



DONATES PERSONAL LIBRARY—Archbishop Paul C. Schulte, donor of a highly valuable collection of historical works and Vatican II papers, poses in the special collection room of the Marian College library last week as he viewed the public display. He is holding a photograph of the late Msgr. John Rothensteiner, early St. Louis Archdiocesan historian, whose personal library served as the heart of the Schulte collection. Msgr. Rothensteiner, once a pastor in Fredericktown, Mo., baptized Archbishop Schulte nearly 53 years ago. In the background is Msgr. John J. Doyle, Archdiocesan Historian and Archivist. (Additional photo on Page Two)

HISTORY-LADEN COLLECTION

Archbishop Schulte donates his personal library to Marian

The personal library of Archbishop Paul C. Schulte, laden with priceless historical volumes and Vatican II documentation, has been opened in the Marian College library in a special collection room.

The Archbishop now living in retirement at St. Augustine's Home in Indianapolis, viewed the collection last week at the college as the guest of Marian President Dr. Louis C. Gatto. He donated his library to Marian in 1970 and the cataloging has now been completed. The material is available to scholars and students on a non-circulating basis.

Early 19th century midwestern history volumes dominate the collection of the prelate, who authored "The Catholic Heritage of St. Louis" in 1934. The Missouri native maintained an interest in history during his ecclesiastical career, which has spanned 57 years and three states—Missouri, Kansas and Indiana.

WORKS OF FAMOUS 19th century Church leaders are included in the collection—Bishop England of Charleston; Bishop Hughes of New York; Archbishop Spalding of Louisville; and Archbishops Kenrick and Rosati of St. Louis.

Other prominent items include complete sets of historical society publications of Louisiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Indiana.

Vatican Council II material includes two large Latin volumes of the official

REMINDER

The Chancery Office this week issued a memorandum to parish priests regarding Anticipation Masses when Holy Days conflict with the Sunday observance.

Since Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Monday, Anticipation Masses may be offered the previous Sunday evenings. But attendance at one Sunday evening Mass does not fulfill both the Sunday and Holy Day precept.

Pastors have been asked to clearly identify all Masses on both week-ends to avoid confusion for parishioners.

"Constitutiones Decreta Declarationes," all copies of the "Schema" and the Council Daybook (1962-65), daily data published by NC News Service.

An unusual commemorative volume, "The Vatican," by Jerome Corcapina, contains illustrations of Vatican paintings shown at the New York World's Fair.

IN ADDITION TO the 2,000 cataloged items in the collection, there are five cartons of pamphlets and 12 cartons of unbound periodicals.

Midwestern historical publications include:

- Louisiana Historical Society Wisconsin History (1877)
- Illinois State History (1908-35)
- Illinois Catholic History (1919-26)
- Kansas Historical Society (1878)
- Mississippi History Review (1916-37)
- Journal of the American Irish Historical Society (1910)
- Catholic History Review (1916)
- St. Louis Catholic History Review, five volumes (1918-23)
- Indiana History Magazine

CATHOLIC WORKS by prominent churchmen and biographies include:

- Diary of Bishop Rosati of St. Louis (1822-26)
- Correspondence of Bishop DuBourg of St. Louis and Propaganda
- Life of Benedict J. Flaget by Bishop Spalding (1852)
- Writings of Bishop Brute, edited by Mother Seton's Community (1898)
- Memoirs and Journal of Elizabeth Seton (1809)
- Autobiography, Peter Cartwright (1856)
- Life of Pope Clement XIV (1776)
- Works of Bishop England (1849)
- Miscellaneous writings of Bishop Spalding
- Two volumes by the Indian missionary DeSmet
- Treatise on Baptism by Bishop Kenrick (1852)
- Three volumes on Jesuit Relations, 1600's and 1700's

Pope faults 'women's lib' on abortion

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI said that the women's liberation movement has some just demands but that abortion is not one of them.

In a talk December 9 to the Union of Italian Catholic Jurists, Pope Paul repeated the Second Vatican Council's condemnation of abortion and infanticide as "abominable crimes" and asserted that "mere individualistic consideration" of women's rights is a false approach to the question of abortion.

"Above all," he said, "the dignity of the human person is wounded not only in the innocent victim of such killing, but in the very mother who voluntarily uses it and on all those doctors or nurses who cooperate in voluntary abortion."

He said that there are "certain distortions of the current and, in itself, just demand for women's liberation, or of so-called sexual freedom," that are "repugnant not only to Catholic morality but to the universal human ethic itself."

"WHILE THE PROBLEM of abortion, as has been said, cannot be approached from the mere individualistic consideration of the woman but must also be approached under the aspect of the common good, and, above all, under that of the personality of the unborn, true women's liberation does not lie in a formalistic or materialistic equality with the other sex. Rather, it lies in recognizing what is central and specific to a woman's personality: the woman's vocation to being a mother."

The Pope asserted that the relation between a woman and the new human life that she brings into being is "the first and most basic of those constitutive relations of personality."

RECALLING THAT the first and most basic of human rights is the right to life, "that is, to the protection of one's life," the Pope declared:

"Nobody can have a right that opposes this right, when it is a question of an innocent person."

"The weaker the subject and the more needful he is of protection, the more binding upon all is the duty of protecting him. This duty is binding upon the mother most of all, so long as she bears him in her bosom."

Pope Paul again quoted the Second Vatican Council: "God, the master of life, has entrusted to men the lofty mission of protecting life, a mission that must be carried out in a way worthy of man."

Arizona weighs constitutionality of abortion law

TUCSON, Ariz.—The Arizona Court of Appeals has taken under advisement an appeal against a lower court ruling that the law prohibiting abortion except in the case of the mother's life being in danger is unconstitutional.

The original suit, which was brought by Planned Parenthood of Tucson and 10 local doctors, received a favorable ruling from Judge Jack Marks of Pima County Superior Court.

The appellate court questioned attorney for the plaintiffs, Stanley Feldman, but did not put queries to the defense, the state and county attorneys.

The Rev. Carey Womble, M.D., convener of Episcopalians Concerned About Abortion and member of the Arizona Right to Life Committee, said he is optimistic that the court will uphold the state law. "It is my opinion that we don't solve our problems by killing people," he said.

Feldman made reference in his arguments to a study which shows that judge's opinions in abortion cases around the country coincide with their religious beliefs.

John O'Dowd, arguing for the state attorney general, stressed that the Arizona Legislature has had the opportunity to act on the matter and failed to do so. Also that the proposed initiative for this year's general election failed to get on the ballot, proving a lack of public support for an abortion law change. He said he expects a decision within two months.

Irish voters agree to abolish special position of Church

DUBLIN—The Catholic Church no longer enjoys a "special position" in the Republic of Ireland.

In a national referendum on Dec. 7, some 50 per cent of Eire's 1.8 million eligible voters turned out and 85 per cent of those voted to have Article 44, sub-section 2, deleted from Eire's 1937 Constitution.

The article declares in part: "The State recognizes the special position of the Holy Catholic Apostolic and Roman Church as the guardian of the Faith professed by the great majority of the citizens."

At the same time, the voters, by the same percentages, approved a measure that lowers the minimum voting age from 21 to 18.

The government of Prime Minister John Lynch had given strong endorsement for removal of the Church's favored constitutional status in the belief that such a move would help clear the way for eventual reunification of the Republic with Northern Ireland, with its two-thirds Protestant majority.



UKRAINIANS PICKET APOSTOLIC DELEGATION—A group of Ukrainian Rite Catholics, protesting Vatican rejection of their claims for an autonomous Ukrainian patriarchate, picket the residence of the Apostolic Delegate in Washington, D.C. An

estimated 300 to 500 persons, who came from as far away as Chicago and Toronto, carried placards and crosses in two single files during the three-hour demonstration. (RNS photo)

PRIESTS' BODY POSTS 'IMPRESSIVE RECORD'

Senate completes busy year

BY PAUL G. FOX

The Archdiocesan Priests' Senate, now completing its first year, has compiled "an impressive record," according to the outgoing president.

Father Bernard Head, pastor of St. Thomas More parish, Mooresville, and theology instructor at Marian College, termed the cooperation of the priest-members and Archbishop George J. Biskup as "excellent" during the past year, resulting in some significant achievements for the Archdiocese.

"Patience" was the key word during the group's first year of operation, Father Head commented in an interview last week. "But with splendid cooperation from all, I am quite optimistic about the Senate's future."

SENATE ENDORSEMENT was given to three Archdiocesan institutions and agencies: the Latin School of Indianapolis, Catholic Charities and the Catholic Communications Center.

Eight committees were established to address current needs of the Archdiocese, one of which will be disbanded because it achieved its goal.

An Ecumenical Commission is in the process of formation, under the acting chairmanship of Father Richard Terrill, pastor of St. Philip Neri parish, Indianapolis. This development resulted from the efforts of the Committee to Form an Ecumenical Commission, sponsored by Father Head.

The new commission's primary purpose will be to coordinate ecumenical activities in the Archdiocese. A 25-member resource panel of clergy, religious and laity from throughout the Archdiocese is presently being assembled. One of its first projects will be to establish ecumenical guidelines.

One of the most significant actions of the Committee on Justice for Clergy and Lay Employees was the adoption of a policy of retirement of priests with an interim retirement income plan.

Optional clergy retirement from active duty, with the permission of Archbishop Biskup, is available at age 65, while mandatory retirement is expected at age 70. Retired priests will receive \$300 per month with funds being contributed by parishes and institutions served, along with individual contributions from the clergy.

INVESTIGATION WILL continue by the committee to secure a permanent retirement plan to replace the current cash-flow financial basis. Sponsor of the Justice Committee is Father Robert Hartman, pastor of Holy Name parish, Beech Grove.

The Committee on More Effective Use of Clergy and the Organization of the Archdiocese, sponsored by Father James Moriarty, pastor of St. Susanna's parish, Plainfield, is continuing its investigation of a variety of matters, including:

- Co-pastorates, team ministry, tenure for priests, parish structure, division of time and labor, recreation, individual appraisals, non-territorial parishes, chaplaincies, campus ministry, lay involvement and residency.

Seek beatification of Queen Isabella

VATICAN CITY—The beatification cause of Queen Isabella of Spain, who commissioned the voyages of Christopher Columbus and the Christianization of America, has been opened at the Vatican.

The process was opened at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints following completion of the diocesan investigation conducted at Valladolid, Spain. The Spanish portion of the investigation involved 15 years of research by well-known scholars and historians and is contained in 30 volumes of writings and other documents.

Claretian Father Anastasio Gutierrez postulator of the Queen's cause, said the 30 volumes have now been sent to the Vatican for the second step in the possible beatification.

A resolution by the Senate supporting the Latin School and encouraging its staff to evaluate and strengthen its pre-seminary program was initiated by the Committee on Recruitment of Prospective Clergy and Vocations, sponsored by Father David Kahle, of St. Meinrad College.

The Committee on Continuing Education for Priests, sponsored by Father Robert Drewes, pastor of St. Bernadette's parish, Indianapolis, was instrumental in establishing summer institutes for priests

at St. Meinrad Seminary and the planning of prayer days and overnight symposia with the cooperation of Catholic Charities and Alverna Retreat House.

THE COMMITTEE ON Choosing Bishops has undertaken a study which is to lead to a method of nominating candidates for the office of bishop in the Archdiocese. Its study is based on resources from Rome and from the Canon Law Society of America. Committee sponsor is Father

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A YOUNG GIRL'S SACRIFICE

Selfless act brings joy to family of dying boy

MAIDSTONE, England.—Carole Sinclair, 11, knew that her three-year-old stepbrother Peter, who had been born with spinal atrophy, a disease which attacks the nerve cells, had only a few years to live.

She also knew that her parents could not afford to take him to Lourdes in search of a cure, but it occurred to her that, with one mouth fewer to feed, they might be able to raise the funds.

ONE EVENING, she kissed them goodnight and went up to bed, but at midnight, when the rest of the family was asleep, she took her clothes downstairs, dressed, wrote a farewell note, and ran off.

The note read: "Dear Mummy and Daddy, I am running away from home because if you don't have to feed me you can take Peter to Lourdes to make him better."

She left it on the doormat of her home in Tovil Road in this southeast England town, and that was where the policeman found it when he brought Carole home shortly afterwards. Her courage had deserted her when she was passing a cemetery on the way to her grandmother's home in the English Channel port of Folkestone, some 30 miles away.

MRS. SINCLAIR and her husband were "completely overwhelmed" by seeing her at the door, and by the note. "What she did filled us with so much love it's impossible to describe," Mrs. Sinclair said.

"We are a very close family, and we all worship little Peter. He has never walked, and the doctors say he never will."

"Carole did what she did purely because she thought she was going to help him. We had discussed the possibility of taking our baby to Lourdes, but we decided we just couldn't afford it."

