Confusion, conflicting opinion cloud state abortion question German bishops bar laypersons

the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy, objecting to a paper approved at the synod

recommending preaching by laymen at Masses in certain instances. The letter

said that the synod recommendation was against Vatican rulings, but expressed a

willingness on the part of Cardinal Wright

THE GERMAN bishops, however, formally rejected the cardinal's letter. Bishop Friedrich Wetter of Speyer, speaking for the bishops, said that their response to Cardinal Wright's letter in no

way altered their loyalty to the Vatican but that the German bishops considered the tenor and timing of the cardinal's letter unacceptable. The German bishops had

permitted laypersons to preach in certain instances two years before the synod.

Later, however, the German bishops appeared to back down from their original

rejection of the cardinal's letter and agreed to hold further discussions on the

bishops, apparently trying to avoid a direct clash with the Vatican, said that the

synod's work had contributed to the whole

Church's efforts to form a judgment on the

subject of lay preachers.

In its recent instruction the German

bishops' secretariat said also that per-manent deacons are to engage principally

in distributing Communion, at Masses and to the sick. It emphasized also that can-

didates for the priesthood and all non-married deacons, before being ordained,

must formally commit themselves to

IN A RECENT LETTER to Cardinal

Julius Doepfner of Munich, president of the German Bishops' Conference, Pope Paul VI praised the German bishops for their efforts to promote the unity of the Church and the faith by combatting all errors and moral dangers.

"Catholic unity today," the Pope said,
"is often being questioned and exposed to
not a few dangers; and it must be secured
and promoted under all circumstances."

Appointed

The Chancery Office this week announced the appointment of Father Patrick Kelly as director of St. Mary's

Child Center, effective March 1. He will

continue as associate pastor of St. Luke's

parish, Indianapolis.
Father Edward Kirch, at his own

request was granted a leave of absence, effective immediately, the Chancery also

atter with the Clergy Congregation. The

to discuss the matter.

residence at St. Rita's parish, Indianapolis, while pursuing additional studies. Father Bernard Strange, St. Rita's pastor (center), is shown with Father John Rutayuga, right, of Bukoba, Tanzania, and Father Theophilus Darku, of Cape Coast, Ghana, Father Darku has been in Indianapolis several years while Father Rutayuga arrive last October. (See Tacker, Page Three)

APPROVED FOR CONGRESS

'Aboriginal Liturgy' slated in Melbourne

MELBOURNE-What may be the strangest liturgy in the Catholic Church was approved by the Vatican for Australia's aborigines, and it will be publicly initiated during the 40th In-ternational Eucharistic Congress here.

One of its features is the substitution of a ritual dance for the spoken Work of God as read from a book, according to Father Hilton Deakin, a Melbourne priest. A specialist in anthropology, he was com-missioned by Cardinal-designate James R. Knox of Melbourne to work on the aboriginal Mass.

The new liturgy, described as one of "unique color and interest," is based on something that Pope Paul himself em-phasized during a 1970 visit to Sydney, that the preservation of relevant aboriginal culture is important.

2d tax credit case 'tabled' in Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn.—A second lawsuit challenging Minnesota's 1971 Income Tax Credit law has been temporarily set aside while the Minnesota Supreme Court rules

on the first one.
Under the Minnesota law parents of students in nonpublic schools can receive tax credits ranging from \$50 to \$140 for tuition paid to the nonpublic school. Tax credits in 1971, the first year of the law's operation, totalled \$7.3 million.

U.S. District Judge Earl R. Larson said
"it would be a waste of judicial time to
duplicate the effort" of the state high court
in an attempt to speed up the final

The tax credit law, upheld last year in Ramsey District Court, is now on appeal before the state Supreme Court. That suit was brought by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union, Americans United for Separation of Church and State and a coalition of Minnesota public education

The new suit, brought by three Minnesota taxpayers in federal court, was filed Jan. 12-shortly after the Minnesota Supreme Court refused to temporarily halt operation of the law while appeals con-

In setting aside the new suit Judge Larson left open the possibility of hearing the case at a later date.

group in five years, received the coveted medal in Impressive ceremonies at Immaculate Heart Church February 11, the last

Sidney Meyer Music Bowl on February 24 as part of the Congress. However, some missionary priests have already ex-perimented with it, using unique forms of aborginal culture.

FATHER DEAKIN, who was com-missioned to explore ways in which aborigines may be able to make a special contribution to the Congress and from which they themselves will benefit, said the "most important" area was the

He said that after consultation with anthropologists, linguists and liturgists, the new aboriginal liturgy was developed as an "attempt to express the Eucharistic Act in the cultural and thought patterns of

the aboriginal peoples."

Father Deakin pointed out that a complex series of cultural patterns covers the aboriginal groups throughout Australia. Signs and symbols used in these cultures are varied and what is a symbol in one area may be contradictory in another

"Similarly, there is a complexity of dialects and an absence of a common linguistic substratum," the priest observed. "Hence, the Congress uses English throughout, although the thought patterns are aboriginal.'

NOTING THE substitution of the ritual dance for a reading, Father Deakin said that in traditional societies, the dance reached the heights of culture and artistic

"The aboriginal 'coroboree' (ritual dance) may be sacred or non-sacred; it may relate to events of a dream or it may describe recent secular functions. It may involve men and women or be exclusive to one sex," the priest explained.

He added that it was in dance, song and words spoken in secret ceremonies that aboriginal traditions were handed down from one

Father Brian Morrison of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers, who will coordinate the liturgy, recently went to the Northern Territory to celebrate this new Mass. And many of the aborigines who took part in the celebration will come to Melbourne for

The aborigines include 24 dancers from missions conducted by the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Bathurst Island. They will dance the Last Supper story, which will serve as an equivalent of the first Scripture reading of the Mass.



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WHAT THE ATTORNEY GENERAL SAID

On Monday, February 12, Indiana Attorney General Theodore L. Sendak held a press conference during which he detailed the state's official position regarding the effect the U.S. Supreme Court rulings on abortion have on In-

Following are excerpts from Sendak's remarks: "The two decisions on January 22 before the Supreme Court of the United States affected the laws of Texas and Georgia, but there was no Indiana statute before the court at that time. Until such time as the Supreme Court of the United States, or the Supreme Court of Indiana; or the Indiana General Assembly act with reference to existing Indiana laws, they remain on the books as is."

United States will do. I am not a gambling man-I don't gamble with money or with people's lives. It is persuasive, certainly, that the Supreme Court, having ruled in one fashion would rule in a similar fashion in our case, but the cases aren't the same—the facts aren't the same, and the laws aren't

for constitutional reasons, but the court cannot create a new law, much as some of their advocates would like to do. So the Indiana General Assembly has the complete right to change a law or to create a law."

backward to grant due process of law to convicted murderers refuse to give due process of law to unborn babies."

"... look what a great chance a medical practitioner is taking if he follows this latest Supreme Court ruling in this state or any other and performs an abortion thinking that the fetus is less than 90 days old and it's 120 days old. So, outside of charnel house states like New York, at the present time Indiana still

I don't think we need to rush into this; and I am not here advising the legislature what to do. I am pointing out that the two cases that were decided. Texas and Georgia, are up for rehearing, so there is no finality

has to realize that those mothers who do die—and a certain percentage of them do die—as a result of abortion, no matter how scientific the methods or how antiseptic, that they subject themselves to our laws against manslaughter.'

At the outset, Sendak recognized the general confusion regarding the rulings. He said the Attorneys General of Texas and Georgia were petitioning the Supreme Court for a rehearing of their

cases, on which the rulings were predicated.

Then he stated the position that existing Indiana laws on abortion were still valid and would be enforced; that he was prepared to defend them in a case now pending before the U.S.

I have no way of telling what the Judges of the Supreme Court of the

"It is true that under judicial review the courts can knock out part of a law

it is rather curious and ironic that the same courts which bend over

"... this case will probably go down in history—the abortion case, that is—as a landmark case equal to the Dred Scott decision in 1857. In both cases a majority of the Supreme Court decided that certain categories of human beings were not persons entitled to due process of law."

'But even if Indiana's law on abortion were voided completely, we still would have laws against manslaughter; and the person performing an abortion

LABEL RULING 'ERRONEOUS, UNJUST, IMMORAL'

Bishops issue strong denunciation

WASHINGTON-The administrative committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops has rejected as 'erroneous, unjust and immoral" the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on abortion.

In a five-page pastoral message, the panel of 37 American prelates also exhorted pro-life groups to "most restrictive interpretation" in the state legislatures of the Court's decision. The committee also affirmed that Catholics must oppose abortion and that persons who obtain or perform an abortion are in a state of excommunication.

The committee issued its message on abortion almost one month after the ruling said a woman has almost unlimited access to an abortion during the first six months of her pregnancy, although a state can prevent her from obtaining the operation in the final three-months unless her life or health are in jeopardy.

THE COMMITTEE, composed of car-dinals, archbishops and bishops, is the policy-making body of the NCCB.

In its message, the administrative committee noted that the Supreme Court said the unborn child is not a person under the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The committee also considered the court's contention that the right of privacy entails a woman's decision to obtain an

"In effect, the court is saving that

Abortion bill killed in Virginia House

RICHMOND, Va.-The Virginia House of Delegates-in two votes-has killed a bill that would have conformed the state's abortion law to the recent U.S. Supreme

Court ruling.

The delegates, in a 59-31 vote, on February 8, rejected a bill that would have given a woman an almost unlimited right to obtain an abortion during the first six

months of pregnancy. The House action apparently killed efforts for this legislative session to change the Virginia abortion law to conform with the Supreme Court decision. the right of privacy takes precedence over the right to life," the committee

the most basic human right-the right to life. Therefore, we reject this decision of the court because as (Pope) John XXIII says (in his Peace on Earth encyclical): 'If any government does not acknowledge the rights of men or violates them . . . its orders completely lack juridical force.'

THE BISHOPS' committee also scored the court for failing to understand 'scientific evidence clearly showing' the fetus to be of "compelling value" as a person before "viability"-movement of the child in the womb usually about the sixth month of pregnancy-is reached.

The committee said the court's interpretation of the infant's human value prior to viability means "the unborn child belongs to an inferior class of human beings whose God-given rights will no longer be protected under the Constitution of the United States."

The prelates added:

"We find that this majority opinion of the court is wrong and is entirely contrary to the fundamental principles of morality. Catholic teaching holds that, regardless of the circumstance of its origin, human life-is valuable from conception to death because God is the creator of each human being, and because mankind has been redeemed by Jesus Christ."

"Thus, there can be no moral acceptance of the recent United States Supreme Court decision which professes to legalize abortion," the message continued.

"In light of these reasons, we reject the (Continued on Page 3)

Present laws still in effect, Sendak says

BY B. H. ACKELMIRE

INDIANAPOLIS-Confusion and conflicting opinions mark the abortion con-troversy erupting in the Indiana General Assembly.
On Monday the House Human Affairs

Committee defeated by a vote of 6-4 a bill that would have imposed abortion regulations conforming to guidelines contained in the U.S. Supreme Court ruling of January 22.

The action followed a statement earlier in the day by Attorney General Theodore Sendak that Indiana's present abortion statutes are still valid and will be en-

The Indiana statutes on abortion are still in effect; and anyone who performs an abortion or aids in the performance of an

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abortion in Indiana for other than therapeutic reasons, which are provided for in the law, still subjects himself or herself to the criminal laws of Indiana and

HE NOTED THAT he would defend state laws in an appeal now pending before the U. S. Supreme Court. The appeal concerns a case in which the Indiana Supreme Court upheld existing statutes on July, 1972. Rep. Ray Richardson (R-Greenfield),

sponsor of the House bill, said that the committee veto could mean the state would find itself with no abortion law in effect if present statutes are declared null

There would be nothing to prevent a midwife from performing an abortion in some unsanitary back room somewhere," Richardson said, if present law were struck down between legislative sessions.

Although defeat of the bill was being interpreted as support for Sendak's position, two members voted against the measure because they opposed certain amendments inserted in the

Meanwhile, the specific provisions of a vehicle bill on abortion introduced in the Senate have not been disclosed. It was expected, however, that the measure would seek to impose the strictest regulations possible under federal guidelines. Both sponsors, Sens. Joan Gubbins (R-Indianapolis) and Charles E. Bosma (R-Beech Grove), are on record as opposing liberalized abortion

SENATOR GUBBINS told The Criterion that in view of the House action and the attorney general's statements, she intends to take more time to appraise the situation before presenting the bill.

"We don't want to push this (regulatory legislation) if we don't have to," she said. Any new law would automatically repeal existing statutes.

Reaction to Sendak's statements was mixed. Some attorneys saw it as "totally unreal," though they sympathized with the attorney general's statements and his obligation, as an official, to uphold existing

One attorney, however, feared sendak's statements misinterpreted as a confirmation of the constitutionality of the present law. "We have no such security against the future," he said.

Some pro-life supporters cheered the statement as indication of state-level opposition to the federal ruling and further evidence of widespread determination to fight its effects in every way possible

OTHERS EXPRESSED only confusion (Continued on Page 3)

Asks amnesty for all Vietnam dissenters

NOTRE DAME, Ind.-The director of campus ministry at the University of Notre Dame has appealed to President Nixon to give amnesty to those who refused to serve in Vietnam.

