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Religious' collection breaks records

by Laurie Hansen

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WASHINGTON (NC)—Last December's first-ever na-tional collection for the retirement needs of religious is likely to take in more than \$20 million, topping, all previous national church appeals, said the collection's coordinator.

The dollars pouring in demonstrate "that most Catholiss who were educated or cared for by sisters have a strong affection for them," said Sister Mary Oliver Hudon, a School Sister of Notre Dame who is director or the Tri-Conference Retirement Project and its retirement fund.

Catherine Herl, supervisor of income and receipts in the U.S. Catholic Conference's accounting department, con-firmed Feb. 16 that it appeared the amount collected would be "much bigger" than past U.S. church appeals.

largest previous national collection was the 1985 Bishops' s Appeal, which yielded \$13.4 million.

As reported in this newspaper last week, Catholics in the chdiocese of Indianapolis contributed \$352,307 to the collection, more than three times more than to any other special collection during the past year.

Sister Mary Oliver based her prediction that the collection would exceed \$20 million on deposits already made by 28 dioceses and estimates provided by collection coordinators nationwide. The deadline for dioceses to submit their results is March 30.

The nun said the fact the collection for religious "was the kind of appeal that's personal" contributed to its success.
"You're helping old ladies. That can't be beat, in a sense,"
she said in a Feb. 15 interview. But primarily, she said, "it was the cause. We tried to present the case very honestly." She reported receiving hundreds of letters similar to one from a man who wrote that he owed all his success to the sisters who taught him.

that he owed air his success to the sisters who caught him. Ninety percent of funds collected by 130 participating dioceses is to be passed out to more than 600 qualifying men's and women's religious congregations in June, said Sister Mary Oliver. The money will be distributed based on a formula that weights the grant a congregation receives in iavor of the age and years of service of all its members over 50 wars old.

The remaining 10 percent or \$2 million, whichever is less, will be given in December in the form of supplemental grants to religious orders in dire need, said Sister Mary (See COLLECTION on page 17)

Iran asks the pope to help stop controversial book

by john Thavis

ROME (NC)—Iran's Embassy to the Vatican has appealed to Pope John Paul II to help stop publication of "The Satanic Verses," a book condemned as blasphemous by many Moslem leaders.

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Calling the work "an insult to all the prophets," the
embassy said the pope should demonstrate that he is a
defender of religion by acting, "emergetically" to prevent the
book from being released in Italy.

The statement was released Feb. 15, the same day an aide
to Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini offered a
reward for the killing of the book's Indian-born author,
Salman Rushdie.

The embassy statement did not mention the reward, nor the fact that Khomeini had earlier "sentenced" Rushdie to

death.

The book has sparked a wave of recent protests by fundamentalist Moslems. Sections of the work are seen as denigrating the Prophet Mohammed, founder of Islam, and the Koran, Islam's sacred book of revelations.

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The embassy statement said the book was not merely offensive to Islam, but depicted Mohammed in a way that 'no believer who takes his faith to heart can ever accept.'' The 'contempt for religion' demonstrated by the book's recent publication in England, it said, 'cannot be repeated in Italy, so dose to the Vattan—the See of the pope and the center of Christianity.''

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"We ask the most holy pontiff, leader of Catholics
worldwide, to act energetically to prevent this insult,
showing from the threshold of \$51. Peter that he is a defender
of spirituality and religion," it said.
Vatican press spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the
Vatican did not plan to comment on the statement. He noted

After meeting to discuss the situation, directors of Italy's Mondadori publishing company announced Feb.



CONTROVERSIAL AUTHOR—Salman Rushdie holds a copy of his controversial book, "The Satanic Verses." (NC photo from UPI-Reuter)

16 that they would begin distributing the book as planned Feb. 21.

The Iranian ambassador to the Holy See, Salman Ghaffari, said Feb. 17 he felt it was the pope's duty to help 'rprevent the future difficulties" that would occur if the book were published in Italy.

Chaffari, in an interview with National Catholic News Service, said a papal statement against the book would be in keeping with the pope's aim of "correcting what's wrong with society."

The ambassador said he had not received a Vatican reply

Ghaffari also said he supported Khomeini's death edict against Rushdie, "just as any good Moslem would." He said the edict was in keeping with the Islamic religion.

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"This kind of action is an offense to the prophet himself," Ghaffari said of the book. He accused the author of denigrating Islam "knowingly and tendentiously" and said that in such a case forgiveness has no place.

The sentence should be lifted only if Rushdie demonstrates that he was not aware of the offense when he wrote the book and issues a retraction, Chaffari said.

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Asked whether he would support Khomein's call to kill
the publishers if the book were brought out in Italy, Ghaffari
said, "I hope this doesn't happen."
Six Moslems were killed during a demonstration against
the book in Palskian Feb. 12 when police opened fire on a
crowd outside the American Center in Islamabad. Other
demonstrations and book-burnings have occurred in Iran,
India and England.
Rushtie born of an Indian Moslem family and now a

Rushdie, born of an Indian Moslem family and now a British citizen living in London, was given police protection at his home after Khomeini issued his death edict. The (See IRAN ASKS on page 17)

St. Ann's to close, send students to St. Roch's

by Margaret Nelson

St. Ann School, Indianapolis, an-nounced last week that plans have been made for its students to attend St. Roch

The parish council and board of

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education made the decision to close St. Ann School at an open meeting last November, but delayed public announce-ment until plans had been made for the 47 students.

St. Ann pastor, Father Larry Crawford, said, "The decision has been long in coming and it was a difficult one for the people. But now that it has been made. I think there is a real positive feeling of looking forward."

"I think the parents genuinely look forward to working with 5t. Roch in a very collaborative way, because that is what we agreed upon," said Father Crawford. "I think there is a real hope that this will cause an increase in quality that this will cause an increase in quality Catholic education."

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The pastor said, "A lot of work went into that very long and careful process. My sense is that now that the pain of that decision is over, the people want to get on with making the parish grow and pros-

Carmen Codarmaz, president of the board of education agreed, "We're just thankful that it's over. We tried to work it out so that unity can be kept. We won't know if we've achieved that until next year. I think it was a good choice. We just pray that it was." Carmen Codarmaz, president of the pray that it was.'

Codarmaz said, "A lot more work needs to be done. We will need to work

together." She does not expect St. Ann to be represented on St. Roch's board of education, because that includes "total Catholic education for the parish. That wouldn't be fair." But she believes that a school committee may be formed with St. Ann parishioners. Ann parishioners

Even before the November meeting Even betore the November meeting, a discernment meeting was held in the parish, facilitated by the Office of Catholic Education. After the Nov. 16 meeting, a task force was formed to look at the alternatives. Mary Lou Burkhart served as chairman of the group, which included the pastor, principal and board of education president

Frank Savage, director of the Office of Catholic Education, said that the parish leadership "looked at a number of different options. There was some difference of opinion. But this was the preferred

option."

Burkhart believes that past negative rumors have kept enrollment down in what she describes as "the largest parish geographically in the city." There are 30 "very supportive families" with children in the school. "I've been close to the children. I hate to see it close." said the former board of education president.

The parents were informed of the decision in November. A meeting with parents was held on Feb. 2 to discuss the

options. Input was received from families at that meeting and from a questionnaire distributed on Feb. 10. At that time, the

decision was narrowed to four schools.

Paula Kendrick, the principal died on
Dec. 8. Anna Sharpe, fifth grade teacher,
assumed the role of school administrator
and made the contact with St. Roch.



FROM THE EDITOR

Palestinian priest promotes peace in Israel

by John F. Fink

From Jan. 12 to 19 this year I was in Israel. This column is the third of several about what I learned while I was

there.
On Jan. 17 we spent two-and-a-half hours with Father Elias Chacour. a Melkite Catholic pricest who has built a school for Christians and Moslems on the top of a high hill in Ibillin that has a great view of Halfa and the Bay of Halfa in the distance. The school has 620 students between the ages of 14 and 19, 55 percent of them girls. Skty-five percent are Moslems because most of the people in the surrounding villages are Moslems.

Father Chacour says that he is trying to promote friendship among all who live in Israel and the occupied territories. "Friendship with Jews should not mean harted of non-Jews," he said. "On the contrary, we must be friends with all."

WHILE WE WERE STILL standing around our bus (and I was scribbling in my notebook trying to keep up with him), he quickly made these somewhat disjointed points: "The Jews must acknowledge the existence of Palestine. What is going on in the U.S. now between the Palestinians and the U.S. is encouraging, but it is 40 years late. In this country those who were persecuted are now the persecutors. You U.S. taxpayers are paying for bullets to kill Palestinians and to build settlements and to take my

I asked if there were any Jews in his school. He replied that there weren't, but that he would welcome them. The only Jews in the area, he said, are young Jews from the

U.S. who have put pre-fab homes on confiscated land and then surrounded it with barbed wire.

then surrounded it with barbed wire. What he is working for is an ecumenical community where there are no Jews, Christians or Moslems, but only good citizens, he ead as he started to give us a tour of the school. He said that 50 percent of the Palestinians are under 14 years old so the future of the land depends on the education these children receive. He said that he began by starting a library 25 years ago, a library that has more than 165,000 volumes.

"IT IS NOT TRUE that the present conflict is between Jew and Arab, but between Israel Jew and Palestinian Arab," Father Chacour said as we finally got seated in a reception room. "The Arab states hate Palestinians more than the Jews do. In Jordan, for example, King Hussein massacred the Palestinians (after one of the attempts to assassinate him). So it is unjust to force Palestinians to go to Arab lands.

to Arab lands."

He continued: "Forty-two years ago there was no state of Israel—and no Palestinian refugees. Then the state of Israel—as created in Palestinien. The country was emptied of its residents through violence, some villages completely destroyed. Israel exists and is going to stay. I don't question its existence, but the quality of its existence. Is Zionism as now lived in Israel viable in a pluralistic society? Palestinians want a democratic, secular, non-autocratic

society."

He continued: "As soon as there is peace between Israel and Palestine, both the Palestinians in Israel and the Jews in Palestine will have to choose where they will live. In both states there must be peace, but those who choose to live in Israel must accept Israeli rule and those who choose to live in Palestine must accept Palestinian rule. "There are already two states," he said. "No one can doubt that Palestine exists on the West Bank, and Gaza. It

is being governed by the leaders of the intifada. Palestine

exists; it just hasn't been recognized yet. And, of course, it is occupied by Israeli troops.