But Carole's selfless act has not gone unnoticed. People from the United States have offered to help, and Aer Lingus, the Irish airline, promised an expense-paid four-day trip to Lourdes.

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BY NC NEWS SERVICE

Clarifies role of Cor Unum

VATICAN CITY—The role of Cor Unum, a one-year-old Vatican council, is to coordinate not dominate the efforts of the Church's charitable activities, Pope Paul VI told the second session of the council. Pope Paul's comments were an apparent response to fears that the new super-agency was set up to take over the charitable programs of existing agencies and organizations.



Launch 'Operation Santa Claus'

PHILADELPHIA—Some 4,000 Philadelphia area teen-agers, members of the Catholic Archdiocesan Community Service Corps, are conducting their sixth annual "Operation Santa Claus"—a program that collects and distributes toys to families in financial need.

"We are helping to bring the needs of love to other people who cannot afford a memorable Christmas for their youngsters," said Gary Malloy, "Head Santa" for this year.

Donated toys will be distributed to needy families in the Philadelphia area and the Wilkes-Barre flood area by 100 teams, each consisting of a Santa Claus, two "pixies," two "clowns" and an adult moderator. Lists of the families in need have been recommended by parish priests and ministers and community social service groups.

Vetoes anti-abortion bill

HARRISBURG, Pa.—Gov. Milton J. Shapp vetoed a strict anti-abortion bill passed by the state legislature. Shapp criticized the bill because it did not provide for abortions in cases of rape or incest. A Pennsylvania Catholic Conference spokesman accused Shapp of not keeping a pledge to preserve the life of the unborn.

Reinstate death penalty

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—The state legislature passed a bill reinstating the death penalty in Florida, with limitations intended to satisfy U.S. Supreme Court requirements. Before the bill was enacted, the Catholic bishops of the state said they hoped the new law would impose the death penalty fairly. They also stated that they hoped that capital punishment would eventually be abolished.

NCC membership 'years away'

DALLAS, Tex.—Two Catholic officials in the ecumenical movement estimated that it will be three to five years before the U.S. bishops are in position to reach a decision on membership in the National Council of Churches (NCC). Father John F. Hotchkiss and Father David J. Bowman expressed that opinion after a meeting of the 33 Catholics attending the NCC general assembly.

Social cooperation sought

GENEVA, Switzerland—Cooperation among Catholics and Lutherans along social lines was the theme of a visit of Vatican officials to the Lutheran World Federation here. Father Gerald Phelan of the Vatican group said that although "it was felt that theological dialogue so far has been quite fruitful," there is still great need for "approaches to mutual cooperation along social and practical lines."

Withdraw part of catechism

AMSTERDAM, The Netherlands—Two of the four volumes of a controversial experimental catechetical course used in two Dutch dioceses have been withdrawn. Vatican officials had ordered that the entire course be halted. One volume withdrawn was on the New Testament, while the other was on faith and philosophy of life. The other volumes are on the Old Testament and religion in humanities.

Colombia ousts Spanish priest

BOGOTA, Colombia—Following a nationwide drive against subversives, the Colombian government expelled Father Cirila Terron, 34, a Spaniard. It charged him with meddling in Colombian politics.

MORE VOCATIONS

JOLIET, Ill.—The Carmelite Fathers' Canadian-American Province here reported a 14 per cent increase in vocations to the priesthood in the order's four seminaries this year. The vocations director, Father Bart Larkin, O. Carm., said that in actual numbers, there was an increase from 145 to 165 students.

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Holy Name concert set

BEECH GROVE, Ind.—The 11th annual Christmas Concert of Holy Name parish will be given at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in the parish church.

The "Mass of St. Nicholas" by Haydn will be sung by the men's and boys' choirs, directed by Jerry Crane. The girls' choir will join the other groups for seasonal carols, augmented by an orchestra, brass and percussion ensembles.

David Chase's contemporary carol "Strangers in the Streets" will also be featured, accompanied by a rock group. Other selections include Cesar Franck's Psalm 150 and "Glory to God in the Highest" by Pergolesi.

The concert is open to the public.

HEADS ALUMNI

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Douglas K. Steele was recently elected president of the Bellarmine College Alumni Association. A member of the class of 1967, he is associated with the First National Bank of Louisville.



VIEW SPECIAL LIBRARY COLLECTION—Archbishop Paul C. Schulte, second from above right, last week viewed his personal library of more than 2,000 items which he donated to Marian College. The history-laden collection was recently catalogued and opened to the public in a special room of the new Marian Library. Also shown from left are: Msgr. John J. Doyle, Archdiocesan Historian and Archivist; Sister Mary Carol Schroeder, O.S.F., history department chairman at Marian; and Dr. Louis C. Gatto, Marian president. (Story on Page One)

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Abp. Schulte -- still candid at 82

BY PAUL G. FOX

The many friends and admirers of Archbishop Paul C. Schulte, who retired as Ordinary of the Indianapolis Archdiocese in January, 1970, can be assured that the 82-year-old prelate remains very much in his "prime."

Now residing in a private apartment at St. Augustine's Home on W. 86th St., Indianapolis, the Archbishop makes an occasional appearance at social and clerical functions and impresses all with his accustomed vitality.

Still erect and distinguished, Archbishop Schulte was the guest last week of Dr. Louis C. Gatto, president of Marian College, for a private luncheon and viewing of the newly opened Schulte Collection of some 2,000 items in the Marian library.

It was the first visit of the former ordinary to the recently completed library, a modernistic structure designed by Indianapolis architect Evans Woolen with a capacity of 200,000 volumes. As is his custom in touring new facilities, the Archbishop was as interested in the mechanical and heating features as its functional uses.

The entourage also included Msgr. John J. Doyle, Archdiocesan Historian and Archivist, Msgr. Cornelius B. Sweeney, V.G., pastor of St. Joan of Arc parish, Sister Norma Rockledge, academic dean, Sister Clarence Marie Kavanagh, college librarian, and Sister Mary Carol Schroeder, chairman of the college history department who did her doctoral dissertation on diocesan history under Msgr. John Tracy Ellis at Catholic University.

Luncheon conversation naturally centered upon historical banter, which revealed the Archbishop's impressive "total recall" of elements of midwestern Catholic history.

Picking up a copy of his 275-page "The Catholic Heritage of St. Louis," which was published in 1934 while he was serving as rector of the Old Cathedral in St. Louis, the Archbishop mused that he "couldn't get \$2 for the volume in

the '30s." Book collectors now are asking \$37.50, he added triumphantly.

Two display cases are prominently displayed in the library's main floor of Archbishop Schulte memorabilia, including a personal diary kept for many years.

After a lengthy banter with Dr. Gatto about the library's color scheme, especially the rich looking purple carpeting throughout the building, the prelate squelched the conversation with a typical "Well, I think it's kind of 'purple'."

CHILD CENTER DONATION—A \$200 gift from the International Order of the Alhambra was announced this week by Father Gerald Gattelberger, Archdiocesan Superintendent of Education. The money will be used to reduce the operating deficit of the St. Mary's Child Center. A fraternal organization of Catholic men with a membership of 10,000, Alhambra has a program of donating up to \$200 toward the operation of facilities for the retarded and deaf in every North American diocese.

MELKITE LITURGY SUNDAY—The Divine Liturgy of the Melkite Rite will be offered at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, in Little Flower Church by Father Albert Ajamie, pastor of St. Rose parish. Franklin. Those attending the liturgy may receive the Eucharist under both species.

CYCLISTS AT ST. MEINRAD—The newest activity at St. Meinrad College is a cycle rally, held recently over a 29-mile Southern Indiana route. Four four-man and one two-man teams competed in the event, planned to become an annual affair. The winning team covered the route in one hour, 40 minutes and 15 seconds, winning \$30 and a trophy for students Marc Lutz, Rich Rush, Steve Ullhafer and Thomas Weber. The only two-man team, composed of David Falkner, of Indianapolis, and Roger Hoppe, finished third. Other Archdiocesan participants included John Elstro of Richmond and Kenneth Taylor of Indianapolis.

Foundress' beatification seen near

VATICAN CITY — The beatification cause of Mother Francis Schervier, foundress of the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis, is heading into the home stretch and could be completed by next year, according to Franciscan Father Antonio Carroli, Roman postulator of her cause.

He said that all the regular processes have been completed and that the Congregation for the Causes of Saints is now examining the miracles attributed to the intercession of the German born nun, who visited the wounded in American hospitals during the Civil War.

Father Carroli admitted that it will be awhile yet before we can call Mother Francis Blessed, but it is very possible that her beatification could be held before the end of next year.

AID DRUG PROGRAM

WASHINGTON — The Catholic Office of Drug Education (CODE) here has received an anonymous foundation grant of \$10,000 to expand its program, said Father Roland Melody, CODE's national coordinator.

Thirty years ago special observances were held marking the 50th anniversary of the founding of Notre Dame University. Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen was the featured speaker for the occasion.

Contest theologian's suspension

VATICAN CITY—The Swiss bishops have contested the decision of the master general of the Dominican order to withdraw the teaching mandate of a German Dominican theologian at the University of Fribourg and have asked the Vatican to suspend the order of removal from office.

Vatican press spokesman Federico Alessandrini said that Dominican Master General, Father Aniceto Fernandez, took action in the case both as head of the Dominican order to which the theologian, Father Stephanus Pfuertner, belongs and as grand chancellor of the university.

Father Fernandez revoked Father Pfuertner's canonical right to lecture at the university's theology faculty, because of "the character of the theological moral teaching given by the professor," Alessandrini said.

Father Pfuertner has advocated freedom in sexual relations as long as the partners take a responsible attitude toward their actions and that no harm is done to others.

THE VATICAN'S Doctrinal Congregation early in 1972 sent Father

Pfuertner a letter asking him to retract publicly some of his statements on sexual morals. Later the Swiss bishops declared that "some affirmations of the Dominican do not correspond to the teachings of the Church." The Swiss bishops later took his writings under study.

Father Pfuertner reached an agreement with the Swiss bishops to modify or redefine some of his 12 theses in mid-summer. However, the head of the Dominican order and other theologians in the Roman Curia, the Church's central administrative offices have remained unmoved by the agreement.

In their request to the Vatican to make another effort to mediate the dispute, the Swiss bishops noted that the 50-year-old theologian had not received formal notification of the disciplinary action by Father Fernandez. A spokesman said this left a "very small opening for a new effort at compromise."

IN SWITZERLAND, the Fribourg state minister of education, Max Aebischer, said it is the prevailing opinion in Switzerland that the decision whether the

University of Fribourg should continue to furnish a platform for the theologian's views "should not be made in Rome." Aebischer must approve the theologian's dismissal for it to become effective.

Hundreds of university students gathered in a pouring rain outside the professor's home Dec. 5 to demonstrate support for him.

Under a treaty with the Dominican order dating back to 1889 and a subsequent one with the Swiss bishops in 1949, the university—and especially its theology department—has enjoyed a certain autonomy. This autonomy, however, was contingent on the teaching staff functioning in accordance with Catholic doctrine.

The Swiss bishops are concerned that any interference by them in the academic freedom of the university might be cited by opponents of an upcoming referendum intended to eliminate constitutional provisions that have banned the Jesuits from the country since 1848 and have prohibited the establishment of religious houses.

Archdiocesan Senate completes busy year

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Louis Schumacher, pastor of St. Michael's parish, Brookville.

Additional input to the Senate will be forthcoming from regional meetings of religious order priests in the Archdiocese organized by the Committee on Religious, sponsored by Father Adalbert Buscher, O.S.B., of St. Meinrad Archabbey.

The Committee on the Formation and Development of Parish Councils, sponsored by Father John Sciarra, pastor of St. Barnabas parish, Indianapolis, will make available to parishes and parish councils material for the work of councils and establish means of assisting parishes to set up councils or to improve existing councils.

Newly formed committees to establish an Archdiocesan Commission on Justice and Peace and to review and possibly revise the pre-marriage investigation forms and marriage dispensation forms in use in the Archdiocese were recently organized.

The Justice and Peace Committee will concern itself with the social action areas of education, coordination and implementation of programs of the Indiana Catholic Conference, the U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Conference of Bishops.

THE SENATE at its October 31 meeting passed a statement concerning racially segregated clubs, which urged all organizations and groups which are

under Catholic auspices to refrain from holding any event in a facility which is segregated.

The statement further urged "all Catholics, especially priests, to weigh carefully the implications of attending functions or holding functions of a private nature in such places. Whatever their particular decision, we urge all Catholics to consider that segregation is a great moral evil and to give their support to efforts to end policies of segregation."

Eight of the Senate's 17 members, elected as geographic representatives, will leave office in December unless re-elected by their constituents. Balloting is presently underway to determine these members for a two-year term.