In a critical letter to the President,

Father William A. Toohey, C.S.C., said that the President's refusal to grant amnesty was "truly astonishing."

The priest said that forgiveness is not

even the real issue. "Those who, through discipline and strength of conscience, saw the Vietnam war for the evil it was surely have nothing to be forgiven," he wrote. "After all, they were the ones who in a prophetic way were telling the rest of us that it was our judgment that was faulty."

Citing the pro-amnesty stand of the American bishops, Father Toohey said one of the necessary steps toward reconciliation "is respect for the conscience of young men who have made decisions supported by the Bible and Christian tradition."



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WEEK'S NEWS IN BRIEF

BY NC NEWS SERVICE

Ask end to Cuba embargo

DALLAS, TEX .- A conference of the Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program has asked the U.S. and Latin American governments to end their embargo on Cuba. The conference's request was similar to those made by the bishops of Cuba, who have noted shortages of vital supplies to their people have resulted from the eight-year-old suspension of trade

Hits abortion, euthanasia trends

LONDON-Cardinal John Heenan of Westminster told a national conference on care of the dying here that the Church continues to oppose euthanasia and abortion. There has been a growing movement in Britain recently to legalize mercy killing of the incurably ill under some conditions.

Oppose capital punishment

OTTAWA, Ont.—The Canadian Catholic Conference of bishops has declared that "the case for the retention of the death penalty has not been proven." The conference's administrative board also questioned whether capital punishment was needed as a deterrent to crime. The conference made its statement before a bill was expected to come before Parliament to extend the suspension of the death penalty in Canada.



PLAN EMERALD BALL-The St. Bridget Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians (AOH) will sponsor its annual Emerald Ball at 9 p.m. Saturday, Mar. 3, in the Columbia Club. Green tapers, shamrocks and leprechauns will be used in the decoration theme. Publicity committee members Mrs. Leo Shanahan and Mrs. Carl W. Bittle are shown above wearing capes acquired while attending the National Convention of the

TV program evokes protests

"Bridget Loves Bernie" program for its "homogenization of religious traditions" and for allegedly exalting inter-religious marriage. The Catholic-Jewish Relations Committee and Rabbi Balfour Brickner of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations have been foremost critics of the CBS-TV program. Network officials responded that the show is designed to reflect what they say is a growing religious tolerance in the

front-page story about a Catholic girl who obtained an abortion. Editors of the two papers—the other paper in town, the Bulletin, is unaffected by the blackout-felt Devenney's decision stem-med from their papers' stands for liberal abortion laws and

Controversial film approved

LONDON-Britain's appeals court ruled a controversial television film on American artist and filmmaker Andy Warhol-which contains nudity and profanity-can be broad-cast. The court's decision reversed its earlier ruling against the film, which the court finally described as "dull and dreary" but not "offensive." The court also ruled it will no longer consider private suits against television programs, only suits brought by the attorney general.

Vatican plans global dialogue

the Vatican is planning a dialogue meeting with world religious in India in 1974 or 1975. Msgr. Pietro Rossano, undersecretary of the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Christians, said preparation for the meeting would include regional conclaves for Christians and a "living together" of leaders of different faiths to study themes such as the challenge to religion in the modern world

Violence dominated 1972 movies

for audiences and largely causing a decline in films for general audiences. The comments were contained in a year-end report in the Catholic Film Newsletter

Abortion referrals to be stopped

Henle, Georgetown president, said that he had not known of the referrals and that they would be stopped immediately.

NEW YORK-Catholic and Jewish leaders attacked the

News blackout is imposed

PHILADELPHIA-The director of the archdiocesan information office imposed a news blackout against the two Knight newspapers, the Inquirer and Daily News. Ed Devenney said the blackout began last November after the News ran a against aid to parents of nonpublic school children.

NEW DELHI, India-A Vatican official has disclosed that

NEW YORK—Violence emerged most forcefully from American films in 1972, apparently displacing sex as the top lure

WASHINGTON-A complaint that the student-run Georgetown University Hotline makes abortion referrals was answered by a promise that the practice would be stopped. A physician made the charge after he said he had phoned the hotline and received abortion information. Father Robert

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Common Market seen Unity aid

LONDON - British mem- Common Market. bership in the European Common Market will help the cause of world peace and Christian reunion, said Cardinal John Heenan, head of the English and Welsh Bishops'

"Peace is the greatest at-traction of the new com-munity," the cardinal said at a in his cathedral here marking British entry into the

"If the world is never again to be involved in war on account of nations no price will be high to pay for entry. For however prosperous this country might become by staying out of Europe all would be lost in the event of war. Whatever

promotes unity between nations is a gain for peace.
"It is less obvious but equally

true that the work of Christian

unity is bound up with Europe and world peace . . . the sooner religious divisions are ended the greater the hope of preserving peace.Here is where the Catholics of this country have so

friendship with the separated brethren we demonstrate that despite the dramatic and painful record of Protestant-Catholic relations in this country we have learned to live in peace and hope.

"Christians of Great Britain go united into Europe

"We pray today that our entry into Europe may both further thave much less personal experience of Protestants and virtually none of Anglicans.

"Through our growing "We pray today that our entry into Europe may both further the cause of peace and hasten the day of reunion between all the brethren of Christ and all the children of God."

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Tanzanian studies in 'Indy'

The increasing exodus of foreign priests from modern African nations has wrought a temporary shortage of native-trained clergy to fill various official and pastoral needs there. Many African priests are being sent abroad by their bishops or other ecclesiastical superiors to acquire graduate training and experience to fill key rositions upon their return.

key positions upon their return.

Father John Rutayuga, now in residence at St. Rita's parish, Indianapolis, is one such priest. He has taken leave from his position with the Bukumba Pastoral Research Institute sponsored by the Tanzanian Episcopal Conference to pursue graduate studies in sociology.

The 40-year-old priest arrived in Indianapolis

last October and is presently acclimatizing himself to American education by taking undergraduate sociology courses at Marian College. When ready, we will begin graduate studies for a master's degree and possibly a doctorate at Ball State or Indiana University.

Ordained in 1961 for the Bukoba diocese (headed by Cardinal Laurian Rugambwa, a one-time visitor to Indianapolis and friend of St. Rita's pastor, Father Bernard Strange), Father Rutayuga is a member of the Bahaya (Haya) tribal nation which numbers some 800,000 in Tanzania and neighboring Uganda.

HE NOTES WITH justifiable pride that his tribe is highly developed through education, culture and economic progress, making them a visible and influential segment of Tanzanian society and government. His diocese has provided 120 of the nation's 500 native priests, including two bishops in addition to Cardinal Pagaranhysis.

Since his ordination, Father Rutayuga has served five years as a seminary teacher on the secondary level (languages, mathematics, music, social studies) and four years in pastoral work. He was named by the Tanzanian Episcopal Conference to serve as associate director of music before his most recent positions. director of music before his most recent position with the national research institute.

Commenting upon the vocation situation in his nation, Father Rutayuga said that the secondary school seminaries have twice the number of applicants as there are openings. Since only about 25 per cent of the graduates continue their studies in a seminary college he suspects that attendance at the high schools is recognition of academic status rather than strong motivation toward the priesthood.

But the dropout rate of seminarians has decreased within the past 10 years, causing authorities to contemplate the building of another major seminary in Tanzania.

Father Rutayuga is receiving first-hand exposure to the experiences and problems of Black Americans through a systematic parish visitation program he is conducting at St. Rita's. Although he has found many similarities between African and American Blacks, he related that the poorest of the Americans are "rich" by his nation's standards. An annual income of \$3,000 is classed as "poverty level" in the U.S., but would indicate a wealthy professional in Tanzania. About 45 per cent of Tanzanians are considered "middle class" with an income of about \$1,000 annually. A "poor man" there earns less than \$100 yearly.

HE QUICKLY POINTS out that poverty is "relative," since the total national budget of his country's government is about \$125 million. Principal national resources are minerals (diamonds), coffee, tea, spices, sisal and the

growing tourist industry.

Tourism has become a major factor in the

economy in recent years, causing the national parks system to redouble its efforts to preserve its natural resources and animals, some of which are near extinction.

are near extinction.

Father Rutayuga's host pastor, Father Strange, recently returned from Africa, where he visited several bishops and religious order officials. Special visits were arranged with Father Rutayuga's mother and Cardinal Rugambwa—the people who know him best.

Father Strange returned with only the "best of references."

TO DEDICATE NEW ORGAN—A service of dedication will be held in St. Philip Neri Church, Indianapolis, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, to note the completion of the parish's rebuilt and expanded pipe organ. Dr. John Gates, organist at St. Mary's Church, will be guest artist in initiating the new console installed near the altar of sacrifice. Father Richard Mueller, pastor of Our Lady of Greenwood parish and chairman of the Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission, will be homilist. Lector will be Charles Gardner, music director at Little Flower parish, and executive secretary of the Music Subcommission. Special honor will be bestowed upon Miss Mary Helen Brook, who has served as parish organist for 45 years. The public is invited to the ceremony

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS-Most Catholic secondary school officials in Marion County were bouyed last Saturday by the large turnout of eighth graders who took placement tests. As a barometer of next year's anticipated freshman class in the 10 high schools, most are assured of continued support and patronage by Catholic

As there are only about 1,625 eighth graders attending Marion County parish schools, competition was expected to be sharp. The total number of students who tested was 1,455, but the figure includes an undetermined number of non-

Schools reported the following turnout: Chatard, 284 (144 boys and 140 girls); Ritter, 155 (88 boys and 67 girls); Roncalli, 187 (84 boys and 103 girls); Scecina Memorial, 206 (98 boys and 108 girls); Latin School, 27 boys; Cathedral, 164 boys; Brebeuf, 166 boys; Ladywood-St. Agnes, 127 girls; Our Lady of Grace, 78 girls; and St.

Mary, 61 girls,
Confusing the issue somewhat is the report
that several students took the placement tests at
specific schools to qualify for possible
scholarships, but intend to enroll at another
school if they do not receive the grants.

NAMES IN THE NEWS-Sister Mary Alice Lawhead, O.S.B., associate professor of French and Spanish at St. Meinrad College, recently co-authored a definitive bibliography of the critical works on Albert Camus in English written between 1944 and 1970. The book was published in Paris by Minard, Lettres Modernes. Sister Mary Alice holds a doctorate from Laval University, Quebec, and has been a member of the St.
Meinrad faculty since 1968. . . . Father Albert
Ajamle, pastor of St. Rose of Lima parish,
Franklin, will celebrate the Divine Liturgy in the Melkite Rite at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, in Little Flower Church, Indianapolis. . . . Paul Koetter, a senior at St. Mary's (Ky.) College, was named to the Dean's List there. He is a member of St. Mary's parish, Floyds Knobs.

VALENTINE SPECIAL-The doors of St. Andrew's Church, Indianapolis, this past Wednesday, Valentine's Day, were filled with wedding pictures of parishioners. A special Mass was offered that evening as a sentimental remembrance of their weddings. The liturgy was geared to married love and included a renewal of marriage vows.

Recovery, Inc., plans St. Monica program

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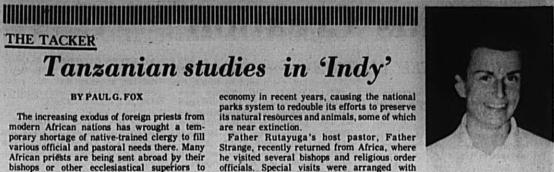


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HONORED BY SERTOMA -Miss Catherine (Katie) Jones, a member of Our Lady of Lourdes parish. Indianapolis, where she is active in CYO affairs, recently received the Service to Mankind Award from the Downtown Sertoma Club. She is employed by the Indianapolis Power and Light Co. In 1971, Miss Jones received the Msgr. Albert Busald Award for her contributions to the CYO.

> INDIANAPOLIS Calendar of Events

TUESDAY: St. Bernadette, 6:30 p.m. WEDNESDAY: St. Francis de Sales, 1:30 to 11 p.m.; St. Roch, 7 to 11 p.m.; St. Anthony, 6:30 p.m. THURS-DAY: St. Catherine's parish hall at 6:30 p.m.; Scecina High School Cafeteria, 6 p.m. FRI-DAY: 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. SAT-URDAY: Knights of Columbus, Council No. 437, 6 p.m.; St. Francis de Sales, 6 p.m. SUN-DAY: Cardinal Ritter High School at 6 p.m.; St. Philip Neri parish hall at 5 p.m.; Catholic

Scecina units set card party

Community Center, 5 p.m.

INDIANAPOLIS - The Booster Club and Mothers Club of Scecina Memorial High School will sponsor the annual Mardi Gras Card Party at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the school cafetorium. All games will be played. Tickets are \$1.25.

Mrs. Joseph O'Connell will serve as chairman, assisted by Mrs. Ken Underhill, cochairman, Mrs. Tom Killila has charge of door prizes, while Mrs. Pete Quinn is chairman of the telephone committee.

Newman Guild dinner on tap

INDIANAPOLIS — Husbands and guests of Newman Guild members will be entertained with a "Fun and Folly" dinner party, Tuesday, Feb. 20, at the American Legion Kennington Post, 4170 N. College. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. A. W. Bloemker is chairman of the event, assisted by Mrs. Alvin W. Hendricks.