"Israel can close our schools, our universities, but they "Israel can close our schools, our universities, but they always stressed." cannot close our minds. Palestinians have always stressed education and we still have more university graduates than the Israelis." (I can't verify that statement, but that's what he said, and I've heard it before.)

what he said, and I've heard it before.)
He said he is opposed to violence and terrorism, but his words seemed to excuse it: "Is it terrorism or freedom fighting to finally revolt against 20, 30, 40 years of persecution, of seeing your property confiscated and someone else living there? Were the actions of the Jews after World War II freedom fighting or terrorism? Is providing bombs to Israel, or to Iraq in its fight against Iran, terrorism? Who are the terrorists?

"I talked to a famous man from the U.S.," he continued. "He said, 'You must understand. We must continue to produce bombs to maintain our standard of living, 'I asked, 'Do I have to sacrifice my bones so you can be the said of the sai

"I have never seen as much terrorism as the crime I saw in the papers while I was in Chicago," he said.

ABOUT HIS SCHOOL: He said it is supported by the villagers' money and their free labor, from a Dutch Protestant foundation that contributed the building materials, from royalties for "Blood Brothers" (a book he wrote), from private supporters, and from World Vision.

wrote), from private supporters, and from World Vision.

I told him that he obviously is doing a good job of promoting friendship among Christians and Moslems, but they are all Palestinians. I asked how he promotes understanding between Palestinians and Jews. He replied that he has held annual seminars between his students and students from Jewish shools. But, he said, last year it was difficult to organize because of the intifiada. He said he expects it to be easier his year because the Jews are anxious to say, "We are not the ones who persecute."

Lenten study group meets in Ayres lunchroom

by Margaret Nelson

The lunch-time gathering in Indian-apolis L.S. Ayres meeting room could be compared to the early-Christian assemblies in the catacombs.

The people in the crowded corner share their deep spiritual feelings. Yet their closed meeting room is situated in the center of Indiana's business and industrial

network.

On Feb. 15, 53 people gathered for the Lenten Downtown Series. They met in the Club Room, just beyond the Tray Shoppe on Ayres' eighth floor. Some participants brought bag lunches and some purchased lunch in the cafeteria line on their way in.

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There were enough tables for about 40 people to spread out their food. Others sat in chairs at the edge of the room. One young woman sat on the window still.

Adults of all ages attended the first session—some dressed in office attire, others appearing to be retirees.

St. John pastor Father William F. Stineman and associate pastor Father Jack W. Porter alternate leading the Lenten sessions. It was Father Porter's turn on the first Wednesday.

st Wednesday.

The participants in the unique religious ucation program were given printed eets to assist them in their reflection on is year's theme: "The Way of the Cross in



LUNCHTIME LEARNING—Father Jack Porter leads one of "The Way of the Cross in our Daily Lives" Lenten series meetings. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Father Porter, who has experience teaching in high school and college, elicited dialogue from the luncheon group. He talked about the knowledge the faithful have of Jesus and how spiritual practices such as the Stations of the Cross can bring them to the ex-perience of Christ.

One man told of his growth from his school days of praying the stations. "As I know Jesus more, I find it more and more difficult to say, "Crucify him," he

Father Porter reflected on how the experience of the cross differs from the mere knowledge of Jesus' agony.

He told of his own "profound ex-

Archbishop O'Meara's Schedule

SATURDAY, Feb. 25 — Cathedral High School Shamrauction, at Cathdral High School, Indianapolis, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, Feb. 26 — Celebration of Burning of Parish Hall Mortgage, St. Maurice Parish, Decatur County, Eucharistic Liturgy at 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, Mar. 3 - USCC Budget and Finance Committee meeting, Washington, D.C.

periences" when administering the Sacrament of the Sick that "you can't capture with words." In fact, he said, "Once you have that, you don't want to explain it. It's to be experienced and enjoyed as a special gift, not like an object to be explained in a laboratory."

laboratory."
"We all have known our own ecstacies and agonies," the priest said. "They bring

us close to God, especially the agonies. We ask, "Why me?" and "When will it end?"

But the priest said it helps to "find ourselves in the picture of the suffering Savior. Then we can unite our sufferings

One mar said he visited the sick, and it hurt him to watch others suffer. Father Porter said, "I always ask very sick people to pray for us. They are very close to our to pray for us. They are very close

A woman said that union with Christ is not always "a pleasant thing" to witness in earthly terms

earthly terms.

Father Porter said later that he appreciates Ayres letting the group use the room. He said the lively participation by the group is "an inspiration to me." He explained that the idea for the program was first suggested by Matt Hayes, director of religious education and coordinator of adult catechesis for the Office of Catholic Education. This is the fourth year the Lenten series has been offered.

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Some of the participants attend 11:10 .m. Mass at St. John Church before going a Ayres for the lunchtime sessions. "But to Ayres for the lunchtime sessions. "B more than half come on their lunch hour, Father Porter said.

The second Wednesday discussion was "Motherhood, Parenting and Nurtur-

Next week the session will be held on Thursday, March 2, because of a prior reservation of the room at Ayres. The topic is "Carrying the Cross Daily." The remaining three sessions will be on

CHD proposal deadline Mar. 31

March 31 is the deadline for s proposals to the Campaign for Human Development (CHD) for local funding of

action or social justice education grants.

According to Grace Hayes of the According to Grace Hayes of the archdiocesan CHD office, the action grants are given to projects that are similar in nature to those funded by the national CHD. At least 51 percent of the beneficiaries from a proposed project must be from low-income groups and this group must be involved in the planning, implementation and policy-making of the project.

Hayes said that high priority is given to projects that: 1) have a greater likelihood of involvement by members of Catholic parishes; and 2) address the basic causes of poverty and effect empowerment of an individual or groups of individuals. Low recent the same to be seen t priority is given to projects that operate as a crisis response to an individual's need.

The average amount of funding given to local projects is \$2,200.

The social justice education grants are \$500 maximum. The proposed program must educate people to the issues of powerlessness and poverty and/or the effects of injustice. The definition of poverty is restricted to the economic definition.

Priority is given to: 1) innovative and creative approaches to educate people about the need for institutional change; 2) projects of parishes that perform cooperaprojects or parsness that perform coopera-tively with other groups; and 3) projects that center on local, community issues. Projects not meeting funding criteria are research projects, surveys, planning and feasibility studies.

For futher information and application forms, contact the CHD Office at the Catholic Center, (317)236-1550.

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FIRE PREVENTION FOR POOR—Father Carlton Beever (front, from Indianapolis Fire Chief Joseph Kimbrew one of the 175 smoke alarms he donations to the Protect Life Project. Witnessing the presentation were (bacChief Keith Smith, Chief Louis Delezan, and Division Chief Timothy W marshal. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

Smoke alarms for the poor are donated to fire department

by Margaret Nelson

Father Carlton Beever believes that providing smoke alarms for the poor is a Respect Life action. Fire Chief Joseph Kimbrew knows that the devices have saved lives in the Indianapolis area.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, Father Beever presented 175 smoke alarms to the Indianapolis Fire Department so that they could install them where people live who cannot afford them.

As chaplain to the firefighters, Father Beever made an appeal to all the parishes and to Criterion readers to make donations to the fund. The \$1,000 raised was used to buy the devices from the manufacturer at a

In accepting the gift, Fire Chief Kimbrew said, "We are very, very pleased with this effort that has been put forth. Because of the use of smoke alarms, fire fatalities went from 17 to six last year. That is six more than we want, but is an improvement."

Father Beever said that the lives of two adults were saved in a fire the previous week because of the alarms. At one fire the department responded to, the alarm was still sounding after the fire

was out.

The chaplain said that the city-county council passed an ordinance requiring smoke alarms in all residences by March 1, 1989. But he is concerned because landlords are not required to provide them. "That doesn't cover where most of the first cover. Some noonle just don't he first cover. Some noonle just don't.

them. "That doesn't cover where most of the fires occur. Some people just don't have the \$7 to \$10 to buy one," said Father Beever.

The pastor of St. Bernadette Parish said that residents are advised to have one smoke alarm on every level of the home and one placed outside of each sleeping area. They should be tested monthly and batteries replaced annually. Father Beever said that anyone who can contribute should send a check to: Protect Life Project. 4826 Fletcher Ave., Indi-anapolis, Ind. 46203.

Indiana House passes bill to legalize bingo

Indiana has moved swiftly from a state with a strict prohibition against gambling to one where virtually everything at least is being discussed. When the constitutional being uscussed. When the constitutional ban against gambling was removed by voters in the November election, the general wisdom was that the state's elected officials would approve a state-operated lottery, and perhaps pari-mutuel horse

lottery, and perhaps pari-mutuel horse racing.

Much time is being devoted to those,
but also to dog tracks, off-track betting and
casino gambling (suggested by Lake
County legislators as a solution to unemployment in Cary). All are strongly
opposed by the Citizens Against Gambling
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opposed by the Citizens Against Gambling coalition.
Only one game of chance is meeting no opposition. That's bingo, approved by a 90 to 10 vote in the House of Representatives. No House members spoke against the bill, nor is it opposed by the anti-gambling coalition. The Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), likewise, has no opposition to the bill, "because of the strict limitations included," according Dr. M. Desmond Ryan, ICC lobbigst.

HB 1033, authored by Rep. Charles Dobis (D-Merrillville), limits bingo to not-for-priori organizations which have been in existence for at least five years. Only people within the organizations can manage or supervise the games. Professional managers are prohibited. Top prize in a single game is limited to \$1,500 and the total amount of prizes in one 24-hour period cannot exceed \$7,000.

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Winnings are subject to state income taxes. Although bingo is a form of gambling, national surveys indicate that most

Although bingo is a form of gambling, national surveys indicate that most people see it as a form of recreation. Over

70 percent who play say they do so for a sense of participation.

Social scientists have found no evi-ence that petty gambling is in any way imaging to a person's character. Nor is ere evidence that it undermines the work ethic.

Bingo is legal in at least 39 states largely limited to not-for-profit organiza-tions. Nevada and Maryland are excep-

As tirst introduced, HB 1033 would have capped prizes at \$500 per game and \$1,500 per day. Rep. Dobis quickly learned that those prize levels are far below current practice in some Hoosier areas. Changes were made before being approved by the Public Policy Committee by an 11-0 vote. The bill now goes to the Senate for consideration. Senate sponsors are Sen. William Soards (R-Indpls) and Sen. John Busemi (D-Gary).