In addition to Father Head, other geographic Senate members include:

Msgr. Raymond Bosler, Father David Kahle, Father John Sciarra, Father Joseph McNally, Father Anthony Spruza, Father Ambrose Schneider and Father Donald Schneider.

Clergy over members, elected originally as age group representatives to two-year terms last year, are Father Robert Drewes, Father Robert Hartman, Father Lawrence Voelker, Father Louis Schumacher, Father James Moriarty, Father Martin Peter, Father George Saum and Father Kenney Sweeney.

Father Adalbert will continue as elected representative of the religious order priests in the Archdiocese.

After the complete composition of the new Senate all members of the Archdiocesan clergy will vote to elect the Senate president for 1973. Other members of the executive committee will be elected by the Senators.

Pastoral promotes busing

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Bishop Carroll T. Dozier of Memphis urged school busing, open housing and an end to racism.

He said in a pastoral letter: "It is my hope that the foundation of the Church in Memphis will be justice and peace, that as the Psalmist sang 'Righteousness and peace now embrace'."

At a press conference, Bishop Dozier discussed his pastoral and said: "I have tried to face violations of justice as expressed in violence and racism, and the necessity of law and order to secure and protect human dignity."

In calling for support of busing, Bishop Dozier said that it might be seen "as partial repayment" for past educational injustices to black students.



ST. NICHOLAS RELICS ENSHRINED—Relics of St. Nicholas of Myra, the prototype of Santa Claus, are presented by Catholic Bishop Francis Mugavero of Brooklyn (second from right) to Archbishop Iakovos, Primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, during an enshrinement ceremony at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox church in New York. Looking on are Father Constantine E. Volaitis (left), pastor of St. Nicholas, and Greek Orthodox Auxiliary Bishop Philotheos

of New York. St. Nicholas was the bishop of Myra (in Turkey) during the Fourth Century. Since the Eleventh Century remains said to be his have rested in a basilica in Bari, Italy, having been brought there by Italian merchants. The relics enshrined in the New York church were forwarded to the U.S. Greek Orthodox community by Catholic Archbishop Enrico Nicodemo of Bari. (RNS photo)

To visit troops

NEW YORK — Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, military vicar of U.S. armed forces, will visit American servicemen and their families overseas during the Christmas season.

The cardinal's itinerary will take him to Goose Bay, Labrador, to Sondrestromfjord and Thule in Greenland, to Keflavik in Iceland, to Frankfurt in Germany, to Torrejon and Rota in Spain. Then the cardinal will visit the base in Guantanamo, Cuba, on New Year's Day as well as the Navy and Air Force Bases at Key West and Homestead before returning to New York.

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Diaconate head, nun air victims

WASHINGTON — Father William Philbin, executive director of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on the Permanent Diaconate, was among those killed in a plane crash near Chicago's Midway Airport.

The 47-year-old priest was killed in the crash (Dec. 8) that claimed the lives of 46 others, including Sister Mary Francis Sherman, 58, of the Sisters of Mercy of the Union. She was a member of her congregation's general council and lived at the

generalate in Bethesda, Md.

Father Philbin was going to Chicago to attend the ordination of 50 permanent deacons in his hometown of Chicago. Sister Francis was to represent the generalate at a conference of nuns in Chicago.

Attend Mass before launch

KENNEDY SPACE CENTER, Fla. — Mrs. Eugene A. Cernan, wife of the commander of the Apollo 17 lunar landing mission, and the Cernans' nine-year-old daughter, Teresa Dawn, attended a private Mass here before launching to pray for the success of the mission.

The Cernans attend St. Paul Catholic Church in Nassau Bay, Tex.

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Calendar of Events

SOCIALS
TUESDAY: St. Bernadette, 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: St. Francis de Sales, 1:30 to 11 a.m.; St. Roch, 7 to 11 p.m.; St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m. THURSDAY: St. Catherine's parish hall at 6:30 p.m.; Secena High School Cafeteria, 6 p.m. FRIDAY: St. Bernadette school auditorium, 6:30 p.m.; St. Rita's parish hall at 6:30 p.m.; St. Christopher, school social room, Speedway, 7 p.m. SATURDAY: St. Francis de Sales, 6 p.m. SUNDAY: Cardinal Ritter High School at 6 p.m.; St. Philip Neri parish hall at 5 p.m.; Catholic Community Center, 5 p.m.; Knights of Columbus, Council No. 437, 4 p.m.

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BEHIND THE NEWS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A Jesuit assigned to the Middle East said here recently that American Catholics today view Jerusalem primarily in "Christian-Pilgrim and Jewish nationalist terms," while the Vatican thinks of it in "Catholic-Muslim-Jewish and Palestinian-Jewish terms."

Father Joseph L. Ryan, S.J., a member of the Center for the Study of the Modern Arab World at St. Joseph's University, Beirut, Lebanon, addressed a Georgetown University audience.

Except for their tie with Rome, he said, American Catholics are "very much like most other Americans" (in their views of the Middle East situation) with the exception that many American Protestants have had extensive experience in the Middle East.

AMERICAN EVANGELICAL or fundamentalist Protestants, he asserted, take a "strict interpretation" of the Bible which "leads them to view the creation of the State of Israel and the future conversion of Jews as steps towards the 'last days,' (and) are for religious reasons disposed towards Israel."

"How American Catholics look at the Middle East is, therefore," Father Ryan

added, "heavily determined by how Americans in general look at the Middle East, namely, with a marked partiality for Israel."

"Reasons for this partiality are many," said the priest, who has spent the last 17 years in the Middle East. "As Americans we are culturally prejudiced, ignorant of

money, goods and services.

Catholic-Jewish ecumenical relations have also been an important part of American Catholic involvement in the Middle East, Father Ryan said. "Their aim—the implementation of the directives of Vatican II—are most laudable."

For a dissenting view, see *Magr. Higgins' column on this page.*

the Middle East, made mute by a fear of anti-Semitism (from within or without), and acutely sensitive to Jewish pressures."

AMONG ACTIVITIES undertaken in the Middle East by American Catholics he named the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and the Pontifical Mission for Palestine.

American Catholics have, since 1922, contributed more than \$54 million, and the Pontifical Mission has distributed more than \$100 million in

money, goods and services.

However, much of the activity undertaken to attain this aim has been overzealous."

"THE RESULTS have at times been counter-productive," he held, "because the efforts have, in notable instances, been one-sided, and hence not genuinely ecumenical."

"These interfaith relations," he continued, "are now in trouble. Jews frequently take initiative in the 'dialogue' in seeking support for Israel, but the Catholic response—and this is true of many 'liberal' Protestant reactions as well—is disappointing."

During his talk, Father Ryan pleaded for "openness on the part of American Catholics—and of all Americans: openness and equality, equal time, equal visits, equal standards of judgment, equal respect, equal human rights."

"The U.S. media—the Catholic

media included—bear a great responsibility in this matter," he said. This past year I attended, as an observer, two of the four days of the East-West communications seminar held last outside Beirut.

"The manifestations of bias on the part of some sincere and intelligent Western media representatives—and what is worse, their inability to recognize this bias—is depressing," he said.

HE OBSERVED that Americans—media representatives, churchmen, U.S.

legislators—go to the Middle East, "to one side only." Then, he said they come back to appear as "instant experts, oblivious to the fact that they have discriminated in the sources they have approached."

"American Christians and other Americans join in protesting the plight of Soviet Jews and their right, according to the Universal Charter of Human Rights, to leave (the Soviet Union)," he said, adding:

"What of the rights of Palestinians according to the same sentence in that charter, to return? If protesters are concerned with human rights—and some explicitly say they are—why the silence, why the double standard?" he asked.

He quoted from a letter sent earlier this year by Catholic bishops in the Holy Land to U.S. Catholic Bishops, which concluded:

"If you want peace, work for justice." This theme chosen by Pope Paul VI for the Fifth World Day for Peace sums up and explains our appeal.

"We have no other aim and seek nothing else but peace in justice for the inhabitants of the Holy Land—Christians, Moslems and Jews alike—because all are sons of the same Father and are equal in his love."

Providing for retired Religious

The eyes of Texas are upon one of the harshest realities of present day religious life. In that state, 44 retired Dominican Sisters have applied for Old Age Assistance from the Department of Public Welfare.

The agency's Houston office is studying their request and the official decision should create waves in every state and in many a religious order. If applications are approved, the Sisters should receive an estimated \$77 monthly plus medical assistance.

"We tried to struggle alone and not make our needs known," a spokesman for the Sisters said, "but we are poor, poor people and let's not be ashamed to say it."

The statement reveals the stark outlines of a Depression in some Orders. The small number of vocations, the continuing fall-out of members, leaves many without sufficient funds to care for their retirees. There are just not enough active, salary-contributing members.

Systematic retirement programs for Religious have only recently come under study and only a handful of Orders have implemented them. Less than 10 years ago, active members far

outnumbered retirees. The old folks were no burden. Now all that has changed. The vocation famine has forced many a community to sell property and cash in other assets in order to redeem pledges to those who gave all their working lives.

Under an amendment to the Social Security Act signed October 30, benefits will be awarded to men and women Religious who have taken poverty vows, provided their Orders elect coverage for members and for lay employees. Since the vow of poverty rules out wages as such, benefits to Religious will be calculated on the value of board, lodging, clothing, etc., with "minimum wages" set at \$100 a month.

Orders will have to pay both employer and employee taxes, thus making the cost considerable. The amendment, however, can eventually solve the dilemma for some communities.

Meanwhile, however, there is the tragic prospect of Religious going on relief. That's quite a comedown for a gallantly feisty immigrant Church founded to take care of its own.

—B.H. ACKELMIRE



"MY DOCTOR AND MY LAWYER NEVER HEARD OF A PERSONAL PROBLEM LIKE THAT, EITHER."

THE YARDSTICK

Insults, innuendoes

BY MSGR. GEORGE G. HIGGINS

Father Joseph Ryan, S.J., speaking in Washington recently under the auspices of the Middle East Affairs Council, charged that ecumenical relations between Christians and Jews in this country have suffered from Jewish insistence on support for Israel as a proof that Christians are not anti-Semitic.

Because of their limited contacts with the Middle East and with Arabs, Father Ryan said, American Catholics are heavily influenced by "how Americans in general look at the Middle East, namely with a marked partiality for Israel."

"Reasons for this partiality are many. As Americans we are culturally prejudiced, ignorant of the Middle East, made mute by fear of anti-Semitism (from within or without), and acutely sensitive to Jewish pressures."

THAT'S A GRATUITOUS insult to those American Catholics who are working in the field of Catholic-Jewish relations and an even greater insult to their Jewish friends and colleagues.

Equally insulting to our Jewish fellow citizens is Father Ryan's cavalier attempt to rewrite the history of the Six-Day War in 1967 and to play down or make slight of its military significance.



"Since 1967," he told his Washington audience, "ecumenical relations have been based on a false understanding of the situation. They have been based on the myth that there was a threat of annihilation of the Jewish people for the second time in a century." He branded this "myth" as "clearly false." The Six-Day War, he said, was "not a threat to (Israel's) security."

Father Ryan can believe that if he wants to. To the contrary, I think it's a complete falsification of the historical record.

FATHER RYAN has been promoting this line persistently for some time with a passion worthy of a better cause. In fact, he has spoken in this vein so frequently during the past several years that he has won the unenviable reputation of being one of the most vocal of all the pro-Arab, anti-Israel propagandists operating in the United States at the present time.

Father Ryan is obviously entitled to his own opinion about the Israel-Arab crisis, but, in my judgment, he is doing a great disservice to the cause of Catholic-Jewish relations in this country by injecting his own political views into the ecumenical dialogue and, even worse, by trying to play the Vatican off against American Catholics. This is an awkward attempt on his part to undermine the very effective work being done in this country by Father Edward Flannery, Executive Secretary of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations and by his diocesan counterparts throughout the United States.

Nor is this the first time that Ryan has tried to pull the rug out from under Father Flannery. Some time ago he sent a letter to every bishop in the United States trying to discredit Flannery's work in the field of Catholic-Jewish relations.

AS FATHER FLANNERY'S pro-tem predecessor on the staff of the Bishops' Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations, I feel some obligation, in fairness to Father Flannery and in fairness to the cause, to set the record straight regarding the relationship between Rome and the Bishops' Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations.

The fact is that Father Flannery, in his capacity as Executive Secretary of the Bishops' Committee, is in frequent and regular contact with the Vatican's Catholic-Jewish Secretariat and enjoys an excellent working relationship with its Director, Father Cornelius Rijk. Father Flannery's position on the subject of Catholic-Jewish relations is, in every major respect, identical with that of Rijk. His office is working in complete harmony with the Vatican Secretariat and not, as Father Ryan has irresponsibly charged, in opposition to Rome.