Fish Fry set at St. Andrew

INDIANAPOLIS - Girl Scout Troops at St. Andrew's parish, 4050 E. 38th St., will sponsor a Fish Fry from 4 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, in the parish hall. Fish and tenderloin dinners will be served.

Proceeds from the event will be used to complete the Scouts meeting room and to purchase needed camping equipment.

CORRECTION

In last week's Criterion it was reported that the annual Artist and Craftsman Show sponsored by the North Indianapolis Deanery Council of Catholic Women will be held at the Eastgate Mall May 16-18. The date should have read: March 16-18. Sculpture will be judged in a separate category from the other media. Entry forms are available from Mrs. Joseph Zimmer, 604 N. Payton, In-dianapolis, 46219.

DOF I TO MEET

INDIANAPOLIS -Madonna Circle, Daughters of Isabella, will meet Thursday, Feb. 22, in St. Andrew's parish office at 8 p.m. Guest speaker for the evening will be Mrs. Robert Tredwell who will give a talk and show slides of her recent travels in Africa

Confusion clouds abortion

and the hope that clarification would come

Present at the House committee hearing on Monday, and hoping to testify on the proposed bill, were two officers of the Indiana section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. They are Dr. Frank Peyton of Lafayette, president, and Dr. Charles Thomas of Indianapolis,

Also present were Dr. William Ragan and Dr. Paul F. Muller, both Indianapolis obstetricians. Dr. Muller, administrator of St. Vincent's Hospital, had testified briefly in a committee hearing on February 8 regarding fetal viability.

On Monday, however, Human Affairs Chairman Daniel E. Huff (R-Indianapolis), the only minister in the legislature, limited proceedings to com-mittee discussion of proposed amendments and votes.

THREE AMENDMENTS, all introduced by Rep. Edward E. Goble (D-Batesville), were approved. They would have protected the right of a hospital to refuse to allow its facilities to be used for abortion; would have protected doctors who refuse to perform abortion from discrimination hospital boards; and would have directed that abortive procedures used in the last three months of pregnancy protect the viable fetus.

Richardson told the committee that "legally abortion is now the same as any other operation. I don't see how a public hospital could refuse to perform an abortion.

He urged the committee to make as many hospitals available for abortion as feasible but said he respects the right of private or denominational hospitals to refuse to participate.

Richardson added that he anticipated that private hospitals religiously or morally opposed to abortion would organize and thereby impose informal, non-statutory controls. He said he did support specific language protecting denominational hospitals.

In discussing abortion procedures in the final trimester of pregnancy, committee members acknowledged the lack of information in the area of viability.

"A mother can 'fudge' on the length of her pregnancy and no doctor can know for sure," one member said.

THE NO-FAULT divorce bill under consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee was amended Monday to include three other grounds for divorce besides the original "irretrievable breakdown." The additional grounds are consistent of alther party of an infamous viction of either party of an infamous crime subsequent to the marriage, im-potency existing at the time of marriage, and incurable insanity.

The House previously passed a bill adding irretrievable breakdown to the existing eight grounds for divorce. Thus the Senate is now faced with two no-fault

A BILL lowering the drinking age to 20 was defeated last Friday by a House vote of 55-40. Protestant church groups had energetically supported claims of safety experts that passage would mean an increase in the number of auto accidents.

Bp. Head is appointed to See of Buffalo

WASHINGTON—Auxiliary Bishop Edward D. Head of New York has been named bishop of Buffalo, N.Y., a position that has been vacant since the death last September of Bishop James A. McNulty.

Bishop Head, 53, has been executive director of Catholic Charities of the New York archdiocese since 1966. He was named an auxiliary of Cardinal Terence

Bishops issue denunciation

(Continued from Page 1) opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court as erroneous, unjust and immoral.'

THE COMMITTEE'S members then said they make the following "pastoral applications" because of their "respon-sibilities as authentic religious leaders and

-Catholics must oppose abortion. No one has to obey a law requiring abortion.

Those who undergo or perform an abortion are in a state of excommunication.

-Medical personnel should create a "pro-life atmosphere" despite the Supreme Court ruling, Doctors should not succumb to pressures to perform abor-

-Lawyers should protect the rights of the father of unborn children. These rights

have not been upset by the abortion ruling.

—Pro-life groups and other concerned
Americans should work for "the most
restrictive interpretation" of the ruling on the state legislative level; should protect medical facilities and personnel who refuse to perform abortions; should offer alternatives to abortion for "distressed

pregnant women;" and should "set in motion the machinery" needed to insure conformity to the truth that the child is a person from the moment of conception.
"Bringing about a reversal of th Supreme Court's decision and achieving respect for unborn human life in our

society will require unified and persistent efforts," the committee concluded. "But we must begin now-in our churches, schools and homes, as well as in the larger civic community—to instill reverence for life at all stages."

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EDITORIALS

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BEHIND NEWS

What a way to begin a Monday!

Watching a sight so many millions

of hearts had ached to see. The

first of the prisoners of war-

sallow and thin but mustering a

brisk salute and handshake-

setting foot at last on American

How many families there are

this week who are whole again

after years of separation and

anguish. How many more for whom there will be no joyous

return, but for whom there is the

bittersweet pang of sharing, of

knowing exactly what it must be

like. God bless and help them

both, the lucky and the unlucky.

the Philippines said it all, simply

and beautifully. Profound gratitude has no qualifications. It

sweeps all misgivings aside. It does not weigh motives or policy.

Which is the greater risk-

throwing out the old preventive statutes on abortion and settling

for some measure of regulation or

holding fast until the courts determine the constitutionality of

Indiana law in the light of the U.S.

That is the question now con-fronting thoughtful members of

the Indiana General Assembly.

Between now and adjournment in

April they must try to resolve what has become a dilemma

On Monday morning Indiana Attorney General Theodore Sendak told newsmen that the

state's 1905 abortion statutes were

still valid and would be enforced.

Early that same afternoon the

House Human Affairs Committee,

by 6-4, killed a bill that would have

regulated abortion in conformity

vote of confidence in Sendak's

position. At least two committee

members voted against the bill

because they were opposed to certain amendments adopted in

committee. Another two, judging

from discussion during hearings,

are opposed to abortion in principle and may not have wanted to

give implicit approval to liberalizing legislation. The committee's action by no

means spells the end of the

abortion puzzle. Another vehicle bill regulating abortion has been

introduced in the Senate but its

specific provisions have not been

released. Obviously its adoption

would repeal present statutes, something sponsors do not want to do unless it is absolutely

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The action was not entirely a

to Supreme Court guidelines.

Supreme Court rulings?

within a quandary.

A dilemma within a quandary

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BY RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

The flames of controversy over "creation versus evolution," which once seemed quenched, have flared up again in Washington, D.C., and in California, and raised anew a question of religious

For most of Christian history the possibility of evolution in its modern connotation was imagined only as most improbable speculation. The traditional idea that God had created things as they are, fixed in species, did not have a serious rival

prominence chiefly through the work of Charles Darwin, with the publication of his Origin of the Species in 1859.

AS EARLY PROPONENTS of Darwinism were militant meterialists, atheists, or agnostics, many churchmen responded to evolution as an attack on Christianity, and fires of controversy burned bright.

In July, 1925, in Dayton, Tenn., the celebrated "monkey trial" of a 24-year-old biology teacher, John T. Scopes, pitted Chicago criminal lawyer Clarence Darrow against William Jennings Bryan, a staunch defender of fundamentalism

It only feels. And what it feels is

It is these men, God willing,

who will bring us together again.

It is they, more than any other

individual or group, who can help

us to heal ourselves. Having

endured the hell of captivity, they

may point the way to freedom

from angry division and resentful

memory. They have learned the

invaluable lesson of putting first

things first, of holding tight to

things that matter. If we listen,

One POW wife said on Monday,

'Today I start to live again.

With divine assistance, perhaps

the nation, too, will start to live

again, whole and united in a common pursuit of peace and

There are several things that

should be remembered in the

weeks to come. The attorney

general has a sworn obligation to

uphold the laws of this state. He is

also a defendant in an abortion

case that has been appealed to the

U. S. Supreme Court. In the light

of those two facts, he could hardly

have taken a position contrary to

Despite what the attorney general says, Indiana's present law is woefully similar to the

Texas law invalidated by the

Supreme Court last month. In-

diana statutes are now vulnerable

as they have never been before

and subject to being struck down

in the first new test. This is what

many responsible members of the

legislature fear. Such court action

would leave Indiana with no law

at all and medical chaos could

result. Perhaps the consequences

of having no law are being unduly exaggerated by supporters of regulatory bills. But only time

The majority of the legislators,

as shown in a pre-session survey.

are opposed to liberalizing In-

diana statutes. They are against

liberalization by nearly 2-1. Yet

they must now choose between doing what they oppose and risking an interim period in which the state could do nothing whatsoever to control rampant dispagard for the rights of the

disregard for the rights of the

unborn or the flouting of medical

ethics by a cadre of greedy

The nation's highest court has forced the lawmakers of this state into a quandary of reprehensible

Stall 'instant divorce'

STOCKHOLM—A proposal for "instant divorce" in Sweden—when mutual agreement of the couple exists—has encountered strong opposition from Church representatives throughout Sweden and other Scandinavian countries.

The proposed law, if enacted, would take effect Jan. 1, 1974. It would nullify the present law which holds that separated couples must wait one year before divorce can be valid.

While several Protestant spokesmen expressed "strong reservations" about the proposed new law, Catholic representatives said that although civil divorce could be considered a humane proceduce in certain cases, there should be a sufficient time for the parties to consider their decision to separate.

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and events could prove that.

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- B. H. ACKELMIRE

they can teach us.

sweet beyond compare.

Oh, what a beautiful morning!

Evolution versus Creation

At issue in the trial, which newspapers billed as "a battle bet-

Young Scopes was found guilty of contravening a 1925 Tennessee law banning the teaching in public schools of any theory that denies the story of Divine Creation of man as "taught in the Bible." He was fined

THE TENNESSEE Supreme Court later overturned the conviction on a technicality after an appeal and the case was never retried. In 1967, the law barring the teaching of evolution was repealed.

law forbidding the teaching in public

schools "that mankind ascended or descended from a lower order of animals.

The court based its ruling on a 1968 U.S. Supreme Court decision over-turning a ban on the teaching of evolution in Arkansas.

No serious attempts have been made to reinstate anti-evolution legislation. But, lately, articulate voices have been raised, demanding "equal time" in the public schools for presentation of a "creationist" theory of origins.

William F. Willoughby of Fairfax City, Va., a Washington, D.C., journalist, has filed suit in U.S. District Court in Washington against the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the University of Colorado Board of Regents enjoining them from disseminating textbooks which present only the Darwinian theory of the

WILLOUGHBY, THE religious news editor and a columnist for the Washington (D.C.) Star-News, has charged that the exclusive presentation of the Darwinian theory in the widely used biological, sciences curriculum study (BSCS), published by the university, is "hostile" to

his and his children's religious beliefs.

Insisting that his action was not an attempt to argue the merits or demerits of Darwinism as against the creationist theory which he holds, Willoughby em-phasized that he was concerned only with having the creationist theory "given fair treatment as well."

Similar opinions have been voiced in similar opinions have been voiced in a heated controversy in California between religionists and scientists over proposed changes in science textbooks used in the state's elementary and junior high schools.

Protestant fundamentalists have claimed that their Biblical views of the creation of the world, and especially of man, as expressed in the book of Genesis, are not being treated fairly in California's

CAUGHT BETWEEN mounting pressures from opposing camps, the Board of Education, last December, adopted a compromise resolution that called for the elimination of what the board termed "scientific dogmatism" in the teaching of evolution.

The California dispute drew impassioned responses from the scientific community. In a rare intervention, the National Academy of Sciences said that any mention of "special creation" in textbooks would "impair the proper segregation of the teaching and un-derstanding of science and religion restionwide".

NINETEEN CALIFORNIA Nobel prize winners released a letter to the Board of Education asserting that "the creation theory is not based on science and does not belong in a science textbook."

The Rev. David A. Hubbard, a member of the school board and president of the evangelical Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena,

"The problem has not been Christians trying to sneak creation in," Hubbard said, "but over-dogmatism of text writers and the fact that the borderline between science that can be checked in the laboratory and philosophy has been violated."

The Board of Education decision, which was unanimous, seemed to hold a middle ground in the controversy. It did not propose the teaching of "creationism," but it did propose that evolution be taught as "theory," and "first," and emphasized the "theory," not "fact," and emphasized the tentative nature of some scientific ob-

HOW THE ISSUE is finally resolved will have national implications because California buys 10 per cent of the country's textbooks, and publishers are not enthusiastic about different texts for different states.

Yet the issue raised by conservative religious forces has brought a nagging question to the fore: Are those who espouse what they hold to be the Biblical doctrine on origins being denied their religious freedom?

Has the pendulum swung so far toward the Scopes position on evolution that those who would disagree with the position are being deprived of "equal treatment" under the law?

THE YARDSTICK

Reaction not reform

BY MSGR. GEORGE G. HIGGINS

The New York Times is one of the few major dailies that supported Democratic ticket in the 1972 Presidential campaign. Indeed the Times felt so strongly about the election and was so vigorously opposed to the party in power that its post-election

editorial comments on the Administration's policies, both foreign and domestic, will probably be dismissed by many of pro-Administration readers as warmed-over campaign rhetoric.