No FCC hearings for Madelyn O'Hair

The bogus petition from Madelyn Murray O'Hair has popped up again. The Cathol's Center has received phone calls from people who have been alerted that O'Hair has been granted a hearing to try to eliminate religious radio and TV

by its eliminate suggests.
This is not true.
Petitions to the Federal Communications
Commission against O'Hair's hearing have
recurred from time to time over the years,
despite the fact that there is no such hearing
or petition for such a hearing on O'Hair's

Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, planning to build a new church

nere comes a time in the life of any growing parish when space problems must be faced. At St. Mary, Queen of Peace, Danville, the leadership has decided that a new church must be built.

The new feeding.

The new facility is planned to fill the needs of the total parish family of today and allow for projected growth in the

nature.

Established in 1938, St. Mary has long sought a permanent church. During the past 50 years, liturgical celebrations have been held in private homes and temporary facilities. The present structure, built in 1954, has a capacity of 195. The parish community now numbers 317 families.

In 1985, the year after Father Charles Chesebrough was assigned to St. Mary, the parish council agreed that a new church building was essential. Approval from Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara was secured and a building fund launched.

A New Church Planning Team was formed in 1980. Tony Steinmetz is the chairman. This team and its subcommittees are giving high priority to parish input. Franciscan Sister Sandra Schweitzer, liturgical artist from the O'ffice of Worship, was consulted for guidance. To assist the parish in the process, she will facilitate a series of six deducational sessions. The first, "Worshiping Wilma," will be presented on Feb. 25 at 3:45 p.m. and on Feb. 26 at 9 a.m.



AN NEW CHURCH—The team planning a new church at St. Mary, Qu aville, includes: (front, from left) Catherine Coats, Mile Rollins, Sharon ny Steinmett, chairwan; (back) Mick Poole, Father Charles Chesebrough, cee Peak, Dave Morton, Betty Ann Kessinger, and Bill Cody. en of Peac

Matters Temporal

by Msgr. Gerald A. Gettelfinger Secretary for Temporalities

Dates/Numbers, Numbers/Dates
Significant dates reduced to numbers identify month, day and year. For example, my own day of birth translates to 10/20/35.
What is yours? Anniversaries of marriage are named by numbers. Memory of the death of a beloved member of the family is celevated by marking the day with identifying numbers. Mom died last year on 4/10/88. Although these numbers do not rule our lives, they have great meaning for us.

There are other dates that have the There are other dates that have the impact of governance; in other words, those dates, established by others require some particular action on our part. You do recall a particular date in April? 4/18/89? In case you have forgotten, you would do well to have forgotten, you would do your taxes filed by then.

There are still others that herald community days of celebration. We know them well as holy days—secularized to holidays. Each one is known by a particular set of numbers: 12/25; 7/4; 1/1; 8/15; 11/1; 12/8 among them.

1/42 III; 8/15; III/; 12/8 among them. Then there are those that are identified by days of the week. What three Thursdays (fifth day of the week) do we celebrate? What about Mondays? How many Wednesdays are special? The Ides of March was a special? The Ides of March was a special? The Ides of the Romans. We have our own notable recurring days of the year.

year.

Then there are those days that are calculated by a set formula. Do you know how the date of Easter is calculated? Did you know that from that date the starting date of Lent,

Ascension Thursday and Pentecost are annually established? For example: Pentecost means 50th day; Pentecost is the 50th day after Easter.

Some dates are poignant for useren painful. In recent history few will not remember 11/22/63. Then for so many there was the stunning moment in the history of our country: 12/07/41. Each family can identify those particular days in life's journey that were filled with pain and suffering, maybe even despair. We do not escape those just as surely as we anticipate times for celebration.

Just in case you have forecotten how.

celebration.

Just in case you have forgotten how calendar makers decide the date of Easter, here is the formula. Easter in the Roman Catholic tradition is celebrated on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. The spring equinox—days and nights being equal in time—is roughly March 21st each year. The full moon follows shortly thereafter. This year that first Sunday is March 26. From that we back up the 40 days of Lent. From that date we move forward 40 days is a Ascension Thursday and 10 days later Pentecost.

We use numbers to assist us to look groward to events as well as to note

them in memory.

As we were reminded on Ash Wednesday, our life span is limited. We speak of years, months and days that we live on this earth. A brief trip through the parish cemetery will refresh your memory. Further, death, as you will notice, does not respect numbers. Headstones of infants can be found next to those of centenarians. In short, the use of numbers is a tool for us in time. They mark limits whereas eternity has no limits. Be hopeful then as the limited days of Lent—life on this earth—unfold. They will conclude with the bursting forth of the eternal: Easter day, resurrection day!

Commentary

The effect of television on the labor scene

by Msgr. George G. Higgins

A recent spell in the hospital fo'llowed by several weeks of recuperation at home forced me to spend more time watching television than I have normally done in the

past.
My recent overexpo-sure to both daytime and prime-time televi-sion brought to mind something Derek Bok and John T. Dunlop, both outstanding ob-servers of the labor scene, wrote several

years ago about the com in general, including television. They said the media "tend to project an unfavorable image of organized labor," concentrating on sensational or arresting news stories about strikes, corruption and other un-

desirable events.

Two media surveys conducted several years ago by the International Association of Machinists confirmed the Bok-Dunlop criticism of the media. The surveys looked at prime-time television treatment of American labor and the coverage on network news programs of issues that concerned IAM members.

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While the two surveys are undoubtedly out-of-date in some respects, my impres-sion is that they are still basically on the

The IAM entertainment survey showed that television tended to be harmful to the that television tended to be harmun to the image of both unions and their members. The survey covered a total of 101 movies, specials and series aired in a given month and monitored by IAM lodges in 43 states. Approximately 1,500 carefully trained IAM members participated in the effort.

The entertainment survey resulted in the following findings

In Unions were almost invisible on television. Despite the use of unionized occupations as the basis for plots and characters, the ongoing role of unions in improving the quality of life and working conditions for workers was seldom il-

2. Television tended to depict unions as nt, degrading and obstruct

3. The occupations depicted on televi-The occupanous depicted on television entertainment programs were disproportionate to reality. For example:
 Trostitutes outnumbered machinists or other skilled craftsmen by 12-to-1, and there were twice as many rich doctors as welfare workers.

4. Television's overemphasis on the service trades and underemphasis on the importance of trades which produce goods could not help but affect job entry and worker morale in critical crafts, trades and

goods production areas.

5. Television tended to portray workers in unionized occupations as clumsy, un-Television rended to portray workers in unionized occupations as clumsy, un-educated people who drank and smoked too much and had no leadership qualities.

6. The majority of workers in unionized The majority of workers in unionized occupations as portrayed on television might just as well have been robots. They were nameless props, portrayed as not worth getting to know.

worth getting to know.

The results of IAM's companion survey on television network news coverage were equally discouraging. The major networks, when they happened to discuss issues of interest to IAM members, tended to favor the corporate position by

Professors Bok and Dunlop did not say



the media were dominated "by the views of anti-labor owners." Such an accusation, they pointed out, "would doubtless be

naive."

IAM's two television surveys—largely ignored by the media—suggested that if the major networks at the time of the two surveys were not anti-labor, they appeared to harbor a cultural bias against millions of eir own viewers. I have no doubt the media will claim that

I have no doubt the media will claim that IAM's findings are so out-of-date as to be meaningless. Maybe so, but to repeat, my own impression is that they are still basically on the mark.

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THE BOTTOM LINE

Solutions to 'wasting of a generation of children'

by Antoinette Bosco

I had a conversation recently with a millionaire who jealously guards his money. He is not well known for his philanthropic efforts.

That's why his words surprised me:
"We're not taking care of our children. We're losing a whole generation to powerty. I'm afraid our nation's power and affluence have peaked... and we're headed downhill from here."

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from here."
Millions of children in the United States
are falling through our society's cracks into
cycles of poverty and despair. Statistics
vary, but it is possible that about 20 percent
of U.S. children are living below the
poverty level. Many more are receiving
substandard education.

At its worst, our lack of concern shows up in the plight of homeless children.

According to the National Coalition for the Homeless, more than 40 percent of the estimated 500,000-750,000 homeless children in America do not attend school.

school-age children are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless popula-tion, said Maria Foscarinis, a lawyer with the Coalition.

Until the passage last year of the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, schools turned away homeless children because they lacked a permanent residence.

The new federal law requires that states devise ways of accepting those children into schools, but the states have been a little slow to comply, Foscarinis said.

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Many homeless children don't want to go to school because they are ridiculed for their scruffy, torn clothing. Sometimes, educators say, they can't attend because they don't have transportation, or their parents can't afford school supplies or resolutation feature.

A valiant effort is being made in Tacoma, Wash., to provide education for

poverty-stricken youths. The school district has started a privately-supported school for children who live in temporary shelters. Each day about 40 children are picked up by school bus and brought to the YWCA. One teacher makes lesson plans for each level from kindergarten to ninth-

in these schools "there is no talk of video games or pranks at the mail, but they do share a common experience: each child can tell a story about sleeping under a bridge or in a car in a vacant building," said

Connie Iverson, the school's teacher, says that the children are really more

interested in food than in anything else.
"Most of them are malnourished," she said. "And it's hard to make somebody with a hungry stomach learn composi-

Alan Tiger, director of Tacoma's YWCA, wants to see the program applied nation

"It's a simple enough idea that any city

can pull off," he said, stressing community support. "People want to help." Similar schools have opened in Santa Clara, Calif., and Salt Lake City. Schools for homeless children are a step in the right direction. But what really is needed is to eradicate homelessness, hunger and poverty. I don't believe that rooting out poverty is too tall an order for the United States. It's a question of priorities.

a question of priorities.

During the 1988 presidential election campaign, there were repeated complaints that there "just weren't any domestic issues." This apparently common perception convinced me that we still don't take seriously the tragedies of homelessness and poverty, not even for our children.

I still believe that as a people we have the energies, vision, talent and resources to reverse the current dangerous trend. I think we could break the grip of poverty and save our children—if we would ever wake up and realize how important it is to do so.

TO TALK OF MANY THINGS

Pope John Paul II has a long 'talk' with the laity about roles

by Dale Francis

Pope John Paul II's exhortation on the laity is 40,000 words long, not something to be read quickly but a message that deserves real study.