On the other hand, to my personal knowledge, Father Ryan and his supporters in this country have had little or no contact with Father Rijk's office and, in fact, seem to go out of their way to avoid meeting the staff of the Secretariat in Rome. The reason for this, I think, is very simple: They know perfectly well that the Secretariat doesn't agree with their position on Catholic-Jewish relations.

SECONDLY, I FIND it almost impossible to understand what Father Ryan was driving at when he said, in his recent speech, that "while Rome has active and sensitive dealings with many groups, American Catholics have—with few exceptions—dealings only or mainly with American Jews." This is a faulty and very misleading comparison. The Vatican, as an international center, is obviously expected to deal with all sorts of international groups.

On the other hand the Church in the United States is expected to deal only with those groups in this country which want ecumenical relations. The Church in the United States—operating through the NCCB Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs—deals not only with Jews, but with Protestants, Orthodox, non-believers, and has plans to dialogue with Moslems and with the various Eastern religions.

To say that the Church in this country doesn't deal with Arabs for fear of offending American Jews is to falsify the record. The Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, as indicated above, would welcome a continuing dialogue with Arab Moslems. However, there are several million Jews in the United States; there are relatively few Arab Moslems.

Abortion steamroller running out of steam?

Impending decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States will have a drastic, if not definitive, effect on the outcome of the abortion controversy. Whatever the nature of rulings to come, things are looking up for the pro-life forces. An air of cautious optimism has replaced the pervasive gloom of the past several years. The reasons for this are numerous.

Most important, only Florida has enacted a permissive abortion law in the past two years and a subsequent court decision left that state without any law on the books. Moreover, the Pennsylvania legislature recently approved a strict measure allowing abortion only to save the life of the mother and the New York legislature voted to repeal that state's free-wheeling statute enacted in 1970. In the last two cases, gubernatorial vetoes must be overcome.

It is clear, nonetheless, that the state of legislative affairs in 1972 is not at all what abortion forces had in mind when they prophesied that the New York law would stampede every other state assembly into going and doing likewise.

Indeed, the spectacular "effectiveness" of the New York law

has been a double-edged sword for its supporters. More than a quarter million abortions were performed during the first full year the law was enforced—a figure that surpassed even the wildest dreams of promoters but left in its wake the specter of moral and social expediency of scandalous proportions.

As myth was turning into monster in New York, state supreme court rulings in North Dakota, Missouri and Indiana gladdened the hearts of the pro-lifers. In each instance, courts upheld the constitutionality of old laws and underscored the legal rights of the unborn. There were a few losses as well—most recently in California where the restriction of approval from a hospital committee was struck down—but the edge remained with anti-abortion groups.

The most exciting developments, however, have been the increasing groundswell of opinion against personal anarchy and the consolidation of pro-life forces.

The latter was most evident during last month's elections in Michigan and North Dakota, where referendums overwhelmingly defeated permissive abortion proposals. Catholic leadership was a major factor in Michigan, but not the only one. In North Dakota, an ecumenical campaign promoted opposition and abortion never surfaced as a "Catholic issue."

Support for anti-abortion positions is growing steadily among Protestant and Jewish elements throughout the country. Local and regional Right to Life committees are more frequently strongly interreligious. This gratifying disbursement of effort can be attributed to public awareness of the reality and implications of permissive legislation.

In New York, sociologists have charted the fast progression of abortion from an emergency

measure to routine use as contraception. Acceptance of the destruction of fetal life as a purely medical decision has encouraged an amoral view of sexuality and eroded what many consider to be the last line of defense of personal integrity and responsibility. Thoughtful citizens, regardless of religious affiliation, have begun to rebel.

This doesn't mean pro-life forces can let up. It is crucially important that they learn to recognize all the subtle propaganda of their opponents and that they learn to articulate a reasoned response.

Fortunately, many parishes recognize the need for specific, detailed information and are now scheduling discussions on abortion. Particularly useful are panel discussions being sponsored in cooperation with the Preservation of Life Committee. Audiences come away understanding better why abortion is wrong and what they as individuals can do about it. This kind of parish-level communication has been sorely needed and we urge anyone who has the opportunity to make a point of attending one of the panel discussions. Being "agin" abortion is not enough.

—B.H.A.

Constitutional road charted by attorney

WASHINGTON, D.C.—A lawyer has suggested that President Nixon can constitutionally devise a means of providing state aid to non-public schools.

Raymond L. Wise, writing in the magazine, U.S. Catholic, maintained that a program of state aid to non-public schools could be declared constitutional if it had no "excessive governmental entanglement with religion."

In his article, Wise reviewed the 1907 ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court which upheld tax exemption for property used exclusively for religious purposes, and suggested that this could be applied to state aid to education.

YOUR WORLD AND MINE Latin American 'Lib'

BY GARY MacEOIN

"Women's lib movements are appearing everywhere in Latin America, especially among youth and in sophisticated circles, with campaigns for emancipations, feminist organizations, and a search for new styles of coexistence for men and women: in the family, in society at large, in the church."

That statement is from a 34-page document drafted by a committee of 23 Latin American nuns representing 12 countries and 19 religious congregations. They had worked for more than two years, in response to a request made in 1969 by the Latin American Conference of Sisters, on a study of the nun in contemporary Latin America.

They confirm what was already rather widely known, that Latin America has always been a man's world, with women "a figure of passivity, criticism, submissiveness and dependence." But all that is changing, they assure us.

Women are finding out how cruelly she has been alienated by being relegated to functions presumed to be obviously hers. And that goes for nuns, too.

LATIN AMERICA has over 120,000 nuns, nearly as many as we have in the United States. Of course, the population of the region is nearly half as much again as that of the U.S. and distributed in an area two and a half times our size. In addition, with an acute shortage of priests, there is far greater need of nuns. In fact, many of them are assigned for pastoral work to parishes which have no priest.

Nuns, in addition, are unevenly distributed, one to every 18,400 people in Honduras, and to each 1,026 people in Colombia. Most of them are in cities, yet very few in working class neighborhoods or in the mushrooming suburban slums.

While 36 per cent are in education, mostly teaching the children of the wealthy, only 24 per cent have done university studies, with a mere four per cent in theology. And 31 per cent never even finished elementary school.

YET ANOTHER complication is that 25 per cent of nuns are foreigners, and the foreigners play a part in decision making even greater than their substantial numbers. Of 500 congregations in Latin America, 300 have their international headquarters outside the continent. Nearly three-quarters of them have

general superiors who are not Latin Americans, and a still higher proportion of provincial superiors come from countries not included in their jurisdiction.

The committee has sketched for the nun of tomorrow a scenario very different from that of the past. In line with the theology of liberation which has become popular in progressive circles in Latin America, it stresses commitment to liberation as a first step, first liberating themselves as individuals and as communities, then collaborating in the liberation of others, facing the risks involved in the active pursuit of justice.

THE NEW NUN is next called on to withdraw from the traditional service to the upper classes and give priority to the needs of the poor. One highly praised activity is basic education, defined as "working for the most oppressed groups in society, restoring their confidence in their inherent dignity as persons, and awakening in them—through a liberating conscientization process—all the dormant resources of their rich and original popular culture."

Equally removed from traditional attitudes is a call to nuns to form the core of basic church communities, while at the same time maintaining their own real separate existence as Religious. They should be able to move among the members of such basic communities "as women of faith, balanced and fulfilled, able to share with others a large part of their consecrated lives and activities."

For this, they are advised to train not only in pastoral work, but in group dynamics and human relations techniques. The Latin American male, especially the priest accustomed to demure and submissive nuns, will also need some recycling to live in this new women's world.

Schools scar Chicano students, report says

ABILENE, Tex.—A report sharply criticizing the Texas educational system's "abysmal failure to meet the educational needs of the Mexican-American quarter of the population" was presented to the Baptist General Convention of Texas here by its Christian Life Commission.

James M. Dunn, executive secretary of the commission, commented that "Texas public schools are reported to have the highest Mexican-American dropout rate of any state in the nation—60 per cent."

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DOES CHRISTIANITY HAVE AN INTERSTELLAR MISSION?

Man and the Lord of Space and Time

Speculation preceding Apollo 17, the last of the manned moonshots, was frequently based on the hope for development of a "theology of Earth."

Man was now convinced, some scholars said, that the solar system was a cold, sterile, disappointing place with but one hospitable exception—his own planet. He would soon begin to acknowledge this uniqueness and express it politically and philosophically.

Now that man realizes there's nowhere else to go and no meaningful life elsewhere, he will start taking better care of what he has, they concluded.

There were, however, others who scoffed at the "finality" of such views. They see the halt in manned extra-orbital exploration as only temporary. Man cannot and will not refuse the challenge of outer space, they insist. For these theorists there was speculation not on a theology of Earth, but on a theology of the universe.

Among this latter group is Sandra Miesel, whose Apollo-inspired article follows. Mrs. Miesel, a student of science fiction as well as space exploration, was at Cape Kennedy last week for the last of the moon landing launches.

Mrs. Miesel has written science fiction critiques for U.S., Canadian, and British publications. She has a B.S. degree in chemistry from the College of St. Francis, Joliet, Ill.; an M.S. in biochemistry and an A.M. in medieval history, both from the University of Illinois.

A member of St. Luke's parish, Indianapolis, she is married to a chemist and is the mother of three children.

We think readers will find her article a provocative leaping-off place for their own thoughts on space.—The Editors.

BY SANDRA MIESEL

Are the infinite spaces charged with terror—or the grandeur of God? Thoughtful unbelievers tremble at the silent vastness of the skies. They feel crushed by man's insignificance in a clockwork universe inexorably running down. But Christians admire the heavens as God's purposeful handiwork. We know we matter because He cares for us. Trust in His Will and Presence will continue to nourish our earth-bred faith among the farthest stars.

Future space discoveries may cause theological tensions, but they will likewise unfold fantastic new opportunities to learn more about God and His relations with His creatures. The Old Testament traces religious evolution as the Jews come to recognize Abraham's family divinity as the sole, supreme God while the New Testament records the extension of His grace to all mankind. Interplanetary and interstellar man must continue this expansion of religious consciousness.

We must accept the known fact that our solar system is not the center of the universe—Earth's only rightful boast is that Christ dwelt upon her. We must banish all childish, manlike notions of the Godhead. God is not our local white-bearded landlord. He is the Eternal Lord of all Space and all Time: of the universes which preceded ours and those which will succeed it, of homo sapiens and all other rational beings.

NEW ENVIRONMENTS

Theologians are just beginning to assess the impact of present space programs on our attitudes towards ourselves and our world. Extrasolar exploration and colonization will present special challenges.

Assuming that Einstein's theories hold, and faster than light travel remains impossible, human colonists in other star systems will be out of contact with the home world for years at a time. New environments will inevitably produce social, cultural, psychological, even physiological changes. These are bound to be reflected in colonial Christianity as they are in different regions of Earth.

Symbols will have to be adapted to the circumstances of new worlds: compound solar systems, drastic differences of calendar and climate, absence of familiar flora and fauna.

Will the Prologue to St. John's Gospel be as meaningful on a planet which never knows total darkness?

How will the connotations of Living Water change on a world wholly ocean or desert?

Will green still signify hope and rebirth where native plants lack chlorophyll?

Can a dove continue to represent the Holy Spirit or the Lamb of God where no doves or lambs exist? If bread and wine

are unobtainable, must not the Eucharistic elements be changed?

CHANGES IN CHURCH POLITY

Each colony would require its own liturgical calendar. Adapted rites would develop to suit each culture. Local saints and unique new modes of spirituality would eventually appear. Isolation would dictate changes in Church polity—colonists could not easily consult Rome. They would have to depend on episcopal synods or even planetary patriarchs for guidance.

However human nature is modified by expansion beyond this sun, temptations to sin will persist. Enlarging our domain also enlarges our potential for harm.

Technical advances will have to be paralleled by ethical advances in order to act responsibly in unprecedented new situations.

Contact with intelligent alien beings will drastically broaden our religious horizon. If other reasoning creatures exist, we must assume God is just as concerned for their salvations as for our own. It follows that some means of salvation—however exotic from our viewpoint—is available to every rational being.

Relating hypothetical alien religions to Christianity requires distinctions between universal and particular elements of our own faith. The universals include the kernel of the Old Testament stripped of its cultural husk. The prime particular is, of course, Christ Himself. Is He cosmic or local? Is His the sole Incarnation or one example of many?

