enced to help its understant in orbitation. But some popular art is not obligated toget enseithers into reality, to reveal things about vision to see on our own.

The movies for avanine should

God's creation we have not ow-vision to see on our own.
The movies, for example, should not be all realist or all escapist; a same person should not spend in litetime worrying about his health, but neither should he completely issuer at fine, as long as it does not monopolize the own movies of the contraction of the health of the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted in the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contraction of the should be contracted on the contraction of the contra almost instance concentration. Be-yond this, a good escape movie should be well enough managed that it does not corrupt the view-er's taste, nor should it entertain him dangerously.

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CURRENT horror films are largely nimed at, and consumed by, tennagers. Young movie fans are not merely mibbling at a scare film every now and then; they are chomping them up in a regular diet. And too often these films are shalbbilly under and enterprise of the control of

women are more or less graphi-cally strangled. The chief thrills otherwise come in nightmare se-quences populated by snakes, spiders, disfigured faces, mu-titations by fire, pretty girls who are transformed into skeletons.

are transformed into skeetons.

"Mr. Sardonicus" (A-2) is a disfigured madman who tortures women in ways that would're curdled what little blood Dracula had on his own. This movie also has the lovingly traditional coffin - opening scene, climaxed by a scare close-up and loud music.

"House of Fright" (B), the lat-est curruption of Stevenson's "Dr. Jokyll and Mr. Hyde," involves rape, sadistic revenge, another strangled beauty, all insubtly de-scribed, and a lingering tour of nearly every den of iniguity in 19th century London.

While helpless heroines have been endangered by lunatics ever since horror stories began, the databolism was formerly left to the magmation. Descriptions in the new films are perversely concrete. Psycholadysts might also enby probing the frequent association of violence and love-making and the deliberate use, for the sake of entertainment, of the physically disquesting.

Horror producers often recon-

disgusting.

Herror producers often resort to lavishly promoted, basically valueless gimmicks to attract the suckers. "Mr. Sardonicus" patrons receive "punishment pollocards by dispatoja "distribusto dispatoja" distribusto del mention de la control de la

helpfully provided at the door.

Three-D is still hopeless. The
viewer fumbles away half the
vectoring in the dark figuring how
the mask goes on, then squints
through the blurred, fingersmudged frames while the ucter
eff to the set; fire, rocks, snow,
cruckery, etc.

Actually, the 3-D dream bit is not only tasteless and corny; it spoils what is otherwise a tautly acted and almost-intelligently directed effort by a group



MEETING ANNOUNCED

TERRE HAUTE, Ind—St. Benedict's Third Order of St. Francis will not meet in December. The next meeting will be held the fourth Sunday in January.

**Farmers and cats** By DANA JENNINGS

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We're running short of cats at our house. We're down to about of Peagy that situation will soon be improved.

The other day I happened by as the cats were cating their breakfast. Gathered about the plate, say of them were looking on envisually while one of the young of the bunch, was hogging it all. Every time one of them looked in his direction he lashed out that an unsheathed claw. All five of the other cats cowered down and wated until another got enough merve to look in his direction and yhami. A furry fist me a furry You'd think these cats would

whant! A furry fist met a furry jaw.
You'd think these cats would have sense enough to gang up on the hoggish one and run him we have sense enough to gang up on the hoggish one and run him to the control of the sense of the se

The book runs to nearly 1200 pages, and measures five inches by seven inches by somewhat less than an inch in thickness. The double-columned pages are eminently readable, and the book is really a delight to hold in the hand. It is true, of course, that one goes to the Bible for its physical contents rather than for its physical appearance, but the ugly, or at best mediocre formats in which Catholics too often have to accept

hat's what the others thought

#### St. Meinrad slates pastoral seminar

ST. MEINRAD, Ind.—"Current Pastoral Problems," a seminat for priests of the tri-state area will be held at St. Meinrad Arch abbey here December 26-28,

abbey here December 39-28.

Speakers for the three-day meeting will include Dr. James Wygal, psychatrist on the staff of Our Lady of Peace Hospital, Courselle, and assistant professor Strange, O.S.B., professor of Sacred Scripture, and Father Kieran Conley, O.S.B., professor of dogmatic theology, both of St. Menrad Seminary.

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tionist, and spiritual writer.
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St).

If this is added to the already available surveys of his thought by Fr. Oliver Babut, by the Italian cleric who writes as "Nicolas Corte." and by M. Claudo Tresmontant, one finds a substantial available, even though his own scientific knowledge may not equip him to read Fr. Teilhard's original vorket.

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science's most difficult areas and
the orthodox thought of the
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# Catholic observers praise friendly treatment at New Delhi This Christmas at

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NEW DELHI — Personal friendliness despite dogmatic differences marked the relationship between Catholics and non-Catholics at the World Council of Churches Assembly.

The association of Professor

Assembly.

The association of Protestant and Orthodox churches, meeting in New Delhi welcomed the five Catholic priests designated by the Holy See as its official observers at the meeting—the first such

The author of this article is a professor of naral theology at Atonemer Seminary, Washington, D.C., and a long time student of the examenical movement, He attended the New Delth Assembly of the World Council of Churches (Nos., 18 to Dec. 3) as a special another cal reporter for the NCWO News Service.

delegation to attend an assembly.

The Conneil also gave press accreditation to approximately a dozen Catholies, most of them priests, representing various Catholie periodicals in different parts of the world.

olic periodicals in different parts of the world.