Obviously there's not room in a column like this to summarize.

So I'll not even attempt summation but there are some truths that we can think about.

can think about.

The pope wants it understood that the lay person's life is not divided, a spiritual life and a secular life, not two parallel lives but one life that is at once both spiritual and

secular.

We do not add to our lives a spiritual aspect but the spiritual dimension is simply at one with the secular dimension. We approach the whole of life as the believers in Christ we are.

What we are as Catholics is not omething added to the essence of who we re but simply at once a part of what we

are. We do not simply seek to bring Christian solutions to the secular problems. Because we are believers, what our convictions are is what we are.

The pope says the state of the world "calls with particular urgency for the action of the lay faithful." If we understand the reality of our role in the world then we understand we must act to meet the problems of the world.

problems of the world.

Pope John Paul II notes in the exhortation that the world "is besieged by
conomic inequality, abortion and other
assaults on human dignity and human life,
religious in-difference or hostility." He said
that "if lack of commitment is always
unacceptable, the present time renders it
even more so."

Pope John Paul noted throughout the Pope John Paul noted throughout the exhoration that the laity's primary mission is to and in the world. He said one of the temptations of lay Catholics is "being so strongly interested in church services and tasks" that they fall to meet their responsibilities to renew the face of the world.

It is a problem particularly of our own times. The laity has been called to so many tasks of participation in "churchy" things

that they may tend to forget this is not primarily their task. Pope John Paul makes clear the laity is not called to participation in tasks around the altar, primarily tasks of the ordained, except in unusual circum-stances, but members of the laity are called to witness Christ to the world. What members of the laity must be and do is best understood not as a separation but a unity. The laity is called to a primary mission to the world and in the world.

mission to the world and in the world.

The spiritual is not subtracted from this but of the essence of it. Perhaps you might find an example in an illustration not mentioned by Pope John Paul but that you might remember from your childhood. Hard candy had designs. Some such designs were on the outside, but when you sucked the hard candy the design soon disappeared. Other finer candy had designs that were through all the piece of candy, as long as you sucked it the design remained until the candy was gone.

was gone.

The pope in his exhortation has called us not to have the design on the outside but all the way through, the spiritual and the secular being one. It is a reminder to us all of the importance of our task as lay

persons and the uniqueness of our task, which unless we perform it will not be performed. The pope said much more than this but this is something for us to think about.

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To the Editor

Inconsistency in regard to deacons

The church today is no different from the past, except that it doesn't seem to be learning from its mistakes in certain areas, particularly in consistency. Since moving to the area recently from Boston, I find myself confused at Archbishop

As I read the Feb. 10 issue of The Criterion, I came upon the article written by Dale Francis on the state of "low pole Francis on the state of "low two occasions the severe problems priests can go through. Both were close friends and both had personal problems that did and both had personal problems that did and both had personal problems that was too late. One left the priesthood to marry and the other was censured. I served one priest for seven years totally unaware of his problem until one day he told me he was leaving. With all the problems the As I read the Feb. 10 issue of The his problem until one day he told me he was leaving. With all the problems the church has to face with its clergy, it can ill afford to contribute to a restless laity eager to serve, when there is no reason-able argument for not allow the diaconate in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Any church biblical scholar, historian, theologian, etc., can read that at one time the clergy were married, and there were and are today deacons. I Timothy Chap. 3 certainly addresses the qualifications. Although celibacy in terms of church history is a recent man-made law, I accept and understand it for what it is.

accept and understand it for what it is.

But why is the church so inconsistent in regard to the diaconate? Why is a bishop's decision-making authority so different from diocese to diocese? The diaconate issue in comparison to other issues is mild for the church and can easily be resolved. I grew up in Vermont and the Diocese of Burlington allows deacons. The Dioceses of Bostop, Providence and Atlanta, where I have also lived, all allow deacons.

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The Archdiocese of Boston even al-ws altar girls. The parish I left to move re allowed altar girls and my own

daughter became one. Believe me, it is hard to explain to her why she can't be one here, although I don't consider this to be a major problem at this time except in the area of consistency.

in the area of consistency.

For anything to be accepted in good faith by its people, the organization has to show it is consistent or else there is no good defense on the issue by the authority making it. What sets Archbishop O'Meara apart from his fellow bishops? All he has done is make me wonder which diocese is right. Better yet, which diocese is making the greater effort to include its people in greater participation in the church they love, if they so desire.

desire.

I personally do not have the desire to become a deacon, but the deacons I have known and worked with over the years are great men and assets to the parishes they serve. All of these parishes are large

Although this issue does not affect my Catholicism, the church and Archbishop O'Meara have it in their power to reduce controversy where it occurs, on matters which do not affect the teachings of the church. Hour church is to be truly catholic or universal, it must be consistent.

Darcy K. Troville

Church duped into communism

Ref: Bill Pritchard's Jan. 20th article "Life is Rough in Barrio Parish"

"Life is Rough in Barrio Parish":

I am appalled by the naivete of our church in being duped into anti-Christian communism. Liberation theology is a threat to free society by its undermining of the church and its magisterium through attempting to redefine moral issues (changing the Gospel to support theology as opposed to shaping theology as a result of the Gospels).

Ignorance is not bliss and unless we familiarize ourselves with the dangers, then future generations will demand

nswers as to why we threw away our democracy in lieu of communism

democracy in lieu of communism.

To quote Gustavo Gutierrez (the "father" of liberation theology, "There is no evil in being subversive, struggling against the capitalist system.

Liberation leads to reinterpreting the Gospel. As I have witnessed the power of Marxism to provide motivation for a life of service where none existed before. I have come to a new appreciation of this part of my own history. I cannot settle for any story of America that fails to give a central place to this vision."

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Again, Roger Garaudy (one of France's premost Marxist intellectuals) wrote. "Socialism is a traditional stage in the pas When the established order involves such injustice that millions of men are exploited oppressed, mutilated, and humiliated by oppressed, mutilated, and humilated by this order, a revolution, even armed revolution, can be less costly and in the long run less violent than this established disorder, which has become pure violence. Of this, incidentally, many Christians are today becoming conscious, including, for example, even priests and bishops in Latin America."

Africa.

Althorization of the church to teach moral theology at Catholic universities, has mitted by the church to teach moral theology at Catholic universities, has stated, "Questions arise in the light of both the importance and the limitations of the Scriptures. In the light of the most striking development has been the emer-gence of dissent within the Roman Catholic theological community from the teachings of the hierarchical magisterium on specific moral issues." on specific moral issues

One cannot help but feel an air of approval within our archdiocese when articles such as these appear in its newsprint. Already we have seen a swing by our priests and educators away from the church's doctrine of "norma normans non accounts" the Continuous help and the normans of the continuous help and the promite the normans. church's doctrine of "norma normans non normata" (the Scriptures being the norm above all other norms by which all norms are taken) and are thus shown to question the Scriptures' relevance in our daily lives.

Perhaps we need to seek the defini-tions of a couple terms which seem to have taken on good and bad connotations in complete reversal of their intended

First of all, the term orthodoxy means "right praise," or consistency with the faith of the church as embodied in Sacred Scripture, the Fathers, official teachings, Scripture, the land the liturgy.

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Liberation theology, on the other hand, is defined as a new type of theology which emphasizes the motif of liberation in both Old and New Testaments and which reinterprets all doctrines in terms of that motif. Forms of liberation theology include Latin American, black, and ferminist.

Jesus "liberated" all of us from the bonds of oppression. Rather than reinterpreting the Gospels perhaps we should begin to live them. This idea may not be popular in the church today but by "returning to the basics" of our faith we will be truly liberated through the instruction of Sacred Scriptures if only we would accept Jesus as the catalyst of our lives.

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Point of View

No child should go to bed hungry

by Juana Rodriguez

The devastation of undernourished children in the United States should be children in the United States should be front page news. Each day, more than 100 children in our nation die from nutrition-re-lated causes which could be easily pre-

vented.

Christians have an opportunity to help prevent this tragedy. By participating in Bread for the World's "Offering of Letters" campaign to increase funding for the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Christians have the means to fulfill the hope of every citizen and parent: that no child should go to bed hungry in our pation.

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In an Cifering of Letters, letters instead of dollars are gathered to help hungry people. These letters are written to one's local members of Congress.

to one's local members of Congress encouraging them to support full funding for the WIC program. The letters are collected during a worship service. Catholics have been taking part in Offerings of Letters since 1976. In 1987, 200 Catholic churches held Offerings of

Letters.

WIC is a domestic food assistance program that originated in 1972 which now has nutrition programs in almost every county in the United States. WIC helps low-income mothers by providing

pre-natal and post-natal monitoring for the mother and child; nutritious, protein-rich food; and nutrition education for the

mother.

Few programs are as effective in helping hungry people in our country as WIC. Unfortunately, while 48 percent of the eligible women, infants and children are benefiting from WIC, the other 52 percent are benefiting from WIC, the other 52 percent are being turned away at the door of this underfunded program. Moreover, U.S. taxpayers end up spending \$2.5 billion each year to save the lives of low-birth weight and undermourished infants—a price tag much more costly than what it would take to provide WIC benefits to the 3.6 million women, infants and children presently on WIC's waiting list. In fact, one study by the Harvard School of Public Health has shown that for every \$1 spent to provide WIC to pregnant women, \$3 is saved in hospital costs.

Bread for the World seeks legislation that will guarantee significant funding increases for WIC over the next few years, until it is able to reach all who

Catholics, both pastors and lay people, are encouraged to order an Offering of Letters kit and consider Offering of Letters kit and consider holding an offering this spring or summer. To help your church take this important step so that no child will go to bed hungry in the United States, write to Bread for the World, 802 Rhode Island Ave. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20018 and order an Offering of Letters Kit for \$5.50 plus \$2.00 postage and handling.