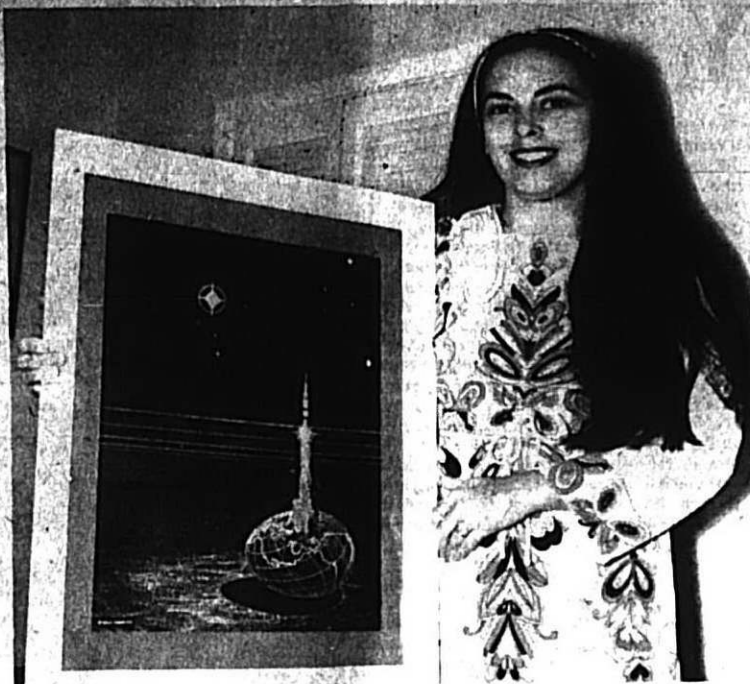
MORE THAN ONE CHRIST?

Teilhard de Chardin's evolutionary mysticism ignores the possibility of alien intelligence and insists on a single Incarnation. Obviously if man is alone in the universe, a single Christ will suffice.

However, Teilhard based his position on an old, now disproven cosmological theory which held that planets form only by freakish accident. Our solar system was thought to be virtually unique in the universe. Now astronomers are convinced that most stars are equipped with planets. A multiplicity of worlds and lifeforms is a more exciting starting point for speculation.

There is no determining the total number of stars in this universe but our own galaxy contains approximately 100 billion of them.

Astronomer Carl Sagan estimates one billion planets are capable of supporting life and perhaps as many as one million boast technical civilizations. We cannot expect to meet—much less communicate effectively with—every intelligent race. Those too distant in time or space will never hear of Christ from us. Therefore,



SANDRA MIESEL holds "Earth Egg," one of a series of posters by Kelly Freas publicizing the space program. Freas, a science fiction artist, will design the distinctive patches to be worn by Skylab crews (Staff photo by Fred W. Fries).

multiple revelations would still be required for universal access to salvation even if we are intended to bear Christian witness among the stars.

Perhaps Christ belongs solely to those born of Earth. We might imagine His redemptive merits stretching backwards in time to proto-men and forwards to any new rational species which may eventually evolve from terrestrial stock.

AQUINAS' UNFALLEN RACES

The notion of multiple Incarnations of any of the Divine Persons is the most tantalizing of alternate salvation histories. Might not God assume alien flesh, wear fur or feathers or scales? Can we picture a tentacled Madonna? Is a Daughter of God worshipped on some distant world? Aslan, the Divine Lion, in C. S. Lewis's Narnia books is a splendid example of this.

But not all extraterrestrials may have been granted an Incarnation. God may speak to them through prophets and sages instead.

Although Aquinas wondered about unfallen races, the probability of their existence must be negligible. If they exist, however, did God manifest Himself to them in full majesty, not as a suffering Savior but as a loving King? We would be better off never meeting such beings lest we corrupt them or they stun us into self loathing.

We must learn how to discern the Truth among a plethora of truths in alien creeds. How can we share beliefs? Should we make converts? What if they try to convert us? This will demand an incomparably subtle and sophisticated mission theology. Our difficulties in assimilating Oriental faiths are slight in comparison.

DELIGHTING IN DIVERSITY

Religious interaction with extraterrestrials is not without hazard. Some humans may revere superior aliens as substitute gods just as flying saucer cultists do now. Or some aliens may adore us. Men and aliens may all sink into an indifferent syncretistic pantheism or else our differences may prove mutually outrageous.

Could we withstand the shock of

meeting a superbly wise Elder Race who were absolute atheists?

How would the Russians react if they fail to find the equivalent of Soviet Man on other planets? Would Christ scandalize a race not favored with an Incarnation?

Yet meeting a vast plentitude of other creatures made in God's image and destined, like us, to share His glory must refine our notion of Whom it is we all resemble. God's delight in diversity and unity will ultimately resolve all contradictions and reveal the interrelationships of all salvation histories in a cosmic parousia of unimaginable form.

Spacefaring can revolutionize our attitudes towards ourselves, our fellow-beings, and God. To taste the special wonders of alien worlds by their teeming billions will give us a grander view of the universe and a truer understanding of our place in it. We will experience as never before the overflowing prodigality of God's Love.

Orthodox rabbis tongue-lash TV's Bridget, Bernie

NEW YORK—A national organization of Orthodox Jewish rabbis and educators has urged CBS-TV to discontinue the "Bridget Loves Bernie" television series, calling the show "a flagrant insult and act of disrespect to Orthodox Judaism and . . . most non-Orthodox Jews."

The Rabbinical Alliance of America charged here that "religion is not a joke or a nonsensical anachronism or a subject for satire which this series attempts to make of it."

In its appeal, the 500-member alliance declared: "Moreover, we who in our lifetime lost one third of our people to the Nazis 'final solution' cannot accept with equanimity this television series' encouragement of the spiritual genocide of American Jewry through intermarriage—the main theme of the series."

THE RABBINICAL Alliance pointed out that intermarriage is strictly forbidden by Jewish law.

"Yet this series not merely condones intermarriage but repeatedly suggests it is desirable, by having the inter-married couple as the heroes while portraying their parents, who oppose the practice, as being prejudiced, foolish, out of tune with the times, and just not 'with it,'" the Alliance said.

"IN ADDITION," the Alliance contended, "there is the misinformation of this series conveying to the young the

impression that only minor difficulties, often of a humorous nature, are experienced in inter-marriage, when actually, in most cases, far more serious difficulties occur."

The Saturday night series about the marriage of a Catholic woman and a Jewish man has been strongly criticized by Jewish and Catholic agencies and publications.

One diocesan weekly called the series "phony to the core" and said the portrayals are caricatures of bygone days.

Accent on having isolates elderly

MILWAUKEE—An American emphasis on possession, production and profit contributes to the loneliness of the elderly, according to a priest who works with the aged.

"We see having as more important than being . . .

"We face being old when we cannot live up to what we should produce, Father Larry Honnold told managers and administrators of long term health care facilities meeting here.

"TO PRODUCE means to profit and according to our standards the more we profit the more successful we are . . . but old age cannot be equated with productive effort.

"Old persons don't do anything. They

live. They exist. They be. And, we fail to recognize that beingness as something sacred."

"A person who loses his inner self has nothing to live for," he noted. "When a person can't produce or create he feels a sense of nothingness. Try to understand this feeling by telling yourself 'I am worth nothing—absolutely nothing.'"

"DO WE HAVE TO accept this? Does this have to be the definition of old age? It doesn't. Aging can and should be a movement into greater and greater maturity and life.

"It's easy to see old people live toward destruction but difficult to see old people live toward enrichment and enlightenment."

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QUESTION BOX

Why didn't Jesus preach to the Gentiles?

BY MRS. R. T. BOSLER

Q. Why did Jesus preach the Gospel only to the Jews and not to the Gentiles? Why did he appoint only Jews as his Apostles?

A. "Salvation is from the Jews," Jesus explained to the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:22. Hard as it may be to swallow, that is the only answer we get today for your problem. All the first Christians were Jews. Christianity began in the synagogue. Christ came not to destroy the Law but to fulfill it. And there is the point. Jesus is the fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham, Moses and David and renewed through the prophets.

This is clearly taught throughout the New Testament, but explicitly in the early preaching of the Gospel, as in the words of Peter to the Jews in Acts 3: "You are the heirs of the prophets, the heirs of the covenant God made with our ancestors when he told Abraham, 'In your offspring all the families of the earth will be blessed.'"

The Messiah was to be a Jew, a new and greater Moses. Jesus was born a Jew and was careful to remain a faithful Jew to the end. By confining his work to preaching to the "lost sheep of Israel," he emphasized God's faithfulness to his promises to Abraham and his descendants. For the same reason he chose only Jews to be Apostles, so that the promise would be fulfilled that in Abraham's offspring all the families of the earth would be blessed.

The Jews were to be the first to receive the Good News. Even St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, preached first to the Jews in the cities he visited. Most of them

rejected Jesus as the Messiah. But we must never forget that the first Christians were the Jews who did believe in Him and that we are Johnnies-come-lately among the chosen people.

If we Christians understand our heritage, we should feel close to our Jewish neighbors, for as St. Paul says: "They are descended from the patriarch and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God forever blessed."

Q. According to Matthew 12:32, sin against the Holy Spirit cannot be forgiven either in this world or in the next. I have been informed that the sin against the Holy Spirit is to ascribe to the Devil the works of the Holy Spirit. Does this mean practicing black magic, devil worship and the like? What would happen to a guilty person who asked for forgiveness in confession? Shouldn't he be denied absolution?

Anyone who asks for forgiveness in confession is presumed to be sorry for his sins if he is willing to stop doing what was wrong. So, even a devil worshiper, if he repents with the grace of God, is to be forgiven.

The sin against the Holy Spirit has long been a difficult problem for Biblical scholars. The good news of the New Testament is that God wants to save all men and sent forth his Son to make this possible. How reconcile this with a sin that cannot be forgiven? Scripture is often its own best interpreter. In the Epistle to the Hebrews, 6:4-6, we read: "As for those people who were once brought into the light, and tasted the gift from heaven, and received a share of the Holy Spirit, and appreciated the good message of God and the powers of the world to come and yet in spite of this have fallen away, it is impossible for them to be renewed a second time. They cannot be repentant if they

have wilfully crucified the Son of God and openly mocked him."

In other words, there is no forgiveness for one who knowingly and deliberately refuses to believe in the power of Christ's sacrifice to save. The unforgivable sin is the sin of refusing the grace of the Holy Spirit which would help one believe in the saving power of Christ and move one to seek forgiveness. The only sinner who cannot be forgiven is the one who does not want to be forgiven, and the one who does not want to be forgiven is the one who refuses the graces of the Holy Spirit. Is this the answer? It's one answer. There may be better ones. But one thing is sure, God does not refuse forgiveness to anyone who cooperates with his graces and seeks forgiveness.

Q. Please tell us when the Gloria and the Nicene Creed were eliminated from the Sunday Mass. At our church we have two very young priests who never recite these beautiful prayers. Also, they compose their own prayers as they go along instead of what the present missal prescribes for

the opening prayer, the prayer over the gifts and the after communion prayer. These priests are very hard to follow and are also very distracting.

A. Why not talk over the problem with one of the young priests? The Creed is still prescribed for Sunday Masses and the Gloria also, except during Advent and

Lent. The new Mass does allow considerable choice for the orations. But, I can surely sympathize with you if your priests are composing their prayers on the spur of the moment. The best commentators on the new Mass warn against this, for without careful preparation ahead of time, these self-composed prayers can

be a disaster and detract from the liturgy. Unless the priest is a rare genius he had better use the prayers assigned—especially now that we have the translations from the new sacramentary that are superbly adapted to our day.

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Keeping faith was no problem in high school

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ferior, because I had never had one. Catholics to whom I have told the story assure me that if I had gone to a Catholic school I'd have had plenty.

Which brings me to the Catholic Church in Australia, in which I spent my first 23 years. The Methodist Church as I knew it was so very English (with a dash of Scotch—which reminds me that every Methodist I met was a tea-totaller). The Catholic Church was so very international. The Marist Fathers, one of whom baptized me, was French. I was instructed for Confession and Communion by a Sacred Heart Father—an Alsatian I think.

Mention of the Marists reminds me of a story about one of them. A most charitable man, he was asked for money by a beggar. He said that he had come out without any money at all. The beggar urged him to search his pockets. The priest said there was no point, he had had nothing all the previous day, had meant to replenish, but forgot. The beggar said: "Say a prayer to Our Lady, Father, and try again." The priest said the prayer, and found a pound in a trouser pocket. He gave it to the beggar, returned home and told his brethren of the miracle. One of them said: "You were wearing my trousers." A silly story, but I never hear report of a miracle

without thinking of it. Curious, the things that stick in a boy's memory.

TO RETURN TO THE question of nationality: the first and second Archbishops of Sydney were English Benedictine monks from Downside Abbey. Under the first, that very great man Polding, St. Mary's was made a Benedictine Cathedral with a Chapter of Monks, and the presbytery was made a Benedictine Priory. The dream of an English Benedictine Church in Australia had from the first a kind of eerie improbability about it: for the overwhelming majority of priests and people were Irish. The dream did not last long. The second Archbishop, Roger Bede Vaughan, dissolved the Benedictine Chapter and some of the monks became secular priests. He himself reigned only four years, dying on a visit to England. The new Archbishop, Patrick Moran, would not pay the cost of bringing his body back to Sydney for burial in the Cathedral. The Irish were in full possession.