Partisan politics aside, I think the Times was correct in saying on January 15 that some of the "reforms" currently being advocated both at the federal and the state level would seem to suggest, rather ominously, that a tide of reaction may be

sweeping across America.

The Times is afraid that "policies of hope" which got under way some 40 years ago are being replaced by "policies of suspicion, which appear to take it for granted that society will be improved not by the promise of reform but by the threat of punishment"

THE TIMES EDITORIAL singles out welfare, among other areas of concern, to illustrate the harm that can be done by attempting to turn back the clock in the name of reform.

"Welfare reform," it said, "is dead. The reform of any program for the betterment of the human condition is now in danger of falling victim to the reactionary paranoia that sees all the poor as chiselers or criminals. Waste is to be tolerated only defense contracts, and to ball out defense contracts and to bail out mismanaged corporations. But fear of waste is enough to veto essential measures for the care of the children, the elderly or the poor.

The editorial in question doesn't get down to specifics, but I can think of at least one recent welfare proposal which if put into effect, would most certainly be retrogressive and would definitely serve to corroborate the Times' position on this

On January 3 two alternatives of a government regulation affecting the status of persons engaged in a labor dispute and

the status of their families under the Aid to Dependent Children-Unemployed Fathers program were published in the Federal Register. The Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) was to receive comments on these two proposals for 30 days before adopting either alternative.

ALTERNATIVE A would permit the states to deny welfare benefits to strikers and their families who are otherwise eligible for welfare because of need. Alternative B would establish need as the

sole standard.

The national AFL-CIO, among other organizations, has flatly rejected Alternative A and has listed the following arguments, in favor of alternative B:

(1) Need should be the basic deter-minant of eligibility for welfare.

(2) Discrimination against strikers and their families who are in need would put

the government on the side of the em-ployer in labor disputes.

(3) Since workers by their taxes help to pay for the costs of welfare, they should have the same rights as all other citizens to obtain welfare assistance when they are

(4) RECENT LEGISLATIVE history clearly demonstrates that the Congress does not want to put the government on the side of the employer in labor disputes by denying eligibility to strikers. To the contrary, the Congress has refused to deny welfare to strikers.

(5) Meager welfare payments far below regular wage standards provide no in-centive to strikers to prolong strikes unreasonably.

(6) There is no comparison between the loss to management and the loss to workers in the typical strike because only the strikers and their families suffer physical deprivation.

(7) In two recent decisions, the Supreme Court has ruled against states that deny welfare based on considerations other than

I strongly support the AFL-CIO position on this matter. It would be bad enough to penalize an adult worker for exercising his legal right to strike, but to penalize needy children for the parents' action would be children for the parents' action would be intolerable—or, in the Federation's language, absolutely "immoral."

Prescribing law 'not court's job,' New Republic editors contend

there are many of us for this amendment, and we have never given consent to be so misrepresented.

Also, while speaking of "rights," a woman should have the right to abortion. Again it is men who want to control and subjugate the female, Much more could be said on unwanted children etc, but it has all been covered in various publications, and in much better prose than this.

Martha Barron Indianapolis

THE NEW REPUBLIC found itself in basic agreement with the policy proposed by the court: "With . . . perhaps one or another exception, the court's model statute is an intelligent one," it said.

But it objected to the decision on the grounds that it was beyond the court's competence to make such a decision. Said the editorial:

"The individual interest, the court holds, completely overrides the interest of society in the first three months of

society in the first three months of pregnancy, and subject only to health regulations, also in the second. In the third trimester, society is in charge again.

"WHY? THE COURT never says. It simply asserts the result it has reached. That is all the court can do because there is no answer that moral philosophy, logic, reason or other materials of law can give to this question."

The New Republic called it astonishing that only two justices—William Rehnquist and Byron White—dissented on the grounds that the court was exceeding its competence.

AN OLD GHOST IN NEW CLOTHES

ween religion and science," was the right to teach a version of human rights that allegedly differed from that expounded in the Bible.

Three years later, Mississippi's Supreme Court struck down the last socalled "anti-evolution" law in the U.S., declaring "unconstitutional" a 1926 state

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Picking, choosing' what to obey is wrong, writes J. F. Blocker

Sullwan

To the Editor:

The encyclical "Casti Connubi" by Pius XI was to reaffirm the teaching of the Church upheld by previous popes. Pius XI tells us: "But no reason, however grave, may be put forward by

which anything intrinsically against nature may become conformable to nature

and morally good."

Referring to "frustrating the marriage act," he tells us it is "shameful and intrinsically vicious." If "the act is deliberately frustrated" it is "an offense against the law of God and of nature, and those who indulge in such are branded with

the guilt of a grave sin."

On July 24, 1969, under a Vatican dateline, an Associated Press article reported that "the birth control ban binds future popes." A Franciscan theologian, Italian Father Lio, said Pope Paul VI's encyclical banning artificial birth control (including the pill) will bind his successors and those who do not agree with it are not

'Leaves' information may prove helpful

To the Editor:
There was included in an article in the Catholic publication "Leaves" something that may be of help to many of your

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worthy children of the Church. Twice since then Pope Paul VI has spoken out quite strongly to emphasize Church teaching against birth control. In spite of all this emphasis, there are priests and pastors who believe contrary to papal pronouncements. Women in their parishes who are "on the pill" are taking such

action because of the priest's attitude. And those women go to Communion. Like many priests and bishops, these folk are picking and choosing, choosing what pleases them and ignoring what does not appeal to them. I have found that upriests of this type have attitudes toward the liturgy and sacramentals not unlike their attitudes on birth control. J. F. Blocker

Clarksville, Ind.

Don't blame abortion mess on public schools, says Mrs. Coen Fessel

To the Editor:

In regard to a statement contained in a letter written by Mrs. P. Robert Bonke: she referred to "keeping public schools open so that the Godless teachings can be handed down to millions of innocent children' (2-9-72).

Floyds Knobs, Ind.

Disputes claim that Catholics oppose ERA

To the Editor:
I was appalled during the recent hearing on ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) at the Statehouse to hear a so-called representative of Catholic women state that the Roman Catholic women were against

How dare she speak for all of us when

children' (2-9-72). Now isn't it a bit silly to say our public schools are all that bad? My children went to public schools (one still does) and they were never taught Godless teachings. Three are married and are children any mother could be proud of. It isn't the school that makes or breaks a child. It is the home life and the teachings of a mother and father who love them. I agree fully with Mrs. Bonke on the abortion rulings, but to blame this situation on teachings from public schools is utterly ridiculous. When you printed her letter, you should have left that part out. Mrs. Coen Fessel Floyds Knobs, Ind. WASHINGTON—The question of a model abortion law "is not for the courts, but should have been left to the political process," according to an editorial in the New Republic attacking the U.S. Supreme Court's abortion decision. The liberal journal questioned the right of the high court to impose its own social views on the nation. In the place of widely varying state laws on abortion; said the editorial, "the Supreme Court has now prescribed a virtually uniform statute of its own, allowing very little variation."



Christian Heritage

A history of the Catholic Church

in Central and Southern Indiana

BY MSGR. JOHN J. DOYLE

On 14 January 1784 the Congress ratified the Treaty of Paris, concluded the previous September, which recognized the independence of the United States. With the advent of peace, travel between the loyal and the lately rebellious colonies

became possible. So it came about that the pastor of Detroit made the journey to Vincennes and became the second priest in more than 20 years to preside over the parish of St. Francis Xavier.

Between 5 July and 20 September 1784, he baptized 13 infants and

witnessed eight marriages, six of them on 2 August. For each marriage he recorded that he had made one publication of the banns and as vicar general of Quebec had dispensed from the other two.

In every case but one he stated that the couple had previously given their consent before Mr. Phillibert and four other witnesses to serve as the preliminary of a better form, waiting the occasion to have the marriage ratified by an approved priest. Apparently he regarded the earlier ceremony as having some measure of validity.

THERE ARE TWO peculiarities in Father Payet's entries. One is the absence of burial records; it would be unusual if there were no deaths in the two months and a half that he was in Vincennes. It is probable that the funeral records for 1784

have been lost, for we have none signed by Phillibert for that year.

The other singular feature of Payet's records is the note affixed to nearly every records is the note affixed to nearly every entry of baptism by Phillibert from 1779 to 1784 to the effect that the priest had sup-plied the ceremonies omitted in private baptism. Some of the children involved were about five years old. One wonders how all these children could have been brought to church. Perhaps Father Payet performed these ceremonies when he visited the homes of the parish.

Less than three months after Father Payet's departure Father Gibault was back in Vincennes to become the first resident priest since Father Devernai was hauled away in 1763.

Several circumstances might account for this move. While the Holy See had detached the territory west of the Mississippi from the diocese of Quebec and placed it under the jurisdiction of the bishop of Santiago some years earlier, that

prelate had left the parishes to shift for themselves in obtaining pastors. In 1781, however, his vicar general in New Orleans, the Capuchin Cyrillo de Barcelona, was consecrated as auxiliary bishop and began to regularize parish affairs. About this time he appointed Louis Guignes pastor of St. Genevieve, so that

Asks mercy for exiles

NEW YORK-A mother whose oldest son was killed in Vietnam four years ago called here for "mercy" for what she described as 100,000 other "victims," the number of young men she said went into exile to escape military induction.

Mrs. Robert Ransom of Bronxville N.Y., spoke at a press conference called by Safe Return, an American committee which has links with draft resisters in

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Gibault had to find another residence. Gibault had to find another residence.

The condition of near anarchy in the Illinois towns, especially in Kaskaskia, would have discouraged a bolder spirit than his from settling there. With the end of the war, however, the danger of arrest by British officers had ceased, and Vincennes was relatively untroubled.

IN A LETTER he wrote to the bishop in 1786, Gibault indignantly repudiated the charge that he had come to Vincennes to "procure a better income." It may be that he still felt the affection for the people that began on his first visit in 1770, when they all came down to the river bank to

The first act of the pastor was the baptism on 12 December of Joseph Durand, born on the eighth, for whom he himself was the godfather. The second was the burial of Joseph on 13 December. In 1785 he recorded 38 baptisms. One of these was that of Moses Pierre Carter, "a Pensilvanian, aged about 45 years, never having any religion," on 29 June. The choice of the middle name was no doubt due to the feast of the day, the pastor's own

Saint's day.
On February 1786 he baptized a mother and her five children, ranging in age from six to 17, the wife and children of a Catholic. While these were the only adult baptisms that Gibault recorded, those baptized were not his only converts, for there is no entry of baptism in the case of the Presbyterian family whose reception into the church he related on his first visit. Obviously he did not repeat the baptism of those that had received the sacrament in-

or a short period in 1785 the parish had the unprecedented experience of the presence of two priests. The nd was the Carmelite, Paul de St. Pierre, who, though by nativity a German, his name having been Heiligenstein, had served as a Rochambeau in the Revolutionary

At the instance of the French Minister to the United States, he elected to remain as a missionary in the new country. After a brief stay in Kentucky he came to Vin-cennes, where on 30 March he baptized Genevieve Brouillet, taking care to note that he acted with the permission of the pastor. He baptized privately at least one child in danger of death, for on 14 August the pastor supplied the ceremonies for a child baptized by "l'Abbe St. Pierre."
From Vincennes he proceeded to Kaskaskia, where as early as July he was deeply involved in the troubles of the town.
There are records of 12 marriages in

1785, three of them validations of unions previously contracted before Phillibert and other witnesses. Phillibert at least appears to have regarded these as valid, for in his baptismal records he referred to

the children born of them as the offspring of legitimate marriages. It is almost certain that the records of 1785 are imcomplete. They are found not consecutively but scattered about in several places. There are none for March and April and there is only one each for January and December. Moreover, the two for February and three of the six for May are on loose leaves; one record contains only the name of the groom in a marriage. Only seven burials are recor-ded, one of which is noteworthy in that Pierre Perron, the deceased, is said to have been 100 years old.

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When the matter at hand is life, ignorance can be deadly

One fact emerges clear in the muddle regarding abortion legislation: the dire need for a study committee to explore the medical aspects and inform the Indiana General Assembly thereon.

That the average legislator has only elemental knowledge of fetal life and procedures used in terminating it was embarrassingly apparent during a February 8 hearing of the House Human Affairs committee.

It is one thing to be ill-informed about a

complex subject. Lawmakers can't instant experts on every issue. But it is another thing altogether to proceed without vital information to evaluate legislation that is a life and death matter.

THE HEARING was the first of two called to discuss a proposal to regulate abortion in conformity with recent U.S. Supreme Court guidelines. It was the only one at which the committee took testimony from an informed medical specialist.

Aside from the shadow of the court, there were two knotty problems hovering over the committee's deliberations—discrimination and

The majority of members seemed sincerely disposed to provide every possible protection to individuals and institutions opposed in principle to abortion. Both the bill's sponsor and the committee agreed to clauses upholding the right to refuse to sponsor or participate in abortion on moral or religious grounds.

That position was seconded in testimony from William Hall, legal counsel for the Indiana Hospital Association. He said he interpreted the court's ruling in the Georgia case as saying no denominational hospital could be forced to use its facilities

PERSONNEL FROM Catholic hospitals present seemed to breathe a little easier

Later, having emerged from the swamp of constitutionality, the committee entered the thicket, of viability. Discussion revealed that some members were not even sure what the term meant. A doctor volunteered to help.