CORNUCOPIA

Count the ways, Babies! to vamp Ashley Wilkes in "Gone With the Wind." A far cry from the minimalist movement (!) in underwear today, ja?

by Cynthia Dewes

you want to feel like a little old lady pressing dead flowers in a Bible, just my telling your daughters about your youth. By the time you get about your youth. the white gloves, and lace dollies to wear on your head in church, and hope chestyour head in church, and hope chests, they're rolling their eyes and willing the phone to ring so they can sneak away. Some illustrations

from their own experience may be in order to acquaint them with the interesting reality of their mothers' girlhoods. Girls who don't remember Merry Widows and girdles are bound (!) to have widows and grides are bound (1) to have noticed at least one example similar to mom's experience: Scarlett O'Hara squeez-ing herself into her corset before setting out

Our daughters also see advertis

Our daughters also see advertisements that might put them more in touch with mom's youth. "You've Come a Long Way, Baby" (gag) reflects the familiar patronizing tone of yore, but if we analyze that sentiment we realize there's some truth to it. Without the "Baby," of course. ("You've Come-blah-blah" really has nothing to do with smoking. If women have joined men in the Cancer Corps, they're crazy, not emancipated. Besides, girls smoked even before they'd "come a long way," almost as much as they do now.

(They were supposed to hold the cigarette like a movie star, however, not a dock worker. And blowing smoke out the nose was frowned upon.)

The thing is, all the rules have changed. When we were girls we had to play basketball on only half the court because

the strain of running the ball all the way down the floor might do something terrible to our "female organs." In Girl Scouts we earned wimpy sit-down badges, not pioneering or mountain climbing like the boys, and we slept in cabins instead of camping outside under the stars.

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We read straight-faced articles in teen
magazines advising us to snare males by
appearing to be dumb, and at the same
time to make ourselves as attractive as
possible by wearing false everything. We
were supposed to be passive, yet subtly
manipulative. If necessary we were to
employ a host of deceptive methods to gain
every giff's acknowledged or unacknowledged ambition: boyfriends/husband. On
the other hand we were piously exhorted
not to tease.

If we didn't play by these rules we were nsidered a) dimwitted b) rebellious or c) gender suspect. Playing the game without them, as our daughters do today, allows girls to be whole in a way we were not.

They can dress for comfort, and play basketball down the length of the court if they're so inclined. They can perform well at school or work, or earn a strenuous badge, or pake a marriage commitment, if they want to and without deception. They can be as dumb or as bright as they really are and it's O.K

We've come a long way, "Babies." Sometimes, too far. But try telling that to your daughters!

check-it-out...

The Indiana Sports Corporation's Champ's Program recently announced a \$10,000 grant to Beech Grove Benedictine Center for the establishment of a fitness room. The room will benefit young women from St. Elizabeth's Home, the Roncalli swim team, area grade schools and St. Francis Hospital Stress Center adolescent unit. The Champ's Program awarded \$157,000 in grants for sports programs for

youth.

The Mature Living Seminars for Spring sponsored by Marian College will be held on Tuesdays, March 21 through May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in room 306 of Marian Hall. The series, geared to the interest of older citizens on the theme. "Potpours: A Medley of Topics," will include: "The Changing Paradigm: How Women Think and Its Effects on Work and Family: "Movement for Fun and Health," "Matter and Energy." The Marriage of Poverty and Affluence," Nutrition in the Maturing Adult: Aging Concerns; "Marketing Influences on Health Care Choices," and "Egypt's Archaeological and Historical Treasures." A \$10 donation for the series is welcomed and participants may bring a bag lunch or buy an inexpensive lunch in the cafeteria.

Science teachers, pharmacists, engineers or others knowledgeable in the physical and biological sciences are asked to volunteer as judges in the CYO Science Fair which will be held on the weekend of March 4-5. Fifteen judges are needed to judge entries from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 at the CYO Youth Center, 580 Stevens St. Deadline to volunteer is Wednesday, March 1. Call Yvonne Dixon at 317-432-

Central Indiana Marriage Encounter will present a Marriage Encounter Welkend in Terre Haute on March 10-12. For informa-tion or reservations call George and Ann Miller at 317-788-0274.

St. Maurice Parish in Decatur County will celebrate the mortgage burning of its Parish Hall on Sunday, Feb. 26, beginning with a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara at 2 p.m. A formal blessing of the hall and a dinner for the entire parish will follow. According to Benedictine Sister Mary Philip Seib, pastoral minister at St. Maurice, and Benedictine Sister Mary Cecile Deken, pastoral minister at St. Maurice, and Benedictine Sister Mary Cecile Deken, pastoral minister of another St. Maurice Parish in nearby Napoleon, the parish hall is important because it builds community in the parish as parishioners gather for adult learning programs, celebrations, graduations, dinners. "Even working together to eliminate a debt is a way of bringing persons together to work and have fun doing it," they said. St. Maurice Parish in Decatur County

St. Lawrence Parish, 4650 N. Shade-land Ave. in Indianapolis will hold a Lenten Renewal facilitated by Father Larry Moran of St. Patrick Parish, Terre Haute from Sunday, March 5 through Wed-nesday, March 8. On Sunday grades 6-8 re-ligious — education

ligious education classes will meet from 11-11:30 a.m. in Father Conen Hall and from 3 to 4 p.m. a high school youth rally will be held

youth rany will be need in the church. Weekday activities include: Communion service from 6:45-7 a.m.; school Mass 8:40 a.m.; Benediction and reflection 2 p.m.; and prayer services on Renewal of Faith, in Jesus, in the Family, and in Reconciliation at 7:30 p.m. Individual confessions will be beared Mon dividual confessions will be heard Mon.

The 45th Annual Triad Con The 45th Annual Triad Concert will be held at 8 pm. each evening on Friday and Saturday, March 3-4 at the Musat Theatre. The free concert features three fraternal organization horal groups: the Columbians of the Knights of Columbians, the Maennerchor of the Athenaeum Turners Society and the Murat Shrine Chanters. Reserved seat tickets are available from performing members of the three choruses, or by calling the Murat ticket office at 317-638-6795.

The National Council of Catholic Women has designated Sunday, Feb. 26 as the second annual Drug and Alcohol Awareness Sunday. On that day councils



PACER VISIT—Seventh grade students at St. Michael School, Greenfield, enjoy a visit with Indiana Pacer Everette Stephens. Shown are (front, from left) Kelly Kniep, Audril Parker, Jeff Dezelan, David Wilson; (back) Lindsey Goodman, Kaite Johnson, Kult Thomas, Stephens, Mary Reuter, Krista Soltes and Kathy Diekhoff. St. Michael was selected in a drawing of schools that entered a Pacer competition, indicating preferred dates and topics. (Photo by Theresa Friedan)

The Ad Game 5 - A PUZZLE FOR PRIZES - \$75

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Look for "The Ad Game" in Next Week's Criterion!

across the country will participate in special activities to focus on children of all ages affected by drug and alcohol abuse. For information on drug awareness contact: NCCW, 1312 Massachusetts Ave N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 202-638-6050.

The Afro-American Children's Theatre will present the one-act play, "Who Killed Black Pride?" at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25 and at 4 p.m. or. Sunday, Feb. 26 in Crispus Attucks Junior High School auditorium. Tickets are \$1 for children, \$2 for torium. Tickets are \$1 for children, \$2 for adults, at the door or call 317-638-6694 or 317-297-0644. Proceeds will benefit the A-ACT activity fund. The A-ACT is housed at \$t. Rita's Center for Performing

Council No. 6138, Greenwood Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Sloppy Joe/Social Special featuring a sandwich, chips, soft drink or coffee for \$1.50 at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14. All parishes are invited. Call 317-535-5632 for informa-

vips...

Crispus Attucks High School, located at 1140 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on January 4, 1999. The designation was granted, largely due to the efforts of Blanche Stewart, Attucks Alumni Association historian, who gathered petitions and assembled the necessary napper, work assembled the necessary paper work. Stewart is the director of mailing services at the Catholic Center

Honor roll students from St. Philip Neri and Holy Cross Schools in Indi-anapolis will be recognized with other honor students from IP's Schools during half-time ceremonies at the Arsenal Tech-nical-Manual High School basekball game at Tech tonight, Friday, Feb. 24. Tech's second annual "Community Education Night" begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.50,

Parish gathers for Chili Cook-Off

Church, Indianapolis, came up with a "hot" idea for parish participation. And it did bring out 200 people on a February (19) Sunday afternoo

It was a Chili Contest held in conjunc-tion with a Parish Chili Supper. Fourteen dared to compete. And it took a couple to win. The simmering concoction of Michelle and Dan Stark took the judges' prize. Klaus Schmiegel took second place. And Flossie Prevol won third.

Judges were restaurateurs Bill Bachman of Murphy's Steak House and Rick Schultz of Schultz's Restaurants.

The diners were invited to follow behind the judges, take samples, and make their own decisions, too. Florence Bauman's recipe was the people's choice, with Sarah Banks taking second prize.

The social committee cooked plenty of regular chili for the crowd to eat, along with salad, crackers and cupcakes. And one social committee member bribed a "mild-mannered" couple to come by putting a spice-less entry in the competi-tion. (Oddly, it was all gone at the end of competition.)

Here is the Starks' winning recipe 2-3 pounds ground beef

2 medium onions, chopped

1/4 cup nour 2-1/2 tablespoons ground hot red chilles 1 teaspoon oregano 1/2 teaspoon pepper 2 teaspoons salt

2 teaspoons cumin 1 to 2 teaspoons minced garlic cloves

3 cups tomatoes, cut up 4 to 5 cups beef broth 4 cups kidney beans 4 to 6 ounces tomato pa

1 green bell pepper, chopped Brown meat, drain fat, simmer onion until transparent, add flour Combine remaining ingredients except green pep-per and kidney beans. Cook over medium heat for about 1-1/2 hours. Add green



udges, restaurateur Rick Schultz, and his daughter Katie at the Chili Cook-off at v Church. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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Lenten penance services planned March 5, 2 p.m., Holy Trinity

Parishes throughout the archdiocese have announced communal penance serv-ices for Lent. Several confessors will be present at leach location. Parishioners are encouraged to make use of the sacrament of reconciliation at a parish and time which

is convenient.

Following is a list of services which have been scheduled, according to deanery:

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March 16, 7 p.m., 1mmaculate Heart of
Mary.

Mary. March 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Luke

Indianapolis East Deanery Feb. 27, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m., Little Flower.

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Indianapolis South Deanery

Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m., Nativity.
March 2, 7:30 p.m., St. Barnabas/Holy
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March 9, 2:30 p.m., Holy Name/St.
Barnabas at Holy Name.
March 13, 7:30 p.m., St. Ann.
March 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Mark.
March 15, 7:30 p.m., Sacred
Catherine/St. James/Holy Rosary/St.
Patrick at Holy Rosary.
March 16, 7 pp. St. Pour.