In my time whenever a See fell vacant, a priest was brought from Ireland to fill the vacancy. What the Australian priests thought about this succession of Irishmen by Irishmen I had no way of knowing. But I never heard it questioned. It seemed to us in

the nature of things. The King's representatives—the Governor General of the Commonwealth and the Governors of the six states—were invariably Englishmen. Well, then—

I have forgotten when the first born Australian became a bishop. Long after my time, certainly. Probably about the time the first Australian born became Governor of New South Wales.

THE IRISH BISHOPS became fully Australian, or at least Australianized. Cardinal Moran urged the foundation of the Australian Commonwealth, of an Australian citizen army and an Australian navy. Archbishop Mannix of Melbourne was to lead the fight against conscription of Australians for the first World War.

By the non-Catholic world their Australia First line was taken to be a mere pretense, a continuation of Ireland's conflict with the Old Enemy: it was Sinn Féin applied to Australia, simply as a stick to beat England. Catholics did not see it so, not clearly anyhow. There was a division in our own selves. For myself I thought of myself as Irish-Australian with the emotional accent on the Irish. It was on my first visit to Ireland at the age of 25, at last meeting the Irish Irish, that I realized my full Australianness.



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Quarterfinal Quiz round set Sunday

Eight teams remain in the Junior CYO-Criterion Quiz Contest as the quarterfinal round is scheduled this Sunday, Dec. 17. Three of the four original entries from St. Catherine's parish are still in the running.

High scores in last Sunday's second round were registered by St. Catherine's No. 1 team with 180, St. Barnabas No. 1 and St. Pius X No. 1, both 100.

Winners in this week's quarterfinals will compete Sunday, Dec. 31, as semifinals. The finals are tentatively scheduled on WFBM Radio on Thursday, Jan. 4.

Pairings for Sunday's matches will include:

Bracket I—St. Catherine No. 3 at St. Simon No. 2; Bracket II—Our Lady of Lourdes No. 1 at St. Barnabas No. 1; Bracket III—St. Catherine No. 1 at St. Pius X No. 1; and Bracket IV—St. Joan of Arc No. 3 at St. Catherine No. 4.

Questions for Sunday's round will be taken from the Criterion issues of November 24, December 1 and 8.

Girl cagers in final game

INDIANAPOLIS—Finals in the Cadet Girls Basketball League playoffs were held Thursday, Dec. 14, between St. Simon's (Blue) and Holy Spirit.

St. Simon's Division II winner eliminated Division I winner St. Joan of Arc 61-33 last Sunday to earn its way to the game against the Division III winner, Holy Spirit.

The top 16 teams in the league will participate in the St. Andrew's Invitational Tourney, to be held from December 17 to 22. Defending tourney champion is St. Simon's.

Thirty years ago Brother Benedict Gervais, C.S.C., was named principal of Cathedral High School.



PRAYS OUT HIS OPTION

Bengals acquire Browns' chaplain

CINCINNATI — Father Richard J. Connelly, who prayed out his option as chaplain of the Cleveland Browns early this year, apparently has not yet adjusted to the prayer formations of his new team, the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Bengals and the Browns clashed (Dec. 9) in the latest installment of one of professional football's most heated rivalries, and the Browns came out on top, 27-24.

Before going over to the Bengals, Father Connelly had doubled for four years as chaplain of both teams. But the Bengals bought out his option for one dollar at the beginning of the 1972 season.

This deal prompted a local sports writer to bemoan that the Bengals were getting greedy. He pointed out that not only had the Bengals obtained Father Connelly but they also got an altar boy from the Browns.

THE ALTAR BOY in this case was former Browns' star Ernie Kellerman who served the Masses said by Father Connelly

for Cleveland players each week-end. The Bengals picked up Kellerman at the start of this season and, the day he joined the Bengals, Kellerman teamed up with Father Connelly at a Mass.

The Bengals also have the Browns' former coach—Paul Brown, who made Cleveland a football power, and is striving to make Cincinnati a power, too.

It was under Paul Brown that Father Connelly broke into pro football in 1946 when the Cleveland Browns were founded. He was the second pro football team chaplain. The first was Father Dudley, a Franciscan priest who's been with the New York Giants for 30 years. Until around 1956, however, Fathers Connelly and Dudley were the only chaplains in pro football. Now all teams have one.

YOU MIGHT SAY that former Cleveland great "Lou the Toe" Groza scouted Father Connelly for the Browns. The two met when the priest was assigned to the parish at Martins Ferry, Ohio, Groza's hometown. Groza introduced Father Connelly to Coach Brown and, for the next 26 years, the priest was part of the Cleveland team.

His association with the Browns even was formalized in a contract. His pay: \$1 a year. However, there was a clause that provided a \$50 bonus if he could pray the Browns to the NFL title.

When present Browns' owner Art Modell took over the club, Father Connelly tried to renegotiate his contract. He sought \$150 a year, but Modell told him he could get a Methodist minister for 75 cents. Father Connelly signed again for a dollar.

Lady of Grace plans cantata

BEECH GROVE, Ind.—A Christmas cantata, "Christ the Light of the World," will be presented in the Student Center of Our Lady of Grace Academy at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 19. A combined chorus of 116 voices composed of the freshman, senior and special choral groups will sing the cantata. It is under the direction of Sister Harriet Woehler, O.S.B., and Miss Ellen Williams.

The program will begin with a selection in Gregorian chant and progress to Handel's "Messiah" and a contemporary composition, "Gaudemus," by Sleeth. The program will close with the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Solo numbers, duets, and small groups as well as the full chorus will be featured. Stage effects will carry out the theme. The public is invited to attend the cantata.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

CADET GIRLS BASKETBALL LEAGUE FINAL STANDINGS

Division I—St. Joan of Arc 7-0; Immaculate Heart 5-2; All Saints 3-2; St. Michael 2-3; St. Christopher 2-4; St. Monica 3-4; St. Martin 1-4; Holy Trinity 0-2.
Division II—St. Simon (Blue) 7-0; St. Pius X 6-1; Little Flower 5-2; St. Matthew 4-3; St. Andrew 3-4; St. Philip (Neri) 2-3; St. Rita 1-4; St. Lawrence (Red) 0-2.
Division III—Holy Spirit 8-0; St. Mark 7-1; St. Jude 6-2; Our Lady of Lourdes 5-3; St. Patrick 4-4; St. Simon (White) 3-3; St. Bernadette 2-6; Our Lady of Greenwood 1-7; St. Lawrence (White) 0-8.

BOYS' BASKETBALL "A" LEAGUE

Division I—St. Barnabas 2-0; St. Jude 2-0; St. Pius X 2-0; St. Michael 1-1; St. Simon 1-1; Holy Name 1-1; Holy Spirit 1-1; St. Lawrence 0-2; Our Lady of Greenwood 0-1; St. Matthew 0-2; St. Christopher 1-1; Christ the King 0-2; Our Lady of Lourdes 0-2; Immaculate Heart 0-2.
Division II—St. Andrew 2-0; Mt. Carmel 2-0; St. Rita 2-0; St. Joan of Arc 1-1; St. Philip (Neri) 1-1; St. Gabriel 1-1; St. Christopher 1-1; Christ the King 0-2; Our Lady of Lourdes 0-2; Immaculate Heart 0-2.
Division III—St. Michael 0-2; St. Roch 1-0; All Saints 1-0; St. Luke 1-1; St. Catherine 1-1; St. Thomas 1-1; St. Bernadette 1-1; St. Mark 0-2; St. Monica 0-2.
Division IV—Holy Cross 2-0; St. Martin 2-0; St. Ann 2-0; St. James 1-1; Our Lady of Greenwood 1-1; St. Patrick 0-1; Holy Trinity 0-1; Nativity 0-2; Sacred Heart 0-2.

"B" LEAGUE

Division I—St. Christopher 2-0; St. Pius X 2-0; St. Gabriel 2-0; St. Rita 2-0; St. Andrew 1-1; Immaculate Heart (Blue) 1-1; Holy Name 0-2; St. Michael 0-2; St. Lawrence 0-2; Christ the King 0-2.
Division II—Holy Name 2-0; Holy Spirit 2-0; St. Lawrence 2-0; St. Matthew (Black) 2-0; St. Simon 1-1; Little Flower (Gold) 1-1; Our Lady of Lourdes 0-1; St. Catherine 0-1; St. Jude 0-2; St. Barnabas (Red) 0-2; St. Michael "C" 0-2.
Division III—St. Matthew (Red) 2-0; Little Flower (White) 2-0; St. Michael "D" 2-0; St. Bernadette 2-0; St. Luke 1-1; St. Barnabas (White) 1-1; St. Mark 0-2; St. James 0-2; Mt. Carmel 0-2; Immaculate Heart (White) 0-2.

CADET "A" LEAGUE

Division I—St. Jude 2-0; St. Rita 2-0; St. Simon 2-0; St. Andrew 1-1; Holy Spirit 1-1; St. Pius X 1-1; Little Flower (Blue) 1-1; Holy Name 0-2; St. Michael 0-2; St. Lawrence 0-2.
Division II—Immaculate Heart 2-0; St. Matthew 2-0; St. Philip (Neri) 2-0; Mt. Carmel 1-0; St. Barnabas 1-1; Our Lady of Lourdes 0-1; St. Gabriel 0-2; St. Joan of Arc 0-2; Christ the King 0-2.
Division III—St. Catherine 2-0; St. Thomas 2-0; St. Mark 2-0; Holy Trinity 1-0; St. Luke 1-1; St. Michael 1-1; St. Malachy 0-2; St. Monica 0-2; St. Martin 0-2.
Division IV—St. Patrick 2-0; Holy Cross 1-1; All Saints 1-1; Nativity 1-1; St. Roch 1-1; St. James 1-1; St. Bernadette 1-1; Sacred Heart 0-1; Our Lady of Greenwood 0-1.

CADET "B" LEAGUE

Division I—St. Mark 2-0; St. Michael "B" 2-0; St. Rita 2-0; St.

Andrew 1-1; St. Gabriel 1-1; St. Luke "B" 1-1; St. Malachy 1-1; St. Pius X 1-1; St. Thomas 1-1; Immaculate Heart (Blue) 0-2; St. Christopher 0-2; St. Joan of Arc 0-2.
Division II—St. Barnabas 2-0; St. Philip (Neri) 2-0; St. Simon 2-0; Holy Name 1-1; Holy Spirit 1-1; St. Jude 1-1; St. Matthew (Red) 1-1; Little Flower (Blue) 0-2; Our Lady of Lourdes 0-2; St. Lawrence 0-2.
Division III—Little Flower (Gold) 2-0; St. Catherine 2-0; St. Luke "C" 2-0; St. Matthew (White) 2-0; Immaculate Heart (White) 1-1; St. Gabriel 1-1; St. Bernadette 0-2; St. James 0-2; St. Michael "C" 0-2; Mt. Carmel 0-2.

FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE

Division I—Holy Trinity 2-0; Mt. Carmel 2-0; NYAA "A" 2-0; St. Christopher 1-1; St. Malachy 1-1; St. Luke 0-2; St. Martin 0-2; St. Monica 0-2.
Division II—Immaculate Heart 2-0; St. Rita 2-0; St. Joan of Arc 1-1; St. Matthew 1-1; St. Pius X 1-1; NYAA "B" 1-1; St. Andrew 0-2; St. Lawrence 0-2.
Division III—St. Catherine 2-0; St. Mark 2-0; St. Jude 1-1; Holy Name 0-2; St. Roch 0-2; Southport Christian 0-2.
Division IV—Our Lady of Lourdes 2-0; Holy Cross 1-1; Nativity 1-1; St. Philip (Neri) 1-1; St. Simon 1-1; Holy Spirit 0-1; Little Flower 0-1.

JUNIOR-SENIOR

Division I—St. Anthony 2-0; St. Malachy 2-0; NYAA "A" 1-0; Holy Trinity 1-1; St. Ann 1-1; St. Christopher 1-1; St. Michael 0-1; St. Gabriel 0-2; St. Martin 0-2.
Division II—Mt. Carmel 2-0; St. Matthew 2-0; St. Lawrence "B" 1-0; North Methodist 1-1; St. Rita 1-1; Immaculate Heart 1-1; St. Luke 0-1; St. Pius X 0-2; Lifeline 0-2.
Division III—St. Barnabas 2-0; St. Catherine 2-0; St. Mark 2-0; St. Roch 1-1; Nativity 0-1; St. Jude 0-2; Our Lady of Greenwood 0-2; St. Simon "B" 0-2.
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MARIAN STAR—Senior Bill Smith is the top scorer for the Marian Knights this season with a 21-point average through the first nine games. Ed Schilling's charges got off to a fast start, winning the opening 3 games. They then lost four in a row before edging Franklin College, 82-80, in a thriller on Dec. 5. A loss to perennial rival Bellarmine on Dec. 10 brought the Knights' record to 4 wins and 5 losses. The result of the Dec. 13th game against Rose-Hulman was not available at press time. The next home game is set for Jan. 3 against St. Francis of Ft. Wayne.