The five Catholic observers—two from India, and one each from the U.S., the Netherlands, and the control of the U.S., the Netherlands, and France—acted officially as their Little indicated; they are not to the control of the U.S., the Netherlands of the U.S., the Netherlands of the U.S., the Netherlands of the U.S., the U.S

AT THE SAME time the Cath-olic observers mingled freely

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On one occasion an Austrian bishop spoke from the floor concorning the Catholic attifude toward mixed marriages of Catholics and non-Catholics.

As the speech came over the carphones in translation from German, the Protestant bishop seemed to say that the Catholic Church holds all non-Catholic marriages to be invalid and the parties living in concubinage. The crronoous statement shocked the Catholics present.

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Fr. Ivan Estross, one of the
Catholic observers from India,
sent a note to the chairman,
asking that the view expressed
the corrected to correspond to the
truth. Afterwards it was discercred that the fault was with the
ment from German to English
and not with what the bishop
actually did say.

actually did say.

ALL FIVE Catholic observers
and most of the Catholic press
representatives, as well as a number of non-Catholic delegates
stayed at St. Xavier's School in
the ide section of Delhi during the
World Council meeting. St.
Xavier's, formerly a hotel, is now
a flourishing school with 1,200
students. It is conducted by the
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Goodwill on the Catholic side was demonstrated by three mformal receptions held at St. Xavier's for assembly delegates. The first, a buffet supper, was held for the delegates residing at the school.

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## Back public schools, Cardinal tells laity te each person present. The second reception was held in honor of Angliean Archbishop Arthur Michael Ramsey of Canterbury. The Archbishop of Vork, the Bishop of Bristot, and a number of other Anglican hishops from various parts of the world also attended the buffer supper and the arthur of the present of the present. Towards the end of the World Towards the end of the End Towards the end of the End Towards the end of the End Towards the end to the end towards the end towards the end towards the end towards the end to the end towards the end to the end towards the end t

St. LOUIS-41 is "not intelligent" to work against the public school system on the ground that fails to teach religion, Cardinal Joseph Ritler said bero. The Archishop of St. Louis said Catholies should play a greated help promote the good of public schools as well as their own. "Among the good things of the community, there must be good schools," he told the St. Louis Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women's board of directors. "We would like to see religion in those schools by the work must not stand off until religion is included as a part of the curriculum. It may never come in our day.

HE SCORED Catholics who say hat they won't promote public chools until Catholic schools get

Towards the end of the World Council meeting, a tea on the lawn of St. Xavier's School was held for invited delegates. Among those attending were Dr. Willem A. Visser 'I fooft, General Se-retary of the World Council; the Rev. Franklin Clark Fry, pre-siding officer of the United La-tieran Church in America, and Charles U. Parlin, of New York, and Charles U. Parlin, of New York, the world presidents of the World Council.

ON THE MORE serious side,

ON THE MORE serious side, all the Catholics who attended the World Council meeting were impressed by the manufest dedication of the delegates. They seriously rired to meet all their pools when the world their could refer the world their council meeting the serious trivial of the world their council meeting the serious the world the world the world their council to the serious the world the wor

the service of Holy Communion.

The Anglican Church of India, Pakistan, Burma, and Ceylon held an open Communion service for all who were haptized and low the communion service for all who were haptized and communions. The communication of the communication of

did not take part.

The Catholics present also felt that the technique used by the council to accommodate the member churches and climinate objectionable material was bound to weaken any doctrinal position.

weaken any doctrinal position. No doubl, some progress is made at each meeting, Idons do become clearer and more agreements are reached. The total process, however, is painstakingly difficult and disappointingly slow. Many a delegate saw, as the Catholics did, that only a miracle of grace will accomplish the goal of Christian unity.

VISITS DENIED

BERLIN—Communist East Ger-nany has turned down a plan that rould have allowed West Berlin-rs to cross the Red-built wall for thristmas reunions with relatives.

Towards the end of the World

he said.

While Catholic lay men and women "cannot commit their parishes, as individuals they can and should take a personal interest in civic projects," he said.

The Cardinal said that he bimself had studied and then endorsed two bond issues counting up for yote next month in St. Louis, "If stated, "everyone knows that our

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The Sacred Congregation of S Rites early in the fall issued a S times early in the fall issued a decree granting permission for the people to chant the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo. Sanctus and Agnus Dei in Pelish during the erichtation of Mass. It confirmed a new ritual for Poland allowing for ritual for Berayers for administering the sacraments to be said in Polish instead of Latin.

BISHOP Andrzej Wronka, Auxiltary to Cardinal Stefan Wyzsynski, in his capacity as Archbishop of Gniezno, wrote in the magazine Przewodnik Katolicki that the new ritual is very important for the liturgical life in Poland. He

said;
"Active participation by the faithful in the littrag of the faithful in the littrag of the sacraments has been facilitated to a great degree; the treasury of littragical prayers has been opened to all the faithful. Everyholy, even those who do not know the Latin language, can now participate fully and with understanding in the sacramental rites."

ACTUALLY, the Polish ritual has not yet been completed. The rites for the processions of the liturgical year and the formulas for various blessings are still to be worked out.

But the new ritual provides for some changes in the traditional way of administering the sacra-ments. The rite for the sacra-ment of marriage, now entirely in Polish, has been enriched to

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mercity because is sial.

"Don't be afraid of these situations, as long as they are not on doctrinal grounds," he said. "Participate in them, if they are merited by your study and observation."

servation."
THE CARDINAL also cited the

Critical Nations as a "controversial" issue,

"I believe that it is working in

"I believe that it is working in

be right direction, and I commend those in the Archiducesan

Council of Catholic Men and

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Samport." he said. "The United

Nations is constantly working for
peace, and it has done a great

deal in this direction. The Good

Lord only knows what would have

happened if we had not had it happened if we had not had it during the past few years."

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