Fatrick at Holy Rosary.
March 16, 7 p.m., 5t. Roch.
Jarch 16, 7:30 p.m., 5t. Jude.
Confessions at St. John. March 22, 10-11
a.m.; March 23, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; March
24, noon-1:30 p.m., 3-3:30 p.m.; and
March 25, 3-4:30 p.m.

Indianapolis West Deanery

March 2, 7 p.m., St. Malachy, Brownsburg

March 6, 7:30 p.m., St. Gabriel. March 8, 7:30 p.m., St. Christopher

March 9, 7 p.m., St. Michael. March 12, 2 p.m., St. Anthony/Assump-March 15, 7:30 p.m., St. Monica.

March 16, 7 p.m., Holy Angels. March 16, 7:30 p.m., St. Susanna, Plain

March 18, 7 p.m., St. Bridget. March 21, 8-11:30 a.m., Ritter High School

March 8, 7:30 p.m., St. Martin, Yorkville. March 10, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul, New Alsace. March 12, 2 p.m., St. John, Enochsburg. March 12, 7 p.m., St. Joseph, St. Leon. March 14, 7 p.m., St. John, Dover. March 14, 7:30 p.m., St. Mary, Aurora March 15, 7 p.m., St. Peter, Franklin March 16, 7 p.m., St. Lawrence, Lawrence

March 16, 7 p.m., St. John, Osgood and St. Magdalen, New Marion, at St. John.

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March 19, 7:30 p.m., St. Maurice, Napoleon.

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March 5, 7 p.m., Holy Guardian Angels, Cedar Grove. March 6, 7 p.m., St. Bridget, Liberty

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March 13, 7 p.m., St. Elizabeth, Cambridge

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March 20, 7 p.m., St. Andrew, Richmond

Single parent retreat builds lasting vision

by Mary Ann Wyand

Single parenting definitely has its challenges. And sometimes it's the little things that prompt feelings of discouragement and despair.

ment and despair.

One single mom remembers a night-when the toilet overflowed and the only when the tollet overflowed and the only available cleaning agent with an alcohol base was a bottle of expensive skin clarifying lotion.

After disinfecting the tile floor with soap

After disinfecting the tile floor with soap and the costly cosmetic solution, she emerged from the bathroom to discover her children absorbed in playing "divorce" with Barbie and Ken.
"Poor Barbie," she thought, as the children orchestrated their dolls' argument. And then, "Poor me."

Alverna Retreat Center on the Indiana-polis northside offers solutions for single parents who need some answers and a break from their stressful lifestyle. "It's Springtime for Single Parents"

addresses reflection and renewal during a weekend retreat March 4-5 designed to heal and help separated and divorced parents.

Presenters Peter Sebert and Tahirah Abubakr of Indianapolis are single parents with experience in counseling, ministry, and youth guidance.

and youth guidance.

"Looking at Yourself and Your Future" and "Overcoming Negative Parenting" are among their program topics. Participants will also discuss "Communications Between Parents and Children" and "Dating, Sex and Relationships for the Single Parent."

For registration information, telephone Alverna at 317-257-7338 before March 3.

During a recent interview, Sebert and Abubakr discussed the advantages and challenges of single parenting.

"We often look at it the other way around," Sebert explained. "The advantage comes with any new start. Look at it as a preferred alternative to an unhealthy marital situation."



RETREAT PRESENTERS—Peter Sebert (left) and Tahirah Abubakr will assist single parents with divorce recovery techniques during a weekend program at Alverna Ketreat Center in March. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand)

Abubakr believes it is important to rethink situations in order to heal.

"At first, we feel a lot of pain and a lot of confusion," she said, "We often lose identity in a marriage situation, but we can look forward to rebuilding and reestablishing our own identity.

Friends try to understand, Sebert added, but without a shared experience may inadvertently dismiss some of the single parent's feelings.

single parent's reelings.

"There's a time frame for how long people will listen," he said, "and those who have not had the experience won't listen as long. They only have so much understanding."

understanding.

Friendships develop from shared experiences, Sebert continued, and that's why a weekend retreat with other single parents can enhance the divorce recovery process.

"We have an experience that so profoundly affects our lives," he emphasized, "that as we relate to life everything focuses on the fact that we are divorced."

Many single parents tend to view their lives as "B.D." for the years "Before Divorce" and "A.D." for "After Divorce," Sebert concluded, and this involves "holding onto" rather than just

"A sense of betrayal comes from failure to accept the change and grow from it," Abubakr noted. "And without a support system, we're just fighting to survive. If we are so caught up in the idea that we have

got to meet our basic needs, we can't create a new focus with friends, career, or

a new focus with friends, career, or education."

Retreat participants will learn methods of "creative survival," she added. "We need to learn to create other options. Survival depends upon being able to get away and nurture ourselves," creativity simply means changing our way of thinking, Sebert explained. "Thy another way," he emphasized. "There is another way to do this. It just requires a mind change that may trigger an increase in energy."

in energy."

And worship is an imposite part of the divorce recovery process, the passenters told The Criterion. Mass supplements Sunday morning programming at the Franciscan retreat center.

Guided imagery and meditation are also part of the process of relaxation and inner healing.

"Stress often comes with unrealistic."

healing.

"Stress often comes with unrealistic expectations," he said. "People push themselves. We need to worship and recreate in order to recreate."

Abubaker said the presenters hope that retreatants will "take away enough awareness about themselves and the people they met that frey can use it as a stepping stone so building a sense of security."

Ideally, she emphasized, "We hope that they depart with a sense of beginning, a sense that there are some advantages to their situation."

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St. Meinrad hosts conference for bishops, vocations personnel

Twenty-nine dioceses and five religious communities were represented at St. Meinrad Seminary's annual conference for bishops and vocation personnel. The conference was held Feb. 13-15 and centered on the theme "The Challenges of Contemporary Ministry: Personal, Legal and Pastoral."

The Archdiocese of Indianapolis was represented by Archbishop Edward T.
O'Meara, Director of Vocations Father Paul Sister Rita Hermann.

Speakers at the conference included Belleville Bishop James P. Keleher on

educating a parish priest; John Carroll, an Evansville attorney, on legal issues with which priests should be familiar; Msgr. Jerome Neufelder of the St. Meinrad faculty, on priestly spirituality; and Father Robert Ray of Louisville on assessing the effects the research of the state of the

Kobert Kay of Louisville on assessing the effectiveness of parish priests. In his closing address, Benedictine Father Eugene Hensell, president-rector of St. Meinrad, spoke about three aspects of priestly leadership—problem solving, implementing ideas, and privisioning opportunities for growth.

Attendees came from as far away as the

Attendees came from as far away as the Bahamas, Montreal, Louisiana and New York.

Urban Parish Cooperative offers maintenance seminar

by Margaret Nelson

Maintenance personel learned about everything from asbestos compliance to steamtrap mechanics at a seminar offered by the Urban Parish Cooperative (UPC) on Feb. 16 at St. Andrew Parish social hall in

Feb. 16 at St. Andrew Parish social hall in Indianapolis.

The program was offered to building maintenance staffs of parishes and agencies throughout the archdiocese. About 55 people attended. Russ Woodard is maintenance director for the UPC, which coordinates efforts of ten center city Indianapolis parishes. The seminar was designed to save costs.

radon compliance, and steamtrap opera-tion were subjects covered in the program. One period was used to find what participants would want in a maintenance handbook the UPC hopes to

Exhibitors offered materials on air conditioning and boiler service, and window, door, and roof maintenance. Program managers from the Indiana Department of Commerce explained the state's matching grants for energy man-agement systems for schools and hos-pitals.

Kunjufu offers 'Vision of the way it could be'

by Margaret Nelson

At the school's 20th annual Soul Dinner Theatre, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu offered supporters of Holy Angels School, Indianapolis, a "vision of the way it could be" for black young people.

The author and president of African American Images, Chicago, told the 200 guests at the dinner, 'There is a widening gap between the 'have' and the 'have paper of the have and the have nots." Noting that one percent of the people in the United States own 60 percent of the wealth, he asked, "Do we teach our children to value "we" or "I"?"

children to value we or T. "We need competent adults who will help our young people," Kunjufu said. Noting that people encourage a child who does well, he pointed to what Jesus said. "What you do for the least of these."

"There is a rumor in Indianapolis that this will be the first generation of black youth that will not exceed their parents in academic achievement," the speaker said. Dr. Kunjufu lamented the fact that "We

have given our children things and not given them any time." He gave examples of children having their own televisions, telephones, and stereos. "Now they want their own microwaves," he shouted, eliciting a roar from the Holy Angels father talks with his children seven minutes a day and the average mother, 34 minutes. Father, if all you have is seven minutes

said, repeating his warning for mothers "Listen!" advised Dr. Kunjufu. "The why God gave you two ears and only one



OFFERS VISION—Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu speaks to 200 patrons at the 20th annual Angels School fundraiser dinner. Watching from the speakers' table are (from left) Sa Golder, Home School Association president; Lillian Hughes, director of relig education; and Elnora Starks, teacher and dean. (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

mouth." And he suggested that the most important time in the day was the dinner hour. "If you can control but one hour in your children's day, make it the dinner

He challenged parents in the audience insist that their children spend as much time in study as in watching television.

Kunjufu called drugs the number three oblem and economics the number two

Kunjufu called drugs the number three problem and economics the number two problem of black young people.

The number one problem is that black children still don't feel good about themselves, the speaker said. He pointed to the success of other oppressed minorities that believed in themselves we'n less reason. But he said they came as immigrants rather than as slaves. Then he gave an impressive litany of American black achievers.

'Don't get mad, get smart. We keep our children in the past. The real question of Black History Month is 'How did we go from the pyramids to the projects?' Give them a black present and future. We need to begin to use racism to inspire us," Kunjufu said.

Dr. Kunjufu said that even low income or single parents can produce high achievers if they: transmit hope, are consistent and complimentary, have high expectations, and believe that they are the primary educators of their children.

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CWO WORKSHOP DEADLINE NEARS

Under-45 widowed group formed

by Margaret Nelson

John and Leah have each experienced the death of a spouse. John is 40; Leah is 42. Through the Catholic Widowed Organization (CWO), the two have found about twenty other young people who know what they are going through.