Dr. Paul F. Muller, an obstetrician and administrator of St. Vincent's Hospital, Indianapolis, explained that viability the ability of the fetus to live outside the

Then came the questions. When does viability occur? Is it always at 24 weeks? How can a doctor tell in ad-

"It's a matter of percentages, å gam-ble," Dr. Muller said. A small percentage of fetuses are viable at 24 weeks, a slightly greater percentage at 26 weeks and so on. No doctor can pinpoint the beginning of viability or guarantee the odds for sur-

Can life be detected before 24 weeks? "Of course. At very early stages. I can

HOW DO YOU perform an abortion? What are the procedures and the dif-ferences in them?

The saline procedure, or "salting out," Dr. Muller explained, kills the baby first and then stimulates abortion. A hysterotomy is very much like Caesarean section. An incision is made in the uterus and the living fetus removed.

One committee member wondered if the state should require only hysterotomies after 24 weeks of pregnancy? Would such a restriction be feasible, he asked others on the committee. There were no replies. Nor were there answers to:

Should the state mandate that everything possible be done to promote the survival of the aborted baby? Should life-saving measures be spelled out? What about death cer-

Then there were some grim questions from Dr. Muller. What is to become of the aborted babies? Are they to placed in a jar and put on display, thrown in the trash, used for experiment? And what about those who survive? Is the state going to make any provisions for them? Who is to

care for them? Are they to be put up for

IT WAS A difficult experience for a man dedicated to preserving life—and a sobering one for the legislators.

The entire exchange between physician and committee couldn't have lasted more than 20 minutes. Shortly thereafter-with all those fears and doubts unresolved-the hearing ended.

The House committee, without accepting further testimony, voted this week to reject the bill. There is another proposal to regulate abortion pending in the Senate. One wonders if legislators there are any better informed better informed, any better equipped to deal with the life and death matter before them-B.H.A.

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YOUR WORLD AND MINE

Bolivian repression

BY GARY MacEOIN

Bolivia is rapidly acquiring the kind of reputation for repression and barbarity which Trujillo gave to the Dominican Republic, Duvalier to Haiti, and Somoza to Nicaragua. The difference up to now is that Bolivian regimes have not been lasting long enough to institutionalize their

inhumanity. Yet it Yet it is not unreasonable to fear that the total support being given the present Bolivian regime by Washington may insure it the length of days/ accorded those other regimes by the same support

regimes by the same support.
Christians engaged in social work for the underprivileged are under constant pressures. We had recently the instance of a former Maryknoll nun held in-communicado, reportedly tortured, then expelled, her crime having been her commitment to work for the poor. While she was in jail, a group of priests and lay people addressed an appeal to the bishops.

"IT HAS BECOME dangerous for us to make any reference to the second Vatican Council or to Medellin," they said.

Medellin is the city in Colombia where the bishops of Latin America met in 1968 in a hemisphere assembly opened by Pope Paul. It called on the Church to devote its greatest efforts to the freeing of the poor rom their subhuman destitution.

'Many priests here in Bolivia are under close police surveillance," they continued. "The fact is that the government does not permit the priest to go beyond a purely 'sacramental' pastorate . . . The Church has no choice but to make a clear stand. It must in particular insist on due legal process for all who are in jail. Up to this time none of those held has been tried."
The bishops, they urged in conclusion,

should issue a pastoral letter stating Church teaching on the rights of the in-dividual, the right of association and other basic human rights.

RELIABLE ESTIMATES put the number of political prisoners at 1,500, with another 4,500 enemies of the regime in exile, this from a population of 4.6 million. In proportion to population, this is the equivalent of 68,000 political prisoners and 204,000 political exiles in the United States. According to data recently released by

the Latin American Working Group of the U. S. National Council of Churches, the Bolivian internees are distributed in four remote prison camps. One is in a tropical

region infested with insects and disease, the others at the other limit of human habitation in the cold and barren Andean plateau. Prisoners from the tropics are sent to these altiplano camps without

Most political prisoners, states the same source, are tortured as part of their interrogation. Tortures include filling the cell with water overnight, applying electric currents to sensitive parts of the body, burning the prisoner with cigarettes, simulated execution by firing squads, whippings, and insertion of wires and pieces of wood under the finger nails.

MANY PRISONERS are women, and the interrogation of some of them involved standing naked for hours at a time before their interrogators. As a result of their interrogators. As a result of maltreatment Judith Duran, a native of Sucre, gave birth prematurely to a daughter in the Viacha Barracks last March 21. Refused any medical help, she was aided by her fellow prisoners. One of them baptized the child, giving her the symbolic name of Liberated Bolivia Ludith.

In less than a century and a half of existence as a separate state, Bolivia has experienced 180 uprisings and been ruled by 150 governments. Landlocked and impoverished, its tragedy is the absence of an international system that would permit its people to determine their destiny. In-stead, they are tossed about continuously, like a rudderless ship in a hurricane.

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Time is a great asset

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newspapers Washington, D.C., and was captivated by

BY FR. JOSEPH M. CHAMPLIN

get nothing out of Sunday Mass. They become restless and bored, then squirm

and talk. We need special liturgies for them, something on their level since the

family Sunday service.
"Yes" to the comment that our eucharistic

celebrations are fundamentally oriented toward adults; "no" to the assertion that

our little ones get nothing out of the week-end Mass.

FIRST, LET'S LOOK at this matter of

children in the pre-teenage bracket. Is

Sunday Mass a waste of time, even harmful for them? Do they fail to grasp what the liturgy is all about? I don't think so and

offer these following illustrations to prove

zeroed in on the elderly as part of the Respect Life! campaign. The preacher offered, almost in passing, a few

suggestions about the young and healthy showing care for our senior citizens. A

mother later told me about her 7th grade daughter who without prompting of any

kind from the parents the very next day wrote a letter to her grandfather. At the Mass itself, the girl looked distracted, even resentful, but obviously she listened

oven resentful, but obviously she listened and accepted the message.

On Father's Day, the homilist concluded his words by reading the text of "Sunrise, Sunset" while our organist played the music to that show tune in the background. Several months later five-year-old Martha Pfeiffer, hearing this models, wear the airwayes, ran into the

melody over the airwaves, ran into the kitchen of their farmhouse and shouted,

"Mommy, mommy, Father is on the radio." The Pfeiffers sit in the middle of

our church and I am sure that little Martha can hardly see the altar. At times, too, she

probably does squirm and talk and distract a few adults. But obviously

Martha also hears and comprehends more

-In an appeal for the missions last year,

we urged parishioners to make a sacrifice for the cause, to write their offering down

and enclose it with the money in the en-velope for the collection. One note read:

"This represents a treat at McDonald's; the children wanted to give up for the missions. They must have listened to the

sermon because we said nothing to them

about it.

Perhaps the key to this discussion lies in the word "values." In each of these incidents, the youngsters may very well not have understood all the words said or the readings proclaimed. But ideas and values were in fact communicated, so much so

that these moved them to appropriate

than we think.

One of our Sundays during October

usual services are geared for adults.'
I would respond "yes"

and "no" to those remarks. "Yes" to the

request for occasional Masses designed

specifically for a par-ticular age group; "no" to a program of such liturgies which would

regularly replace the

the point.

"Young people especially little children,

and was getting a fresh start. What was striking about the elegy was the number of times Gwen's father made a point of the value of time. One sentence in particular stands out: "So if I could leave one thought with you parents here today it would be to show more love to your kids and love them while you've got them here." Mr. Ames alluded to the many times when he could have shown his love for Gwen but didn't

Time is a sheer gift given to us by a loving God so that we might have an opportunity to enjoy the world and make it a better place for others by creatively doing the loving thing. It takes a measure of discipline to love and use time in a way that makes the having of it worthwhile.

At the time Angela Davis was acquitted of the charges brought against her, a cartoonist, Mike Peters, pictured an art shop which featured only one item: posters with a variation on the theme: "Free Angela." In the cartoon the owner of the shop is just receiving the news of the acquittal by phone and is pictured with his many posters questioning the caller with the exclamation, "She's what . . .?"

I was both captivated and amused by the shopkeeper's question. For him, the acquisition of freedom for Angela was hardly as important a priority as the money the posters brought in. Price tags quite visible and added to the cartoon's impact: \$2.75 each, \$5.00, \$2.50,

What we use our time for says a lot about where our values lie and our priorities often give us away as far as our values are

I FREQUENTLY find inconsistencies in my own system of values which give me cause to question my priorities. It is good to question them by examining the relationships that exist among ourselves and members of our families or our coworkers to determine the value we place on friendship, on peace, and on community. It is good to question them by reflecting on the quality of work we do, no matter what our job is, to determine the value we place upon employment, com-mitment, and responsibility.

It is good to question them by listening to the things we, ourselves, talk about most frequently as a measure of where our interests lie and to discover the frame of reference out of which our interpretations come. It is good to question them by assessing our eating, resting and relaxing habits to determine whether we are concerned enough or are over-concerned about our health. And it is good to question our priorities by asking ourselves if our belief in and dependence upon God has deepened and what we do to give evidence of how we value the gift of our faith.

Because values are substantively the structural framework of our character. there is a uniqueness in the way each of us gives expression of what we hold most dear and will not compromise. It is a matter of making something of our life in the time we have been given. A good, but perhaps earthy expression is given to this idea by Gwen Ames' father in another sentence from the elegy that he delivered at his daughter's funeral:

"I think her death should be a symbol of hope to all parents who have kids experimenting with drugs, and to all the kids who are doing drugs and want a way out, who want to stand up and tell those around them: 'I don't give a damn what you think. I'm going to make something of my life.' "

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CATECHETICS

Learning Christian values

BY FR. CARL J. PFEIFER, S.J.

"So if I could leave one thought with you parents here today it would be to show more love to your kids and love them while

you've got them here." (NC photo by G. P. Koshollek)

"Most gulls don't bother to learn-more than the simplest facts of flight-how to get from shore to food and back again. For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else, Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved

Perhaps you have read Richard Bach's charming story of this unusual bird. Jonathan Livingston Seagull has been on the best-seller lists for almost a year now. The story is so captivating because it is about life, about freedom, about what

really matters. At one point, after his exhilirating breakthrough in diving at two hundred fourteen miles per hour, Jonathan Seagull grasps the true meaning of a gull's life.
"How much more there is now to living!

Instead of our drab slogging forth and back to the fishing boats, there's a reason

to life! We can lift ourselves out of ignorance, we can find ourselves as creatures of excellence and skill. We can be free! We can learn to fly!"

AS I READ ABOUT Jonathan and realized that Bach was writing about "the real Jonathan Seagull, who lives within us all," I could not help relating the story to the process of religious education. In a sense the religious educator's role is to enable others to more deeply appreciate that "there's a reason to life." The parent and teacher hope to enable others to open their minds and hearts to recognize "how much more there is now to living!" An important aspect of guiding others to

discover deeper meaning in life is that of value clarification. Values are basically what a person considers important, what really matters to him, what he truly loves. If, like Jonathan's flock of gulls, a person is wholly preoccupied with what to eat and drink, there is little chance of his perceiving the more profound, challenging realities of life.

True knowledge about life, about life graced by God's creative presence, can be

acquired only in conjunction with an ongoing clarification of values. Jesus spoke of a "change of heart" required by the perception of his saving truth. Religious education, then, is not merely the learning of basic truths about faith in an abstract manner. The truth to be learned touches heart and feelings as well as intellect. More than accurate definitions are required to absorb that truth that sets one free. Saving truth demands clarification of values.

TO TAKE A HARD LOOK at what one considers important is rarely easy. "Why is it," Jonathan puzzled, "that the hardest thing in the world is to convince a bird that he is free, and that he can prove it for himself if he'd just spend a little time practicing? Why should that be so hard?" It is difficult because to discover the truth of oneself normally requires a change of one's values. That requires risk, effort,

Helping another clarify his values as part of the process of perceiving life's richer reaches is not achieved in the same way as teaching -mathematics or chemistry. Very helpful techniques have recently been developed for value clarification. They are described in books like VALUES AND TEACHING by Raths, Harmin and Simon (Columbus, Ohio: Charles E. Merrill Publishing, Co., 1966) and VALUES CLARIFICATION by Simon, Howe, and Kirschenbaum (N.Y. Hart Publishing Co., 1972).

These strategies have been found very effective by religious educators. Yet their efficacy rests on two fundamental predispositions in the educator. He, like Jonathan, must be struggling, practicing, to clarify his own values, to discover what he is living for, what he considers im-portant, what he loves, and this in the light of the Christian life-style he professes.

AS EDUCATORS we need to authenticate our teaching by our struggle to live out the values we encourage. Our children and students remain free to accept or reject our values, but they have a right to know what we stand for

The second prerequisite for helping others clarify their values and perceive something more to their lives, is that we try genuinely to respect and love them. Even when our efforts seem to be rewarded with ingratitude, apathy, boredom, even hostility, the key to helping them discover "how much more now there is to living" is summed up by Jonathan. "You have to practice and see the real gull, the good in every one of them, and to help, them see it in themselves. That's what I mean by love. It's fun, when you get the knack of it."