SOLOIST—Mary Strange, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Strange, Batesville, will be a featured violin soloist at the annual Christmas musical to be presented by Immaculate Conception Academy, Oldenburg. The program, entitled "Joy to the World," will be presented at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 17, and at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, in the Academy auditorium. The school's orchestra and choruses will perform. Julie Laugle, also of Batesville, will be the vocal soloist. The public is invited.

Emigrants' plight cited by pontiff

VATICAN CITY — Pope Paul VI expressed sadness and concern for emigrants who are forced to leave their families and homelands in search of work.

The pontiff, in a brief address to pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for his weekly Sunday Noon blessing, took note of the "Day of the Emigrant," observed throughout the world on Dec. 3.

Calling the life of an emigrant "a sad and painful human drama," the Pope urged all men to be particularly sensitive to the needs of "these unfortunate people."

CYO NOTES

A reminder to coaches was issued by CYO officials this week about forthcoming holiday basketball tourneys. Host parishes for the tourneys will include: Our Lady of Lourdes, Cadet A; Holy Spirit, "56" A; southside parishes, Cadet A; Little Flower (tentative), "56" B; St. Philip Neri, Cadet B; and St. Malachy, four-team Junior-Senior Tourney.

Information has been distributed for the Archdiocesan Cadet Science Fair and the Junior Style Show. Deadline for the latter event, to be held at Holy Name parish January 28 is January 12.

Other deadlines for winter sports: Cadet Boys Wrestling League, January 3; Cadet Girls Volleyball League, December 21; St. Joan of Arc Junior Girls Volleyball Tourney, January 4.



SCOUT EXECUTIVE—Father John Ryan, pastor of St. Anthony's parish, Indianapolis, and Archdiocesan Director of the Catholic Committee on Scouting, was recently named chairman of the East-Central Region and a member of the National Executive Committee for Catholic Scouting. The region includes Indiana, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and part of Iowa.

Woman heads campus ministry

DETROIT—The new coordinator of campus ministry at the Jesuits' University of Detroit is a woman, Dr. Anne Bieniewski, perhaps the first woman to hold such a post on any Jesuit campus anywhere in the world. An alumna of the University of Detroit who received her doctorate in higher education at the University of Illinois, she will also hold the title of Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

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In his homily, Bishop Primeau said that this Advent season should be a time of "... trying to face ourselves, come to terms with ourselves, so that we can be at our best as Christians."

"To want to be at our best is hope," he said. "To head in that direction, even though we don't quite make it, is hope. Hope is having something to look forward to, and preparing ourselves for it. Hope is a peg which I grip so as to lift myself, when otherwise I'd say 'what's the use?' Hope is an incentive to make a fresh start, even against odds, to do what I have to do."



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NEW YEAR'S AT ST. ROCH'S—The Altar Society of St. Roch's parish, Indianapolis, will sponsor the "Golden Touch Ball" at 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 31, in the parish hall. Music will be provided by the Paul Christie Band. Tickets are \$10 per couple, including food. Reservations may be obtained by calling 786-0062 by December 20. Chairman of the event is Rosemary Heidelberger, above right. Also shown are Patricia Heldreich, left, reservations, and Ann Smack, decorations.

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Although a 1970 referendum did away with most restrictions on abortions in Washington state, the law still requires consent of legal guardians before an abortion can be performed on a minor.

Last August the girl, through a legal Services Center attorney, was granted approval for an abortion by Judge Solie M. Ringold. At that time she was a ward of King County Juvenile Court and under the care of the Catholic agency. Her parents and the agency appealed the abortion approval and Chief Justice Orris Hamilton suspended Ringold's permission pending a hearing.

Koome had testified that he was aware of the order but had proceeded to perform the abortion on the girl, who was about 10 weeks pregnant, because he felt the law was unconstitutional and violated the patient doctor relationship.

Dr. Koome was sentenced to one year's probation and a \$500 fine by Superior Court Judge Robert M. Elston.

Pope emphasizes one's obligation to drive safely

VATICAN CITY—Everyone who drives a car has an obligation "before God and man" to drive safely and not to endanger the lives of others, Pope Paul VI told officials of the Italian Auto Club.

"Brother is still killing brother," the Pope said, "not only in the hotbeds of battle throughout the world, but also on the highways when people disregard the strict observance of traffic laws."

The Pope's words had special significance for his audience because Italy has one of the

highest incidences of traffic accidents in Europe.

The Pope praised the Italian Auto Club for its efforts to educate Italian drivers to safety, adding: "For our part we feel it an obligation to underline the ethical aspects of the question, which places the responsibility on the individuals and on society before God and man."

Pope Paul criticized drivers who "with ostentatious con-

tempt of the law, arrogance and moral and psychological immaturity" consider "the inestimable gift of existence of no value."

The Pope concluded by inviting and encouraging "all men of goodwill" to treat driving as a matter of "civil and Christian habit, inspired by the values of the Gospel, by brotherliness, good manners, mutual respect and neighborly help."

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A MOTHER REMEMBERS CHRISTMAS

BY MRS. JANE W. PUGEL

(Editor's Note—The author is a Seattle, Washington housewife and mother of nine children, whose ages range from two to seventeen.)

Is it only mothers who remember the things best forgotten? The work behind the scenes? The last minute crisis? The horribly embarrassing episode, the sudden illness, the ill-timed guffaw? The awful fright?

It does seem sometimes that the prime characteristic of mothers in this life is to remember the unearthly

disorder that surrounded the mounting of—say, a holiday celebration that to the naked eye probably seemed to be perfectly normal. Even successful.

Maybe it's because we are the causers of things. The meal-getters, the nose-wipers, the diaper-changers, the present-wrappers. The walking dictionaries of disaster.

Or maybe it's just because as a group we love to talk and can't resist spinning the hair-raising tale.

TAKE LAST Christmas. The children were in bed, reluctantly and at last. The house

was settling creakily for the night. My husband and I sat silently by the fire in the gentle light of the Christmas tree, content not to talk. Which is often, despite the warnings of the experts, the finest communication between husband and wife: silence. The peace of knowing just what the other is thinking but being too tired to comment—and knowing you don't have to.

He cleared his throat. "A perfect day," he said. "Another perfect Christmas."

Well, I sat bolt upright, and my mind began to whirl. But something about that beatific look on his face stopped me. He was smiling into the fire and the Christmas tree lights gave everything—gave him—a special Christmas sort of look. Fathers, I thought. The

Move to block school pageant comes too late

WESTFIELD, N.J.—Opponents of a high school Christmas pageant here lost a court battle because, after seven years of controversy, they waited too long before filing suit.

Federal District Judge Frederick Lacey cited the late filing of the suit when he refused to grant an injunction against the traditional pageant. He said the opponents had failed to show that it was vital that immediate action be taken.

The judge said he would not hear the case for about three months, but he added that students should not be forced to participate in this year's ceremony.

The opponents, a group of 178 people who are supported by the American Civil Liberties Union, asked the court in November to order the Westfield Board of Education to cancel the pageant. The board recently announced that such programs should be permitted only as a means of teaching about religion and not for sectarian purposes. Controversy over the annual pageant goes back seven years and did not subside despite a revamping that provided for choral numbers of a Jewish nature.

The opponents said that the program forces glee club members and students to participate in a religious program against their will.

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Despite the present peace, my mind wormed its way back to Mass, many hours ago. Oh, we got there all right. Of course the two-year-old, a little girl with no use for dolls, was in hysterics because she had to leave her new truck behind.

No one saw the patch of ice just ahead until one of the teenage girls upended and landed on her shoulders in icy mud. Her morale needed lifting, and her hair, coat and stockings had to be cleaned with the one Kleenex we could find in our assorted pockets. I kept hoping that no one would sneeze at Mass; the muddy little wad in my pocket would be small help.

DURING MASS, I am sure my husband—that bridge over our troubled waters—was deeply immersed in the beautiful liturgy. I sat with teeth clamped wondering if our altar boy who faints, would faint. He didn't. By my gold crowns were fused.

Try as I would that beautiful night, I could not get my mind off its catalogue of nitty-gritties. I switched to the family dinner when 20 souls had sat down to a bountiful meal. I found myself back peeling potatoes, man-handling a huge turkey and directing the table settings.

I found myself starting to tell my husband how the steaming turkey had shot out of my hands and sped down the counter only to be retrieved at the last instant by a passing uncle who made a spectacular end-zone catch. I wanted to mention the lumps in the gravy, the burned peas, the frazzled dishing up for a dozen assorted youngsters before the adults could be called. It had been delightful, it had been wild—it had been my kind of Christmas Day. But it had left me ten years older.

But I kept my silence. And I

Concert slated at Sacred Heart

INDIANAPOLIS—The third annual Christmas Concert will be given by the Sacred Heart parish chorale at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15, in the parish hall, 1500 Union St.

Directed by Frank Schaler, the 25-member group will sing both religious and secular music, including traditional carols. Accompanist will be Jean Kirsch, the parish organist.



NATIVITY IN LIGHTS—An illuminated nativity scene decorates a bank in downtown Philadelphia. (RNS photo)

begin to smile as I thought about the complex silence Mary must have kept that other Christmas night, when the stable had settled down, the Baby was asleep, the visitors had gone, and the meal which Joseph must have thrown together, was cleared away. I felt terribly close to Mary all of a sudden—to that other bearer-of-babies, diaper-changer, cook and laundress.

I'M SURE SHE COULD have made some pretty pithy comments to Joseph as they finally settled to what comfort they could manage. "What a day this has been," she might have started. She could have listed the inconveniences, how her

back had ached during that long ride to Bethlehem, what a poor time anyway it was for a trip. But, the Baby was safe. The family was together under one roof. And one look at Joseph's face, which must have mirrored fears, forebodings and faith which we can only imagine—would have stopped even a lesser woman than Mary.

I looked at my husband then. I knew his silences, too, the things he feared, his faith, his stability. And our children were safe. We were blessed to be together under a protecting roof.

And I said, "Yes. A perfect day. Another perfect Christmas."

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NY drug deaths at record high

WASHINGTON—A national drug addiction conference here was told that narcotics-related deaths in New York City have reached a record high and may total 1,350 in 1972.

This marks an increase of more than 1,000 drug-related deaths over the number reported 12 years ago, and 100 more than the total of 1971, according to a report by Dr. Michael M. Baden, deputy chief medical examiner in New York.

He said there appeared to be a decrease of deaths related to heroin addiction and an increase in problems posed by methadone and barbiturates.

"More than 30 per cent of narcotics deaths in New York City have been associated this year with methadone use, licit and illicit," Dr. Baden told a conference sponsored by the American Medical Association.

He said the data on narcotics-related deaths in New York included deaths "primarily" or "indirectly" attributed to various forms of drugs. (In-

direct cases occurred when persons under the influence of drugs suffered fatal injuries in auto accidents, or children died of inattention while parents were under the influence of drugs.)

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OTTO WILKERSON, 80, St. Elizabeth's, Dec. 8. Husband of Nellie; father of Mrs. Gladys Peterson of Treasure Island, Fla.; stepfather of Charles Wittman of Greens Fork; Carl Wittman of Dublin and Paul Wittman of Hagerstown; Mrs. Albert Kline of Milton and Mrs. F.V. Homan of Connersville.

INDIANAPOLIS
FRANK P. JUX, 74, St. Catherine's, Dec. 6. No immediate survivors.

GRACE M. FISHMAN, 80, SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, Dec. 6.

Reclamation Act enforcement seen family farm boon

DES MOINES, Ia. — Msgr. John G. Weber, co-director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference (NCRLC), wrote U.S. Atty. Gen. Richard Kleindienst urging the Department of Justice to enforce the Reclamation Act of 1902 in order to help maintain family farms.

The letter also asked the Justice Department to refrain from appealing a recent federal court ruling in California which upheld the residency requirement of the 1902 act.

Citing the intent of Congress to support small family farms by the law, Msgr. Weber said that the NCRLC "has always advocated the family farm system for agriculture as the most desirable form of producing food and fiber."

"We trust that the Department of Justice will enforce the law as it is written," he said.

Under the Reclamation Act the federal government sponsored massive water irrigation projects to reclaim arid Western lands for farming. The law's provisions limited ownership of federally irrigated land to 160 acres per person and required that landholders live on the land they owned. The residency requirement has been ignored since 1916.