The CWO was formed in 1980 and now has 170 members. Besides monthly meet-

Inter CWO was torined in 1990 and now has 170 members. Besides monthly meetings with special events or speakers, the group sponsors an annual worshop with a program of practical education designed to fit the needs of the widowed.

This year the conference—"Toward a New Life"—will be held on March 4, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Catholic Center. But this year, the CWO has a new addition—the Young CWO.

The under-45 group began meeting in the Catholic Center in August, 1988, on the same night (third Wednesday) as the regular CWO group. A friend of John Birdcell's mother, then CWO president Kathy Mitchum, called him about that first meeting. About ten propiel attended.

The under-10 mother of the control of the co

"Everybody here has had the same experience; they feel the same emotions," Birdcell said. "You are able to talk with them because they know what you're going through." Birdcell said that when his wife died five years ago, it affected his job. "I wasn't able to really work. I was really nervous. I had some medical problems tied in with her death." He said that the most severe period of grief lasted about one year. But Birdcell feels that his experience may help others now. He will be on a "Finding a New Dream" panel for the annual workshop in March. "I like talking

to people. Now maybe I can help those going through it most recently."

Leah Cody came to a meeting a few months after the Young CWO started. It will be two years in March since her husband died, leaving her with a daughter who is seven years old now.
"One of the things that happens is that you feel real isolated," said Cody. She explained that her friends were a big help to her. "They were probably more understanding than some I've read about." But they could not know what it was like.

was like.

Cody said that it has really helped to talk with people who have gone through a similar experience. "It is unique for everyone, but there are similarities. We all bring what is unique to us, but there are a lot of shared experiences."

lot of shared experiences."

Cody found another side benefit of the group. "I think it will be nice for my daughter to have some kids to share with."
While ice skating with her child recently. Cody met another member of the Young CWO who was with her daughter of about

When the girls learned that both of their fathers had died, "they immediately started talking about it," Cody said. She said that her daughter had several friends whose parents were divorced, but none with a death in the family.

with a death in the family.

The March workshop will feature Father Ken Cillinger, a Cincinnati priest who is known nationally for his bereavement ministry. After the keynote address, he will talk on "Understanding the Cycles of Grief" in a workshop.

The morning will begin with registration and coffee and doughnuts at 8 a.m. Rosalie Kelly, associate director of the Family Life Office, will welcome the participants. This office sponsors both CWO groups.

Besides Father Czillinger's second talk, Besides Father Czillinger's second talk, concurrent morning sessions will include "Living with Hope," Providence Sister Catherine Liver, "Confronting Our Loss of Dreams," Dr. John Nolte; "Where Do I Find God in My Grief?" Eather Jeff Charlton, and "Resurfacing: Coming Up for Air." Marla H. Zimmerman.

The widowed will attend a Mass for their spouses at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral before lunching together in the staff lounge.

Afternoon sessions include: "Learning Affernoon sessions include: "Learning to Love Again: Exploring Our Sexual Needs," Providence Sister Connie Kramer, "Journal Writing: Path to Self-Knowledge and Growth," Janet Hernly, "Finding a New Dream," a panel from the CWO, with Marian Elliott facilitating; "Children and Grief, Catherine Fioretti; and "Hints on Household Maintenance and Repair," Bob Hebenstreit.

A wine and cheese social at 3 p.m. will

A wine and cheese social at 3 p.m. will close the program. Registration deadline for the March 4 workshop is Monday, Feb. 27. Those wishing to attend should write or call the Family Life Office, P.O. Box 1410, Indi-anapolis, IN 46206, 317-236-1596. The \$15 (negotiable) fee includes lunch. Checks should be payable to the CWO.



SHARED EXPERIENCES—Leah Cody and John Birdcell share the experience of having lost their spouses. They are members of the new Young Catholic Widowed Organization, a support group that meets at the Catholic Center the third Wednesday of each month (Photo by Margaret Nelson)

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Recognize John's symbols for what they are

by Fr. Robert Kinast

I was walking to the parking lot after Sunday Mass with a couple who had been the lectors that morning. They were expressing their frustration with the read-

"Some of those passages are pretty obscure," Mary said. "I guess people in our country like things clear and direct. We're not used to all this symbolism."

As we parted, I noticed a small, red, rose insignia in Bill's suit lapel, the sign of his pro-life support. On their car hood was the unmistakable emblem of a Mercedes-Benz. And I heard Mary ask her husband, "What about breakfast at the golden arches today?"

We all use more symbols than we realize. But when it comes to faith, we may not recognize our symbols as such and we

may miss their meaning.

Consider the Gospel of John. John's symbols are taken from the most ordinary, everyday experiences

A recurring symbol in John is found in the contrasting of light and darkness. It appears at the beginning of the Gospel, "The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it" (John

Unlike people in Jesus' time, our lives are not regulated by the light of day and the darkness of night. We refer to "a city that never sleeps" and are told that the night "belongs" to a certain beer.

We all use more symbols than we realize

At the same time, we know what it is like to be in the darkness and to be in the light. When Nicodemus comes to Jesus in the night so as not to be discovered (John we are put in touch with our own uneasiness at some of the demands of our

When Jesus comes to the disciple might during a storm at sea (John 6:16-22), we are reminded that darkness could not overcome him. And when Jesus is arrested at night and Peter denies him before daybreak, we are faced with the fact that sometimes darkness over-

So it is appropriate that the risen Jesus first appears to the disciples, who are locked up in fear, "on the evening of that first day of the week" (John 20:19).

Another symbol that John uses throughout the Gospel is "the hour." This does not refer to mere time, elegantly kept by expensive timepieces. "The hour" in John's Gospel is special time, a time of

The closest our culture gets to this notion of a special time is to assure us, "If you've got the time, we've got the beer!"
or to ask, "Isn't it time you moved up

For John, "the hour" is full of drama. When Jesus begins his public ministry by declaring, "My hour has not yet come" (John 2:4), he makes us wonder when his hour will come and what will happen when

When his disciples urge him to go public, Jesus heightens the interest by saying, "My time is not yet here" (John

After his entry into Jerusalem, Jesus 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23)

But before those climactic events occur, esus says that he has told the disciples of things that will come to pass "so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you" (John 16:4).

Thus, no matter what time we read John's Gospel, the hour of our discipleship is always with us.

A third symbolic feature of John's Gospel is found in the images Jesus uses to describe himself. These too are drawn from everyday experience.

When Jesus says "I am the bread of life," we can draw upon our own experience of making, buying, warming, and eating bread to appreciate further riches of his expression.

When Jesus says, "I am the light of the world," we can use our experience of city lights or laser shows or candlelight vigils to get in touch with his meaning.

When he says, "I am the good shepherd," we can visualize all the ways people help one another when they are hungry or homeless or grieving or alone.

When he says, "I am the vine and you are the branches," we can feel again the intimate sharing of life in our families and

loving relationships.

John's Gospel understands that human beings of every age are people of symbols. They will be able to identify with the symbols in a Gospel that is written so that "you may (come to) believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name



Our daily lifestyles abound with familiar symbols

by Fr. Eugene LaVerdiere

Of all the Gospels, John's is the most symbolic. That should not make it more difficult but, rather, easier to

There is nothing esoteric about symbols. Our homes are

Take something as simple as the front door. At my

This Week in Focus

Continuing the Lenten series on the Gospel of John, Today's Faith explores John's use of symbolic language. The symbols in John's Gospel are taken from the most ordinary, everyday experiences. Peo-ple use symbols all of the time in their homes, and one way to understand religious symbols is to relate them to the symbols we use in daily life. From precious objects recalling a family's heritage to formal meals celebrating special occasions, everyone can relate to symbols. And ritual actions help peo-ple see the meaning behind the symbols used in

family home in Maine, we hardly ever use i). In winter, we don't even clear the snow from it. We always enter and leave through the back door, which opens onto a

We may not use the front door, but it never occurs to anyone in the family that we should not have one. It is a symbolic entrance, the main entrance to our home.

As I look around our family home, I see several kinds of symbols. Some are obvious.

Like most Catholic homes, there are religious symbolscrucifixes in several rooms and images of Our Lady. I cannot imagine our home without them.

Gifts, too, have symbolic value and continue to hold it long after they are given. In our house, for example, there are small ebony carvings and woven tablemats sent by my sister, Claudette, a Marynoll Sister who has been teaching in East Africa for more than 15 years.

Then there is a very precious glass in our family's crystal cabinet. Though not worth a lot of money, to us it is priceless. It is the only glass left of a set which belonged to our grandmother.

Everyone in the family knows what that glass means, down to the youngest great-grandchildren who never knew our grandmother. It has a couple of small knicks on the edge, but no matter. It symbolizes the ties that bind the generations together

Another kind of symbol is also obvious. In our family living room, at the center of the red brick fireplace, there is a rectangular piece of granite selected by our dad when the home was built in the early 1940s. In the center of that piece of granite there is a large capital G, the initial letter of our mother's name, Gladys. Everyone who comes to our home knows the meaning of that G.

These are all wonderful symbols. It is enough to identify them and say where they came from. They speak volumes about the people and the relationships behind them.

Some symbols at home are less obvious. Certain rooms, for example, become symbolic because of how we

Many families have a dining room, but use it only on formal occasions. This might be Sunday dinner or Easter dinner or even a birthday dinner.

For such a meal we all gather at the same time. There are special roles. Dad, for example, cuts and serves the meat. And there is a certain order to the meal. Dessert is served only after the table has been cleared.

The dining room is symbolic of special meals and calls for special ritual Finally, the home itself is a symbol. It is because of all the

sociations, past and present, that it is a home A house is just a work of architecture. But a home is a symbol, witness to what its people stand for.

Liturgical symbols hold great power in worship

by Fr. Lawrence Mick

Recently I was part of an ecumenical prayer service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service was a joint celebration of three small town churches, one Lutheran, one Roman Catholic, and one United Church of Christ.

The theme of the service was "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism." Each congregation and pastor took responsibility

for part of the service.

I had urged that each part of the service include some ritual element. So, after the reading and reflection on "One Lord," we shared the Sign of Peace among all gathered.

After the focus on "One Faith," we stood and renewed our baptismal pro-

And after reading and preaching on "One Baptism," we poured together three pitchers of water, one from each

The children in each church brought water from their homes to their morning worship that Sunday. That water was collected in large pitchers and carried to the common service in the afternoon.