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"We can lift ourselves out of ignorance, we can find ourselves as creatures of ex-cellence and skill. We can be free! We can learn to fly!" (NC photo by George



BY SR. JANAAN MANTERNACH, OSF

"Time goes so fast." "I can't believe it's February already." "As I get older time becomes more and more precious."

All of us have heard one or another of these exclamations. "Time" is probably

we rarely take time to evaluate what we're doing with it unless something dramatic calls our attention to what we might be doing with time while we still have it on Recently I was reading

LITURGY

through one of the daily "An Elegy to Gwen," Beneath the title was

a prologue; "Gwen Ames, 17, was found dead early last Sunday near the family home in Reston. Her father, Mr. Ardee Ames delivered this elegy at her funeral on Tuesday. The next day, the police reported that she had died not of a drug overdose, as some had first suspected, but at the hands WHAT WAS SAD about the event was that Gwen had kicked a serious drug habit

What can children get from liturgy? and the Mass in particular is a ritual

ceremony of sign and symbol. Verbal signs

and symbols clearly form part of this celebration, but not necessarily the

dominant part. The music, the at-mosphere, the people who surround us, the

attitude of the priest and the others in the sanctuary-these and other elements

blend together to form a whole presen-tation and experience. The entire process is extremely mysterious, as it should be since beneath and beyond external words and signs is an inner, spiritual reality We should not, therefore, too swiftly discount the impact of adult liturgies upon children's hearts. They may well in their innocence pass more readily through the

outer sign to the interior truth than do sophisticated adults. Now, let's consider the recommendation of special liturgies for the young which would regularly replace the family Sunday

I HAVE NO PROBLEM with and would strongly encourage occasional Masses (or other celebrations) designed uniquely for a particular age group. The children in this arrangement can be deeply involved in both the planning and execution of those liturgies and draw rich benefits from

However, I feel that as a regular pattern on Sundays such Masses would prove counterproductive. They in effect fracture the family unit and greatly minimize opportunities parents have for tran-smitting their faith values to the children. When youngsters observe mom and dad listening attentively to the homily, reciting the profession of faith, singing hymns, receiving the Eucharist and praying with earnestness, they learn lessons no one clse can teach and see an example that far outweighs the value of any special

children's liturgy.

Of course, this presumes the adult liturgies in a parish are well done and hold the interest of parents. Unfortunately, that presumes a great deal, but the principles

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Any human person is worth more than all the material things of the world put ogether." The poignant photo depicts a retarded child, his head protected by a helmet, withdrawn in a corner. (NC photo by Robert Nandell)

SCRIPTURE

What supreme value do you cherish most?

BY FR. QUENTIN QUESNELL, S.J.

With a world so full of such wonderful things how shall we choose among them? What will be most important to us? What shall we live for? This is the question of

If there is one thing we would never give up willingly, no matter how much they offered us for it, that

something could be called our supreme value. Most normal people would say that their own life is a value like that to them. No gain they can imagine would be worth trading their life for. Not a million dollars, not a billion, not all the wealth in the

world. How could it be? The words "gain" and 'profit" don't make much sense if you're no longer there to collect the gain or pick up the profit. "What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses hiw own life?" (Mark 8, 36)

Still, not everyone makes his own life his supreme value. People do give up their lives for a good enough reason. Obviously it's not a good enough reason to sell one's life for money. That's just stupid.

BUT MOST OF US don't think it stupid if a man gives up his life for a person he loves. We think it noble and beautiful. We praise a man who lays down his life defending his home and family. We admire a man who offers himself for execution in place of another already condemned. "The greatest love a man can have for his friends is to give his life for them" (John

15, 13). 15, 13).

But also while life is going on, the wellbeing and happiness of others is just as important as our own. To those who really understand God's creation, every human person is an absolute value, Any human person is worth more than all the material things of the world put together. People who realize that fact will put more effort into helping others find happiness than they will into piling up material advantages for themselves. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

So too we can choose to devote ourselves to a noble cause which we hope will bring good and happiness to many other persons. We can find our value in the struggle for peace, freedom, human dignity, social justice. These are movements aimed at making it possible for all human beings to live happily in the world God gave to all. The Christian often lends his whole self to promoting them, and may be ready when necessary to sacrifice his own material good for them, even his life. "Seek first the kingdom of God and his justice . . . "

THE GENERAL RULE is that when a person chooses values greater than himself, the choice lifts him up, makes him grow beyond himself, become greater than he was. When he sets his choice on lesser things, seeks only his own advantage, the choice debases him, keeps him from growing, shrivels his soul. "Where your reasure is, there your heart will be." The Christian takes the world as God's

gift to be enjoyed with thanks. He tries to choose his values in a way that will keep him growing to his full stature as the person God made him to be. He does not use life to pursue the things of this world. He uses the things of this world to add beauty and joy to life.

The one supreme value that gives meaning and force to all these others is the One from whom they come and to whom they lead. Everything good we find in other human persons and in noble causes is a thin reflection of the One who made

Real values draw us out of ourselves and make us grow toward him. When we try to find and choose true values, we are really reaching toward him. In our fumbling, imperfect way, we are choosing him as the greatest value of all. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and thy whole soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength". Real values draw us out of ourselves and

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Ancient Jews didn't hope for afterlife

BY MSGR. R. T. BOSLER

O. I was left confused by a statement you made in answer to the question about existence after death. You stated: "It is the accepted opinion among biblical scholars today that there is no hope of individual survival after death." Who are these biblical scholars, Christian or Jewish?

A. Either the paper in which you read my statement made a typographical error or you overlooked an important part of what I wrote. I said that it is the accepted opinion among biblical scholars (and

these would be both Jewish and Christian) that no hope of individual survival after death is expressed in the Old Testament before some of its latest passages written in the Second Century B.C. In other words, until 100 to 200 years before Christ the Jewish people did not believe in survival

This is surprising, since belief in the resurrection of the body was accepted so generally by the Pharisees at the time of Jesus-though, as you know, the Saducees did not believe in life after death. Some recent scholars think they find hope in an afterlife in some of the Psalms or in the vision of the dry bones in Ezechiel, but other scholars see in these passages belief in Israel's survival after its national ex-

Q. Are there any specific references to abortion in the Old Testament? I've been told of a reference in Exodus, but can find only Chapter 21, verse 22, referring to men fighting and a pregnant woman being injured.

A. You have found the only reference to miscarriage in either the Old Testament or the New, and, as you discovered, it does not refer to abortion. "When men have a fight," the passage reads, "and hurt a miscarriage, but no further injury, the guilty one shall be fined as much as the woman's husband demands of him."

Christian literature appeared about the year 100 in the "Didache," where it was clearly stated: "You shall not slay the child by abortion. You shall not kill what is

Q. In the New Testament is Elizabeth the mother of John the Baptist? If so, could you explain why the Gospels of Advent have John as an adult preaching repen-tance, then on the third or fourth Sunday the Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that her cousin Elizabeth is with child? Is this due to the liturgical year?

A. Yes, it's true, John appears in the Advent Gospels as an adult before his conception is referred to. The Church has arranged the liturgical year not for the purpose of retelling cold, historical facts in chronological order but of helping us relive the great mysteries of our faith: the Incarnation and the Redemption-the belief that God became man and saved us through his passion, death and resurrection. The Feast of the Epiphany, for example, does not merely recall the story of the Magi; it wants us to be thrilled by the many ways in which Jesus was manifested, made known, as the Messiah: manifested by the star, by the voice from heaven at his baptism, by the miracle of wine at Cana. The Annunciation story is read just before Christmas because it brings out vividly who and what the Babe is whose birth is recalled and what a marvelous role his mother played

Q. A friend of mine has fallen away from the Catholic faith and joined a Protestant faith and is now planning to be married to a member of this community. She has asked me to be an attendant at their marriage. Is it right for me to do so? I was told that as a Catholic I could attend the wedding of another religion but not be a part of the wedding. I do not know if I should accept what my friend has done about her religion, but as a friend and out of kindness do not wish to cause any hurt

A. The Church now has no objections to your being an attendant at a Protestant wedding. However, you have a decision of your own to make. If your friend left the Catholic Church and joined another just to get her man, you should ask yourself whether you would help her or harm her more by refusing to be an attendant. By refusing her will you make her aware of the fact she has done something wrong or

Church? By being kind to her and thereby remaining close to her, will you be in a better position to help her return to the Church? These are questions you must ask yourself before deciding what you should others may react to your taking part in the

If your friend had gradually drifted away from the Catholic Church—probably because she never really was committed

what she thought she needed, then you may presume she was in good faith and you have no problem at all

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THE CHURCH AND I

Eager to fight for Faith, but no contests

When in 1910 I stood outside the Worker office in Sydney till the early hours cheering the figures which showed that New South Wales was to have its first Labor Government, I hadn't a notion of one particular difference it was going to make to me. It opened Sydney University to the

Approaching 17, I was able to enter the University as one of a couple of hundred holders to enter the of bursaries or exhibitions. At our first bursaries Commencement, students welcomed us by

Come along, undergrads, And grab a bursary, All the Lizzies and the Lils And the nuts of Surry Hills Are going to be dubbed M.B.

Surry Hills was a slum, a place of poverty and violence. If you feel moved to sing this bit of sociology, which I still occasionally do con brio, the tune is that of

the chorus of Pollywolly doodle.

None of this last-ditchery affected daily life at the University: no one could tell by looking at a student whether the State or his parents had paid his fees

RELIGIOUSLY those University years were as free of anti-popery as my time at the Sydney High School. I never heard a word against the Church or her teachings

it might have been different. But with a vague feeling, the result probably of reading Belloc and Chesterton, that I might grow into a specialist on the Middle Ages, I concentrated on Latin, Early and Middle French, Early and Middle English. None of this called for any utterance on doctrine by the professors. Two of them had been Catholics; one of them was to return to the Faith; but at the time there was nothing to show that either retained

In a way it was disappointing. Filled to the brim with the strong wine of Belloc and Chesterton, feeling like the two of them rolled into one, I was ready for controversy, but no one offered me any. On my generation of Catholics these two produced a kind of Walter Mitty swagger, a parody of their splendid swashbuckling. "Il me faut des geants"-we were looking for giants to fight, we did not even get

YES it was disappointing that no one of intellectual quality was interested enough in the Church to offer us battle. And very fortunate. We would have been cut to pieces, for we would have been fighting with wooden swords. "An ingrained habit of the defensive," Belloc had told us, "is a

prime condition of defeat." A condition even more prime is ardent ignorance. Knowing no Church history we would have found ourselves defending the Indefensible, denying the undeniable. Knowing no theology, we would have been valiantly asserting the meaningless.

That at least would have been my

condition. Ardent Catholic I was, a daily communicant. I loved the Church then as I the Church is. I was loyal to the Pope, but I did not know what his infallibility means. I had not even heard of the 1870 definition

Similarly, while proud that the Church had all the truths, I was not curious to know the truths I was so proud she had. I had a strong devotion to Father, Son, Holy Spirit individually. But I never asked myself why the Third Person should be called Holy Spirit, given that Father and Son were each holy and each spirit! The fact of mystery did not bother me: not being a complete fool I realized that we could not know God as well as he knows himself. But why didn't I wonder what it was that he was telling us about himself?

I NEVER OPENED a theological or spiritual book and never felt the slightest desire to. I hadn't a single doubt-I didn't know enough! Given the course my religious thinking has taken since, I cannot make any sense of my late teens and early twenties

Just before the visit to England which was to change all this, a friend gave me
The Imitation of Christ, the richest
spiritual fare that had come my way. I
read it and read it. It seemed to me that it contained everything, the Christian warrior's whole equipment. I wondered why the writer had not been canonized.

I mentioned this to a priest who told that when his coffin was opened, it was discovered that he had moved so that he must have been buried alive: he could not be canonized because it was not known in what disposition he had died-an explanation which at the time I found wholly

What I never guessed was that a simple phrase in the book, which I took in my stride as so obviously true as to be hardly worth saying, would one day have me rejoicing that the man who wrote it was not canonized. It was to the effect that it was better to please the Trinity than to be able to discuss the Trinity. It was one of those half-truths which (Chesterton again) are like half-bricks, they carry further. I wonder how much harm that single statement has done. I shall come back to it. I shall indeed.



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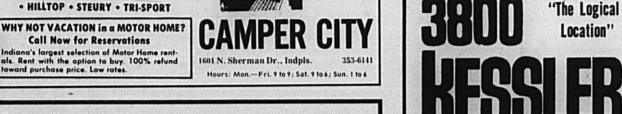
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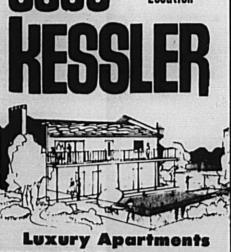
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Batesville, Jeffersonville in Junior cage finals

For the first time in 10 years, an Indianapolis team will not be represented in the finals of the Archdinger The Batesville team defeated Archdiocesan Junior Basketball Tourney, to be played this Sunday at Seecina Memorial High School.