Newman Guild sets luncheon

INDIANAPOLIS — The Newman Guild of Butler University will hold a Golden Angel Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 19, for members and guests at the Indianapolis Athletic Club.

A special musical program will be presented by the Children's Choir of St. Thomas Aquinas parish.

Mrs. David Fox and Mrs. Eugene Galdabini are chairman and co-chairman for the affair. Mrs. Thomas Maloney is Guild president.

CLERICS PROTEST

LONDON — A group of younger Anglican priests declared that they will join a labor union if the London diocese does not agree to set up a consultative body through which they may air their grievances.



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VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

Garner stars in low-budget 'bomb'

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

"They Only Kill Their Masters" is a sad illustration of what has become of the low-budget little offbeat programmer that critics used to find with delight in out-of-the-way theaters on rainy afternoons. It also demonstrates the troubles you can blunder into at a "PG" movie (rated for general audiences, parental guidance advised). Anybody of any age from any planet can see a "PG," which is the sort of thing many folks take their kids to. "Masters" has James Garner



in a typical funny-cynical Garner role, as an unlikely police chief in a small California coastal town investigating a beach house murder that appears (for a few minutes anyway) to have been committed by a dog. Actually, if the dog committed anything it was the script. It turns out that the young lady victim was carrying on a lesbian relationship with the wife of the local veterinarian. Which is economical, since the vet had to examine the dog early in the film. If the culprit had been the wife of the local plumbing contractor, the movie might never have ended.

THIS is probably the liveliest dog-and-cat hospital north of Tijuana. The vet himself (Hal Holbrook) is a nut who runs

around training dogs to attack, cleaning up the bathtub in which his spouse has drowned the victim, burning evidence, sticking Garner with hypodermics intended for Russian wolfhounds. The veterinarian's assistant is a salubrious chick (Katherine Ross, playing as if this were a Fellini movie) who divorced her husband because he said "wholly" a lot, as in, "This is wholly ridiculous." She likes to talk about this while she is in the boudoir with Garner, whose favorite word (for the record) is "neat."

Anyway, there is also the victim's ex-husband (Peter Lawford), a somehow unwholesome type who tools around in a convertible with a dumb-but-stacked blonde. She is always checking to see if they have vibrating beds in the local motels, and more or less disappears from the movie after Lawford gets killed. Nobody seems to care. It all adds up to what the Legion of Decency used to call "low moral tone."

ACTUALLY, "Masters" might have been a tolerably bad movie. It takes us once again into Garner's world, a place of wacky, whimsical incompetence that occasionally drives the wisecracking hero to the breaking point of frustration. Garner is the only character who seems able to tie his shoelaces. His aides are bumbling, the only police car is being used by a deputy to take his wife to the dentist, the fire

department doesn't reach the burning house until the embers are almost cold, etc. It is light black humor that Garner is good at. He's the kind of hero who, when the girl asks him his age and he says, honestly, that he's 40, she says, "You look older."

MGM, which produced this thing on a local beach and several old backlot sets, also makes use of so many good old actors in cameo roles that it could be the Sun City Follies.

The week's TV network films

THE AMBUSHERS (1967) (CBS, Friday, Dec. 15): This is the film that killed the Matt Helm (Dean Martin) spy-spoof series, which was born in bad taste and expired in witless stupidity in this film somewhere around Acapulco. NCOMP. In awarding "Ambushers" a B rating, put it nicely: "a moronic exercise in vulgarity and suggestiveness." Not recommended.

MAVERLING (1969) (NBC, Saturday, Dec. 16): The latest version of the true love tragedy involving star-crossed aristocrats in 19th century Hapsburg Austria. Omar Sharif and Catherine Deneuve are as decorous as the gorgeous sets and costumes, but the beat of life is largely missing. The result is a pretty illustration from a history book. Strictly for eye appeal, adults and mature youth.

WILL PENNY (1967) (CBS, Thursday, Dec. 21): A moving, realistic adult western, about an aging cowboy (Charlton Heston) who finds love and respect after a life of rugged loneliness and frontier violence, but realizes that it's too late, that life has passed him by. A lot of talk as well as action, but this is a good effort, in the authentic "bad western" tradition of "Shane" and "Ride the High Country." Satisfactory for adults and mature youth, a treat for cowboy fans.

Incredible as it is, the murdering lesbian is gravel-voiced June Allyson, who appears only once to mumble a confession over her husband's body: "He just couldn't let it be the two of us, or even the three of us." Also

Sister M. Rosaria Backscheider dies

OLDENBURG, Ind. — Funeral services for Sister M. Rosaria Backscheider, O.S.F., were held at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis here Monday, Dec. 4. She died (Dec. 1) at the age of 80.

A native of Delhi, O., Sister Rosaria entered the convent in 1913 and had completed 59 years in religious life. Archdiocesan teaching assignments included St. Mary's, Indianapolis, St. Lawrence, Lawrenceburg, and St. Michael, Brookville. Most of her teaching career was spent in Cincinnati, St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.

There are no immediate survivors.

Reason enough

CAMBRIDGE, Eng. — Baptism of believers, which has been carried out for a century or so in the River Lark at Isleham in Cambridgeshire, has now been banned by the local Baptist minister, the Rev. Tom Chipper. He says the pollution of the river means that people come out of the water, after baptism, "smelling of anything but violets."

Arthur O'Connell and gargoylish Edmond O'Brien as local shopkeepers, Tom Ewell as a cop, Harry Guardino as a dumb sheriff, and Ann Rutherford (Andy Hardy's flame) as an elderly police secretary. None of them seem to know what the film is about either. They are really waiting for the Lawrence Welk records to start the cast party.

charm of old-fashioned second features. They succeeded in spite of it all. Simon Templar and Boston Blackie, where have all those not-quite-dull afternoons gone?

At the fadeout, Miss Ross angrily drives away, leaving

Garner with the Doberman, because she finds out he once suspected her of being the killer. He doesn't get the girl but he does get the dog. The way things were going, it was a happy ending. (Rating not available)

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Father Bonnike steps down as first NFPC president

BY BILL DEITENBECK, Jr.

TAMPA, FLA.—Members of the executive board of the National Federation of Priests' Councils have announced the resignation of Father Frank Bonnike as president.

The board in accepting the resignation expressed "profound regret" and endorsed as new president Father Reid C. Mayo, vice-president of the NFPC since March. He is a priest of the diocese of Burlington, Vt.

In other action the executive board voted to join the National Farmworkers Ministry, an organization of religious groups existing to aid and work with the United Farm Workers (UFW).

Father Bonnike, ending nearly six years of service with the priests' organization, said he "felt it was time for my own mental, physical and spiritual health to form new perspectives and to extend my ministry to a broader segment of God's people."

Father Bonnike said he wanted to broaden the scope of his ministry. "I felt it was time for me to stop working just with priests," he said. "I am 50 years old and I thought the time was right for a younger man to take my place," he added.

FATHER BONNIKE will step down as president when the NFPC holds its national convention in Detroit next March. The convention theme will be: "Priests U.S.A.—Tensions in Accountability."

The board voted here to place on the agenda of the Detroit meeting consideration of approval for the Parish Evaluation Project, a method of assessing the needs and attitudes of parishioners drawn up by Father Thomas P. Sweetser, S.J.

DURING HIS TIME as president of NFPC, Father Bonnike led the federation through several controversies:

—A hearing for the 19 Washington, D.C. priests suspended for having publicly questioned Pope Paul's birth control encyclical.

—A request for open meetings of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and Inclusions of religious and lay auditors. This objective was attained last spring.

—The development of a monthly publication, Priests' USA.

—Opposition to a Vatican decree which made it more difficult for priests who wished to marry to be relieved of obligations as priests.

NFPC now claims 131 councils in its membership.

The 27-man executive board said that Father Bonnike conducted his nearly three years as NFPC president with forceful leadership "combined with an extraordinary generous availability and spirit of friendship."

His successor, Father Mayo, said: "The circumstances of our times and the events of life

have most often kept Father Bonnike between the anvil and the hammer. In spite of the fact that some may have rejected his rhetoric on occasion, his record of leadership and service are admirable and undeniable."



Pre-Christmas TV programs

Following is a listing of religious programs scheduled on the two Sundays before Christmas on network television. The times indicated are Eastern Standard Time. Viewers are urged to check their local listings to confirm the time of the programs indicated.

SUNDAY, DEC. 17
1 p.m. (ABC)—A CONVERSATION WITH THREE JESUITS—A conversation with three Jesuits and ABC correspondent George Watson. Filmed in Rome at the general headquarters of the Society of Jesus, the program features Father Pedro Arrupe, Superior General of the Jesuit Order, Father Vincent T. O'Keefe, Vicar General of the Order and former president of Fordham University, and Father Herbert deSouza, special consultant on education to Father Arrupe.

1 p.m. (NBC)—HUMAN DEVELOPMENT, SHARING THE AMERICAN DREAM—(one-hour special on the Campaign for Human Development, its philosophy and projects. Filmed on location around the country, the program focuses on self-help community development grants-at-work in Illinois, North Dakota, Virginia, and New York. Members of the 'IID National Committee discuss the Campaign's vision of how to attack the roots of poverty, how and why programs are funded and the effects of these self-help projects on more than 400 communities of the poor in the United States.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24
1 p.m. (ABC)—DIRECTIONS: "CHRIST IS BORN"—Special one-hour "recreation" of the Biblical story of the Nativity, filmed in the Holy Land and Rome, and with readings from the Bible by John Huston, narration of filmed sequences by J.H. Secondari.

10 a.m. (CBS)—TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY—Special presentation of Christmas music selections, vocal and orchestral, with soprano Veronica Tyler and the CBS Orchestra conducted by Alfredo Antonini.

11:15 p.m. (CBS)—Commencement of a series of Christmas-oriented programs, including a musical selection of Colonial Christmas carols performed by the Williamsburg (Va.) Singers, guitar and choral selections by Los Elegantes and the Tucson boys' choir, respectively, and a live candlelight service from the historic Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Va.

12 midnight (NBC)—MIDNIGHT MASS—Live presentation of Midnight Mass from New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral.



FIRE DESTROYS CHURCH—Flames pour out of St. Boniface Catholic church in a spectacular blaze which destroyed the 97-year-old Williamsport, Pa., church. The fire began in the basement and spread throughout the building before it could be brought under control. (RNS photo)

Episcopalians to share Center

MINNEAPOLIS — The University Episcopal Center, which serves students and faculty at the University of Minnesota, has moved into the Catholic Newman Center across the street.

The go-ahead to share facilities was given by Coadjutor Archbishop Leo C. Byrne of the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Paul, Minneapolis and by Bishop F. McNairy of the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota.

Episcopalians will have their offices, lounge and worship area in one area of the Newman Center.

The Episcopal Center building, built in the late 1950s, has been leased for five years to the university.

Mrs. Frederick O. Watson, chairman of the center's board, said the decision to lease the

property was a difficult one but was prompted by a tight-money situation faced by the Episcopal diocese.

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December 17: 5:00 p.m.—Gregorian Chant Recital and Mr. Thomas Murphy, Organist.

December 24: CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATION MASS—6:30 p.m.—First Mass of Christmas, Organ music by Mr. John Van Bente. 12:00 (Midnight) Solemn Concelebrated Mass—Saint John Choir—Mr. John Van Bente, Director.

December 25th: Masses at 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m., 12:15, 5:30 p.m.

December 27: Novena Service at 7:45 p.m., followed by CHRISTMAS RECITAL by Miss Carol Hamilton.

December 31: NEW YEAR ANTICIPATION MASS at 5:30 p.m., Special Mass 8:30 p.m.

January 1: Masses at 6:00, 7:30, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m., 12:15, 5:30 p.m.

'Pollution' of morals warning issued by Pope

VATICAN CITY—Pope Paul VI, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception, issued a stern warning against what he called the worldwide pollution of men's morals.

The pontiff spoke of the "polluted environment of licentious customs and degrading and provocative vice" which, he said, surrounds mankind in all parts of the world.

The 75-year-old spiritual leader of Catholics, told thousands of men, women and children gathered in St. Peter's

Square, below his studio window, that he prayed "on this feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary that we be given back the ideal concept of human life and of the dignity of our person and of civil and human customs."

He warned that "men today are submerged in the modern world and blinded by the glaring light of the ostentatious seduction of the time, deprived of the true beauty of grace and innocence."

"Devotion to the Madonna gives us the courage to defend in our times the truth of love, the integrity of the family, the nobility of entertainment and the morality of collective life of our civilization which must remain Christian."

The pontiff later was driven in an open-top limousine from his

apartment in the Vatican to the Piazza di Spagna in central Rome where he placed a floral wreath at the base of a statue of the Virgin and knelt to pray.

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