Louis, Batesville, representing the Lawrenceburg Deanery, and Sacred Heart, Jeffersonville, of the New Richmond, 55-45

the championship at 3:30 p.m. The Batesville team defeated Our Lady of Lourdes, In-dianapolis, 53-40, last Sunday in

the Indianapolis tourney bracket at Scecina. Earlier in the day they won over Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, 70-54, while Lourdes dropped St. Mary's,

homily was given by Father Donald Schneider, Ar-

Following are the recipients of the Ad Altare Dei Medals, awarded Sunday, Feb. 11, in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Indianapolis

dianapolis:
George Rogers Clark Council, St.
Mary of the Knobs, Troop 187:
Joseph Balliner, Paul Bowe, Jr.,
Timmy Alan Bowe, George Deitsch,
Ronnie Froman, Daniel Shirley,
Wabash Valley Council, Anunciation, Brazil, Troop 47: Vincent Frost,
St. Patrick, Terre Haute, Troop

St. Patrick, Terre Haute, Troop 31: Timothy Geary, Stephen

Crossroads of America Council,

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Troop 174: Michael Hanley, Tim Miller, David Peters, Jay Sabol, Mark

Holy Name, Troop 108: Roger

Holy Spirit, Troop 46: Roy Stewart.

Conscientization

Day' scheduled

INDIANAPOLIS — Father Michael Crosby, O.F.M. Cap., of Milwaukee, will be principal

speaker for a "Day of Con-scientization" to be held at 1

p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18, at St. Mary Academy, 429 E. Vermont

Sponsored by the Association

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Bumper crop of Scouts given coveted award chdiocesan Scout Chaplain. made the presentations.

The largest number of awards in five years were presented to Catholic Scouts last Sunday in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Indianapolis, during the annual Ad Altare Dei Awards ceremonies: A total of 42 Scouts carned the coveted

In addition, five adults received the St. George Medal for outstanding contributions to Scouting. Recipients included:

Raymond L. Myers, Sacred Ralph A. Sperry, St. Malachy parish, Brownsburg; Raymond E. Brown, St. Michael's parish. Indianapolis; Charles Gurnik, St. Simon's parish, Indianapolis; and Donald F. Curfman, St. Christopher's parish, Indianapolis.

The Ad Altare Dei Awards are of and service to the Church.

Father John Ryan, pastor of St. Anthony's parish and Ar-

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Providence High School, Clarksville, last Sunday, Sacred Heart dropped St. Catherine's, Indianapolis, by a narrow 54-50. Sacred Heart previously defeated St. Vincent's, Bedford, 76-62, while St. Catherine's won by forfeit over St. Paul's, Tell

> THE CADET Archdiocesan Tourney will get underway Sunday at Scecina and Providence, matching deanery representatives.

In Indianapolis, the 1 p.m. game will pit St. Patrick's, Terre Haute, against St. Mary's, Richmond. The 2:15 p.m. game will feature St. Louis, Batesville (Lawrenceburg Deanery) against the winner of the Indianapolis 'National'' tourney (St. Mark's or St. Jude's). Winners, will meet at 7 p.m.

At. Providence, SS. Mary-Michael, Madison (North Vernon Deanery) will meet the winner from the New Albany Deanery at 1 p.m. The 2:15 p.m. game is between the winner from the Bedford Deanery and the Indianapolis "American" winner (St. Rita's or Spirit). Winners play at 7 p.m

Finals of the Cadet Ar chdiocesan Tourney will play at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at

CYO NOTES

Stewart.

51. Catherine. Troop 93;
Christopher Steadham. John Stinnett.
51. Christopher, Troop 500;
Gregory Brutas, Steven Brutas,
William Curlman, Donald Wagner,
Steven Williams.
51. Joseph, Troop 147; Daniel
Kurt.

Lawrence, Troop 427: Brian S1. Lawrence, Troop 303: David Bain, Kenneth Bain, James Fanning, John Sperry, S1. Matthew, Troop 443: Kevin McGauley, Terry Van Meter. S1. Michael, Troop 400: David Roebuck, Frank Svarczkopf. S1. Simon, Troop 488: Thomas Information has been distributed for the annual Marian Award ceremonies for members of Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls and Catholic Daughters of America. Roebuck, Frank Svarczkopf.

St. Simon, Troop 488: Thomas
Cronin, Randy Hartman, Richard
Hartman, Charles Kennedy,
Michael Milligan,
Holy Family, Richmond, Troop
S80: Michael Stephens.
St. Gabriel, Troop 59: Henry
Bryant, Robert Burke, Joseph
Clarke, Brian Donahoe.

Instrumental Music Contest deadline is March 15. The contest will be held March 31 and April 1 at Cathedral High

Entries in the Cadet Boys and Girls Track and Field dual-meet season are due March 12, competition to begin in

Parish entries in the Archdiocesan Cadet Science Fair are due Feb. 23, unless local fairs are scheduled the following week-end. The event is scheduled Sunday, Mar. 4, at Little Flower parish.

Junior Girls Volleyball League will begin March 6. Final deadline for entries is

Pacer benefit game slated

INDIANAPOLIS - Members f the Indianapolis Chapter, St. Mary-of-the-Woods College Alumnae, will attend the March 2 game of the Indiana Pacers. Tickets will be available at the group's February 20 meeting or from Mrs. David Moebs and Mrs. Dennis Zahn, co-

A victory celebration will ollow the game at the Williamsburg North Apartments Clubhouse, E. 62nd St. Admission will be \$1 per couple. Game tickets are \$2 each.

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Table Tennis tournament set to open

INDIANAPOLIS — Little Flower parish will host the Junior Table Tennis Tourney, featuring an estimated 800-1,000 players, from February 18 to 25. Play will begin at 1 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 18, for the Freshman-Sophomore Boys and Girls Singles events. At 5 p.m., the Junior-Senior Boys and Girls Singles events will be played Both contests will be played down to semifinals.
Freshman-Sophomore Boys

and Girls Doubles and Miked Doubles will begin at 7 mm. Monday, Feb. 19. The following evening the Junior-Senior Boys and Girls Doubles and Mixed Doubles are scheduled also starting at 7 p.m.

All events will be completed Sunday, Feb. 25, starting at 1 p.m. Players are asked to be ready

15 minutes before scheduled events and provide their own paddles. Table tennis balls will be provided.

Defending Overall and Junior-Senior team champion is Our Lady of Lourdes, while St. Michael's is the defending Freshman-Sophomore team

Black History Week scheduled at high school

INDIANAPOLIS - Faculty and students of Ladywood-St. Agnes High School are planning Tourney is Monday, Feb. 19, Scheduled activities will be when pairings will be drawn.

The program will include: Monday, Feb. 19—Films "Is It Always Right to Be Right?"

and "The Fayette Story."
Tuesday, Feb. 20—Speakers
Mrs. Donald Moorman, Dr.
Frank P. Lloyd and Miss Janet

Wednesday, Performances of cuttings from "Raisin in the Sun" and "Purlie" by LSA students at 8:30 p.m.; performances by visiting artists Solomon Edwards, poet, playwright, and Richard Bailey, actor, singer and entertainer; continuous showings of film "Black

Thursday, Feb. 22-Speakers J. C. Cummings and Robert De Frantz; continuous showings of film "Black and White Up-tight."

Friday, Feb. 23-Rap sessions, review of week's

Parents are invited to attend any and all sessions.

Honors slated for tertiaries

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - The St. Rose of Viterbo Fraternity of the Third Order of St. Francis at St. Joseph's parish here will honor eight of its tertiaries who have been professed members of the Third Order for 25 years

The ceremony will take place in the parish church immediately after the 9 a.m. Mass Sunday, Feb. 18.

Jubilarians include: Mrs. Agnes Padgett, Mrs. Myra McKenzie, Mrs. Irene Reilly, Mrs. Gertrude Harden, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Effie Meneely and Catherine Nacke.

Conv., religious director of the fraternity, will present each jubilarian with a memento of

STANDINGS

CADET VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Division 1—All Saints 8-0; St. Christopher 5-3; St. Malachy 5-3; Holy Trinity 4-4; St. Michael 4-4; St. Thomas 4-4; St. Monica 2-6; St. Martin 0-8.

Division III—St. Roch 8-0; St. Catherine 6-2; St. Jude 5-3; St. Mark 4-4; Little Flower "Gold" 4-4; St. Barnabas 3-5; St. Patrick 1-7; Our Lady of Greenwood 1-7.

Division IV—St. Simon "Blue" 7-1; Holy Spirit 7-1; Little Flower "Blue" 6-2; St. Rita 5-3; St. Philip Neri 4-4; St. Bernadette 2-6; Our Lady of Lourdes 1-7; St. Lawrence "Red" 0-8.

Forty years ago the St. Vincent Guild was formally set up to aid the work of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent Hospital, Indianapolis.

CAGE TOURNEY RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Holy Spirit 32, Holy Name 14; St. Matthew "Red" 29, Immaculate Heart "Blue" 22; St. Matthew "Black" 25, St. Christopher 21; St. James 29, St. Pius X 23.

Semifinals: Holy Spirit 38, St. Matthew "Red" 21, St. Matthew "Black" 31, St. James 28.

Quarterfinals: St. Rita 48, St. Joan of Arc 23; St. Bernadette 40, St.

dersonville 34, 31. Camerine, in-dimapolis 50. Scecina, Indianapolis First Round: 51. Louis, Batesville 70, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute 54; Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis 55, 51. Mary, Richmond 45. Semifinals: 51. Louis, Batesville 53, Our Lady of Lourdes, Indianapolis 40.

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Upper Bracket
Third Round: St. Andrew 44,
Christ the King 32: St. Rita 52, St.
Gabriel 40: St. Roch 45, Immaculate
Heart 29: St. Joan of Arc 43, St.
Simon 31:

Ovarterfinals: St. Rita 61, St. Andrew 25; St. Joan of Arc 36, St. Roch 31.

Roch 31.

Lower Bracket

Second Round (partial): Holy

Spirit 31, St. Bernadette 24; St.

Philip Neri 58, St. Mark 24; St.

Matthew 23, St. Christopher 22; St.

Barnabas 41, St. Jude 27; Holy Cross

46, St. Ann 26; Nativity 34, Our Lady

of Greenwood 33.

of Greenwood 33.

Third Round: St. Pius X 34, St. Michael 25: St. Philip Neri 37, Holy Spirit 22: St. Barnabas 38, St. Mattnew 27: Holy Cross 46, Nativity

"56" B TOURNEY Second Round: Holy Name 23, St. Michael "C" 14; Holy Spirit 43, St. Barnabas "White" 16; Immaculate nadette 28; Holy Spirit 45, St. Pius X 35.

NATIONAL DIVISION
Quarterfinats: 51. Jude 41. St.
Barnabas 37: Holy Trinity 43. St.
Thomas 40: 51. Mark 50, St. Andrew
42: St. Lawrence 51. Holy Cross 45.
Semifinats: St. Jude 46, Holy
Trinity 32: St. Mark 39, St. Lawrence
29.

CADET B TOURNEY

Second Round: Little Flower 35,
St. Gabriel "White" 29; St. Phillip
Neri 37, St. Matthew "White" 26; St.
Matthew "Red" 36, Mount Carmel
23; St. Simon 36, St. Rita 35; St.
Andrew 39, St. Luke "B" 23; St.
Mark 35, St. Joan of Arc 34; St.
Barnabas 33, St. Luke "C" 46.

Quarterfinals: St. Phillip Neri 50,
Little Flower "Blue" 42; St. Simon
42, St. Matthew "Red" 22; St.
Michael "B" 42, St. Andrew 38; St.
Mark 54, St. Barnabas 45.
Semifinals: St. Phillip Neri 38, St.
Simon 37; St. Michael "B" 42, St.
Mark 41.

Monica 35: Holy Spirit 46, St Malachy 44: St. Pius X 53, St FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE

Semifinals: St. Rita 73, St. Ber

* TOURNEY Second Round: St. Mark 64, NYAA

NATIONAL DIVISION

"A" 62; Our Lady of Lourdes 78, Holy Name 67; St. Malachy 52, St. Andrew 33; St. Christopher 52, St. Lawrence 50; Mount Carmel 56, Holy Spirit 55; St. Simon 67, St. Marin 42; St. Catherine 51, St. Luke 41; Sacred Hearl, Terre Haute 78, NYAA "B" 61.

Quarterfinals: Our Lady of Lourdes 61, 51, Mark 57; 51, Malachy 61, 51, Christopher 52; 51, Simon 58, Mount Carmel 55; Sacred Heart, Terre Haute 73, 51, Catherine 58 (overtime).

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The pastor, Father Francis Buck, is standing at the left. (Photo courtesy of the Bloomington Herald-

BRUSSELS - Officially,

church and state are separated

in Belgium. But under new accords worked out in recent

weeks, the country's Catholic

schools will receive almost 100

Belgium hikes aid to Catholic schools

Church leaders and educators

have argued their right to in-

creased government aid on the ground that well over 60 per

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educated in church-run schools

In more remote areas of the

Catholics in Belgium number

about 8,900,000 among a total population of 9,670,000.

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both of Connersville; brother of Mrs.
Frances Schomber of Morris.

Grant announced for ND study of church vocations

NOTRE DAME, Ind - Notre Dame University's Center for the Study of Man in Contemporary Society has begun an interdisciplinary study of church vocations with a \$20,960 grant from the National Center for Church Vocations (NCCV) in Detroit.

The project's director, Dr. Carroll W. Tageson, a psychologist and associate country, these schools provide the only sound education available. professor of education at Notre Dame, said the research "will be designed to relate to the practical needs of vocational directors." A national board of persons working in the vocations field will help plan the study, Tageson said. Under the new accords,

Tageson's study team will study the findings of research on vocations and the various explanations of the findings used in the past in order to determine the questions needing further study.

The National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the Con-ference of Major Religious Superiors of Men and the Leadership Conference of Women Religious set up the NCCV in 1969 after the Vatican suggested that national offices be established to coordinate vocations efforts and promote public understanding vocations needs.

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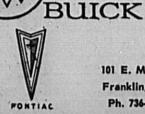
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Joan Moore of Madison; brother of

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cessant snappy dialog, which is sometimes fashionably raunchy

and at best sounds like a Johnny Carson monolog (a PR slogan

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Matthau-Burnett film a 'disaster'

BY JAMES W. ARNOLD

Walter Matthau and Carol Burnett are nice people who can be funny and even moving (especially in Matthau's case) But "Pete 'n' Tillie" is not only a pitiful disaster, it gives you angry palpita-tions and

heartburn. It is a Doris
Day movie 10 years past its time. (That is, Miss Burnett's part seems designed for Miss

Day, and she could have played it better. So, frankly, could my Aunt Martha. The main difference is that the

providence gives meaning and value to all human life and all

human suffering, Pope Paul VI told a general audience Feb. 7.

Speaking to thousands in the Vatican audience hall, Pope

Paul, citing St. Thomas Aquinas, defined providence as

"the reason of order."
"Providence," he added, "is the

reflection of the thought of God on things and history. It is the

rationality, wise and good, clear yet hidden, which permeates all

Christians, he said, have a

fundamental conviction that

there exists an ineffable but

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ST. MEINRAD, Ind. — "The Rite of Spring," nationally-known folk group from St.

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VATICAN CITY - God's that guides all, thinks of all and

of God's providence

surrender her virginity before insisting on marriage, all of which makes breathtaking cin-

ema if you are 14 years old).

It may also be described as a middle-aged "Love Story," in which the disease is passed on to the next generation. (It is the child who gets leukemia to soft piano background music).

CHEAP SENTIMENT is bad enough, but what galls most is the way flicks like this exploit profound issues and feelings just to keep the audience awake. The rule seems to be: when things slow down, attack God. It's as if your petty chintzy little show somehow assumed importance by dragging in the Deity, and the questions of cool tomato finally decides to Faith, and Providence, and

which listens to us all and loves

The Pope's address was s

Page's real age.
Possibly this menage is meant to show the shallowness and moral confusion in which

The week's TV network films

dreary slog until we get to the climactic battle.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (1956) (ABC, Sunday, Feb. 18): Cecil B.
DeMille's undoubtedly collossal version of the Riblical Moses

version of the Biblical Moses story, with Charlton Heston in

his most famous role. You may have to squint to see the orgies

and panoramas on TV, and the first half is ponderous as well as

phony, but this remains the classic of schlock religious

films. Satisfactory, especially

Monday, Feb. 19): A noisy, brutal and sadistic epic tracing

the violent efforts of Pancho Villa to overthrow the cruel

government of Mexico. One of the few films rated B for

mayhem alone, this otherwise undistinguished flick may be

edited for TV. With Uul Brynner, Robert Mitchum and Charles Bronson. Not recom-

FOOL'S PARADE (1971) (NBC, Tuesday, Feb. 20): An offbeat but often obvious

comedy-melodrama, based on a Davis Grubb novel about some

ex-cons (with true-blue James Stewart as their unlikely

leader) trying to resist being swindled of their hard-earned

savings by various citizens in 1920's West Virginia. Not

WHO'S AFRAID OF

VIRGINIA WOOLF? (1966)

(CBS, Thursday, Feb. 22): One of the more controversial films

of the 1960's makes it to TV, and is likely in 1973 to outrage only those who insist on being outraged. Director Mike Nichols never quite succeeded in turning Edward Albee's

iller fans of all ages.

recommended.

VILLA RIDES (1968) (ABC,

for movie buffs.

mended.

continuation of a series of weekly semon-like talks on the THEY CALL ME MISTER TIBBS (1970) (CBS, Friday, Feb. 16): A solid action general subject of God's existence detective flick, the sequel to "In the Heat of the Night," with THE POPE BEGAN by noting that modern man Sidney Poitier's cool detective solving a murder in picturesque given two choices in regards to his belief in the existence of San Francisco. The film has no major racial aspects, and took a major step in realistic description of a cop's normal "If modern man does not admit the existence of God," he

home problems with wife and children. Satisfactory for adults said, "we are forced to do away with the reason for the original and sufficient being for all and mature youth. THE ALAMO (1960) (NBC, in things, the first cause, the principle of rationality and two parts, Saturday and Monday, Feb. 17 and 19): About science . . . We are forced to live and to think in darkness, or 185 heroes, directed and led by John Wayne, defend Texas against an army of nice but illthe shadow of hypothetical and insufficient principles to provide a final explanation for fated Mexicans. This \$12 million epic is full of action, blood, our urgent search for truth." bathos, messed-up history, and endless speechifying on oversimplified patriotic virtues. It could have been worse. Satisfactory, but it's a long

WITHOUT GOD, man's mind and life are wrapped in doubts, guesses and imagery, he said, leading in the end to the "absurd, to scepticism, and to the false wisdom of nihilism."

But on the other hand, he continued, "if we admit that there exists a personal and creating God, then we must conclude that there is in the world an order, a directive thought, a knowing and dominating reason why; that is, providence.

VATICAN CITY - The Vatican post office will issue-It is within the providence of God that He has permitted man to choose between good and evil, the Pope continued.

"God, in a lavish (gift) of His providence has conferred on pain itself its own usefulness," which finds its supreme expression "in the economy of the Cross and of Redemption," he said.

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SUCRE, Bolivia-Six families with a total of 46 children received homes from Cardinal Clemente Maurer of Sucre under

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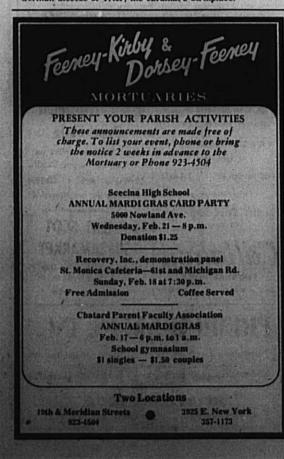
a two-year archdiocesan program that has provided housing to 40 other low-income families here.

At 72, Cardinal Maurer promised to continue this program "as long as God allows me to live." His immediate goal is to provide for 100 families.

The Franciscan Fathers donated two city blocks of land to

the program.

Each home owner pays \$5 a month until the total price of \$1,125 is covered. Initial funds were donated by Catholics in the German diocese of Trier, the cardinal's birthplace.



Good and Evil. You don't want to try to answer them really. That would be too heavy. Why be intelligent when you can fake

Pete and Tillie (first insult) are supposed to be average folks. Bachelor and spinster meet at a cocktail party populated by all the usual bizarre phonies who always attend parties in movies. Chief among them: an overpainted busybody (Geraldine Page) who is trying to stay sexy; her husband (Barry Nelson), who later genially proposes adultery to Tillie; a white-haired "withit" priest (Kent Smith), whom everybody puts down, and the film's obligatory fag (Rene Auberjonois), whose main purpose in life seems to be to

Catholic schools are to be a IN THE 1970s. Sister Amanda Allard said, it becomes ap-parent that needs will be solved

force in modern society they must be "boldly contemporary, educationally superlative and distinctly Christian," declared discover and uncover Miss the head of a Dominican community of nuns.

Pete and Tille somehow Find Love. (I doubt it). Doesn't anybody in Hollywood know

that setting reflects character? that people choose their friends

and are probably much like

Sister Marie Amanda Allard, O.P., prioress general of the Sinsinawa, Dominican Sisters, expressed these ideas at a convention for state Catholic grade school teachers and principals.

She said that although Catholic education is faced with problems of personnel and finance it must focus on basic beliefs and values.

SISTER ALLARD said that Catholic education is not merely a function but a ministry with task and vision—"the vision of the Gospels and the task to build faith-inspired community." She said the ministry of

Catholic educators must reflect two characteristics of Christ's own ministry-the redeeming servant, and the teacher and liberator.

"As a ministry," she said, "Catholic education must reflect the redemptive quality of Christ's teaching. As a ministry, Catholic education also must teach the word of God through the Gospel . . . because the Gospel word is what society

Adult Education Calendar

The schedule of Adult Education programs next week in the Archdiocese, as compiled by Sister Gilchrist Conway, of Adult Education, includes the following:

Friday, February 16-"Great Decisions-Japan," discussion, St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, 8 p.m.
"Old Testament Seminar,"

lecture-discussion, Father Martin Peter, St. Lawrence, Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

Sunday, February 18—
"Ways to Solve Problems,"

"Anys to Solve Problems,"
lecture-discussion, Recovery
Group, St. Monica, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
"Conscientization: Issues of
Justice," workshop, Father
Michael Crosby, St. Mary
Academy, Indianapolis, 1:30 Academy, Indianapolis, 1:30

Monday, February 19-"Parent Education," lecture-discussion, Sister Mary Slat-tery, S.P., St. Paul, New Alsace, 30 p.m. "Asian Religions," lecture-

discussion, Father Paul Dooley, St. Thomas Aquinas, In-dianapolis, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 20—
"Dutch Catechism," lecturediscussion, Father Martin
Peter, Butler Newman Center,
Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.

"The Sacrament of Penan-ce," lecture-discussion, Father Robert Scheidler, Christ the King, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m. "Introduction to Protestantism," lecturein turning Edward Albee's bitch-talky play into a film, despite terrific photography by Haskell Wexler. The primary appeal is naked violence (outrageous male-female verbal assault) and virtuoso acting by the Burtons, George Segal and Sandy Dennis. But the play itself is pretentious as well as vulgar, largely incredible, and permeated with a sick view of women, sex and marriage. Satisfactory, mainly as theatrical fireworks, for nature viewers. discussion, John Lowe, St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis,

Wednesday, February 21—
"Preparation of Lay
Ministers," lecture-discussion,
St. Bernadette, Indianapolis, 8

p.m.
"Christian Morality," lecture-discussion, Anthony
Etienne, St. Thomas Aquinas,
Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
"Documents of Vatican II,"
lecture-discussion, Holy Cross,
Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.
'Introduction to
Catholicism." Father Paul

as theatrical fireworks, for mature viewers.

WAIT UNTIL DARK (1967) (Friday, Feb. 23, CBS): Frederick Knott's ingenious melodrama setting up a classic thriller confrontation between a helpless blind beauty (Audrey Hepburn) and a very nasty villain (Alan Arkin, of all people). It is superbly staged, down to the last hair-raising moment, without ever stooping to bad taste or missing its deeper point: that trust gives the heroine a kind of moral vision. Recommended for brave chiller fans of all ages.

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"Introduction to Catholicism," Father Paul Dooley, St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 22—
"Themes of Lent," lecture-discussion, Sister Gilchrist Conway, S.P., St. Charles, Bloomington, 7:30 p.m.
"Adult Education," lecture-discussion, St. Mary, Richmond, 7:30 p.m.
"God and Man Today," lecture-discussion, Glen Berger, St. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, 7:30 p.m.

ascending order of frequency. They marry and have a kid, whom they play with a lot. (Time begins to pass pretty quickly here). Pete is clearly playing around also with some big girls. His taste is represented by a blonde who invites Tillie to lunch for a civilized chat, and drops her contact lens in her martini. The son by now is 9—time for him to son by now is 9-time for him to get sick and die.

ALL THIS TIME Pete and Tillie have shown no symptom of being alive, of relating to anyone or anything in the universe except their own wants. They spend the child's last year playing games with him. (You won't believe it, but on a fishing trip the kid is so compassionate he asks Dad to throw back the fish). After the boy dies (rain reflected on hospital wall), the bitterness kick starts. A funeral? You mean the Church bit? OK, for the kid's sake. We haven't been to church in 20 years. (Sur-prise). Time to kick God. Wife shrieks heavenward to Jesus and Mary. "God of Mercy? Queen of Mercy: . . . I spit on you" (Later she recants, perhaps to save the PG rating). what it encourages its students to do-to take its values

seriously and help transform Tillie is obviously unhappy, so she denies old Pete the conjugal rights for a year or so. Maybe "Quality education for the poor and minorities is a moral imperative if it is to give to she could become a Catholic millions basic human dignity. and join the rest of the guilt-We in Catholic education are free and have a responsibility to ridden? ("I need something"). Well, this upsets Pete. "Do you think we're being punished? By whom? Why?" I mean, Pete is experiment with Christian bring them to a world that so desires them." not one for humility. He still thinks he's a nice guy, and he's

never even been grateful he's alive. So Tillie stays a Congregationalist, and a happy ending comes later, somewhat inexplicably, after she has rejected a poignant proposal by the friendly homosexual.

My point, of course, is not to suggest that the child's death is a punishment. But even to bring up the subject in the shoddy context of this story and the self-pity of these empty characters, to somehow blame

their troubles on Yahweh, for

AH WELL, the San Francisco scenery is dimly visible through the inept photography, and there is a messy slapstick catight in which Mmes. Burnett and Page smash each other with hoses and garbage cans.

Director Martin Ritt is mostly responsible. Did he who made "Sounder" make thee? Incredibly, yes.

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