Pouring the waters together spoke of the unity we share through baptism into the one Christ. After the waters were combined, I spoke of the need to recommit ourselves regularly to our baptismal life-

style. Then I invited all present to come forward, plunge their hand into the water, and sign themselves with it in some way. As all came forward, the choir sang "Come to the Water."

About midway through the ritual ac-tion, a pastor leaned over to me and said,

"This is the most powerful thing I've se in a long time.

My response was to note simply that good symbols have great power.

More than all the words spoken or More than all the words spoken or sung that day, that symbolic action spoke loudly of the celebration's meaning. It "spoke" on levels words could not encompass, touching our minds, hearts

and spirits.

This is why human beings in every age and culture have employed symbols to express the deepest realities and mysteries of life. Symbols have the ability to speak to us on several levels at once. They communicate a meaning that is richer and more complex than words alone can convey.

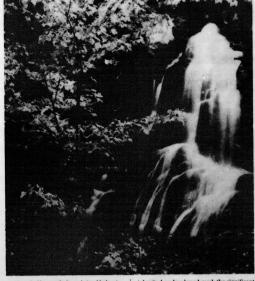
Because of that, symbols are the natural language we use to express the mysteries of our faith. Our central symbols we call the sacraments. We immerse in water, anoint with oil, impose hands in a gesture of consecration or reconciliation, join hands, and speak vows of love.

These symbolic actions can speak powerfully to our minds and hearts. They are the means Christ chose to help us express and experience the reality of his continuing presence among us.

One difficulty we face, however, is that our common symbols can become muted by routine. We can become somewhat by routine. We can numb to their impact.

Our ecumenical celebration that Sunday helped us to recover a more vital sense of the meaning of baptism and the power that our use of water can have.

Sometimes we think we are so prag-matic and scientific that we don't need symbols and rituals anymore. Yet we are



surrounded by symbols and ritual behavior all the time

From candlelight vigils for peace to totest marches for the homeless, from baby showers to funeral lunches, from the opening ceremonies for the Olympics to w Year's Eve traditions, we constantly use symbols and rituals

In the church and in other arenas of our lives, the rituals and symbols we have inherited or developed mark the significant moments of our lives and express the depths of our relationships.

Like anything of great value, they should be cared for and treasured. Without them we would all be im-

With them we are enriched by a "vocabulary" that enables us to share with one another the deepest and most important realities of our lives.



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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The Sunday Readings

FEBRUARY 26, 1989

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 - 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 - Luke 13:1-9

by Fr. Owen F. Campion

The Book of Exodus provides this weekend's Liturgy of the Word with its first reading. Second among the first five Nobles of the Hebrew Scriptures, or the Pentateuch, Exodus is the written form of those

ancient Jewish memo-ries of Moses and of the escape from Egypt and slavery. Many of the details of that flight

rom Egypt are obscure, nd therefore disputed oday. No one abso-

today. No one abso-lutely can say that one path or another was taken by the Jews as they wandered. No one knows precisely which pharaoh then occupied the Egyptian throne. No dates are provided to establish a definite historical

context.

But abundantly clear in the Book of Exodus is the Jewish belief that God guided the fleeing slaves, and that his guidance was through Moses. This reading establishes Moses as God's servant, as being in communication with God.

The reading conveys powerful mesages. God refers to himself as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Once his promise is spoken and active, God does not relent in his purpose. He promised the lews his protection.

Very powerful in the reading is the fact that God shares his holy name with Moses. To speak God's name, and indeed even to know it, was an intimacy most profound. For that reason, and because the sound of the name isself was so sacred, even today

Orthodox Jews do not write, and will not speak, the name of God.

speak, the name of God.

St. Paul concerned himself in brilliant letters with the state of Christianity in the great, busy, eventful city of Corinth. His first letter is the source of this weekend's second reading. At times, Paul encouraged the Christian Corinthians. At other times, such as in this reading, his words were frank in their warning and challenge. Himself well-schooled in Jewish tradition and faith, he strongly employs here the symbols in, and the story of, the Exodus.

This weekend's onseel reading is from

story of, the Exodus.

This weekend's gospel reading is from
the Gospel of St. Luke. Pontius Pilate
rarely is mentioned in either the New
Testament or in secular histories of the
record. Not too long ago, researchers in
Israel found an ancient stone at the site of
Caesarea, once the Roman capital of
Palestine, on the shore of the Mediterranean, near present-day FI A viv. This
stone, which bore the names of Pilate and
Tüberius was a major discous Tiberius, was a major discovery.

In the gospel reading this weekend, a reference to Pilate reveals both the unrest among the Jews of the Lord's time on earth, and Roman harshness in dealing with that

The chief point in the reading, however, is to call listeners honestly and directly to look at themselves and to admit their failings. It calls them away from excuses that rest upon the presumed sinfulness of others, it is a summons to contrition and to personal acknowledgement of disobeying

For all its grimness, the reading is uplifting and hopeful. Attached to the reference to Pilate, and to a natural

calamity, and to the call to repent, is the story of the fig tree. In that symbolic message, God is not harsh. He is not swift in his ability to punish. Rather, he is forgiving, understanding, and loving.

Long ago, Christians lost the sense of awe that traditional Jews possess about the holy name of God. Until this generation, Catholic Scripture translations refrained from printing that name—though Catholics would have felt comfortable in reading it or in speaking it aloud. Now, hymns and songs use God's name, and no one is

startled.

The distinguished Protestant theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who dieu a victim of the terror that the Gestapo visited upon Germans in the aftermath of the 1944 plot to assassinate Adolph Hitler, said that until Christians understand fully the reluctance of the Jews to speak the name of God they cannot comprehend all that is included in the Lord's appeal to be people's friend and brother, and the ease with which even the desperate and the wicked approached him and addressed him by name.

That is the privilege, and the hope, of

Christians. In Jesus, they have absolute and immediate access to the lowing God. There is no separation, no distance, no delay. God instantly awaits with mercy, forgiveness, and guidance those who humbly come to him through the Lord Jesus, his Son, our brother. For each of us, that is the benefit and the result of locarnation. Incarnation

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These Lenten readings call us to that confidence and to that contact with God. However, honesty is the key. The companion of sin so very often is not outright, convinced wickedness, but the tendency each person has to justify faults, or to minimize them, or to attempt to balance them against the judged shortcomings of others. It is a familiar process.

These readings call us to be aware, and greatly trustful, of God's mercy. It awaits us in its depth and life. But, we must be honest with ourselves. We do sin. There is no exception. In these readings, the church calls us to recognize that fact and to claim for ourselves God's goodness and forgiveness. That recognizion is an insight that sometimes must be aided by discipline and by the wish to look beyond comforting self to the distant goal of living with God in eternity. Lent ideally fortifies that discipline.

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Christians can follow the pope's example and plan Lenten retreat

by Mary Ann Wyand

Pope John Paul II is participating in his annual Lenten retreet, which precludes his regular weekly audience at the Vatican. Therefore, "The Pope Teaches" column does not appear in The Criterion this week. During the liturgical season of Lent, the pope invites Christians everywhere to pursue "an interior purification, a purification of the heart."

In the Council of Mark [Mark 47]

tion of the heart."

In the Gospel of Mark (6:46-47), we are told that Jesus left the apostles and chose a quite place for reflection.

"And after he had taken leave of them, he went into the hills to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land."

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Fatima Retreat Hruse on the Indianapolis northeastside offers men and women an opportunity for quiet Lenten reflection with Father John Maung, pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Shelbyville and retreat master for "Who Is Our Christian Family" March 3-5.

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The Gospel of Matthew (12:47-50) speaks of our family in Christ with these words of Jesus. "While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brethren stood outside, asking to speak to him. But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brethren?" And stretching our his hand toward his disciples, he said, 'Itelerare my mother and my brethren! For whoever does the vill of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother that the said is the complex of the said is the complex of the said is the said. The said is the sa

By taking time away from the stress of daily living, retreat experiences enable participants to seek interior purification and enhance spiritual growth by exploring their faith life.

As Father Maung explains, "God uses all of the rough times we face to support us into the futu

Further, the retreat master emphasizes, "If God has given you a calling, he has no choice but to give you help."

MY IOURNEY TO GOD The Wisdom of John

On life's journey, we meet special people. I was privileged to meet 14-year-old John Williams and his family on mine.

For six years, this young man courageously battled a brain tumor and suffered through 17 surgeries. He had to give up sports, his bicycle, going to school, and pizza. But the disease couldn't rob him of the beautiful way that he accepted his situation. He was an inspiration to everyone.

When I interviewed John last year for a newspaper story published in *The Criterion*, I asked him, "What comforting words would you offer to a boy in your condition?"

I will never forget his answer. "I would tell him not to worry," John replied, looking me square in the eye. "God will be with him."

John Williams slipped quietly into the arms of his creator on Feb. 3, but his wisdom remains to inspire us. How often do we forget that with God at our side we truly have nothing to fear?

by Cynthia Schultz

(A resident of New Albany, Cynthia Schultz is a member of St. Mary Parish. John's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Fred Williams, Jr., worship at Holy Family Church.)

Entertainment

VIEWING WITH ARNOLD

'Talk Radio' dialogue builds tension, horror

by James W. Arnold

"Talk Radio" is a grim, horror-stricken tribute to a man whose great talent is the ability to talk back to all the sick and crazy

abulty to talk back to all people wandering around out there in contemporary America. It's something like being the concierge in hell, and being so good at it, God won't let you off

The hero is Barry amplain, the sar-nic, rapier-witted st of a confron-

donic, rapier-witted host of a confron- tational call- show in Dallas. He fearlessly tells off the creeps and the bigots, as well as the marginally sane who call to compliment or agree with him. He has an uncanny knack for perceiving faults and weaknack for perceiving faults and some perceiving faults and the fearless and the fearless and the fearless faults f

do because he does it so well. In the end, it destroys him. It's not hard to see Barry as a stand-in for workaholics everywhere. But "talk radio" is also seen here as a metaphor for a world where humans communicate without purpose, because God has left the

conversation.

This is Oliver Stone's movie of the This is Oliver Stone's movie of the 1987 Eric Bogosian play (first performed in Portland in 1985). To some extent, it represents writer-director Stone's continuing series on the moral state of America ("Salvador," "Platoon," "Wall Street"). But the work still belongs to monologuist Bogosian, 35, who also repeats his stage role as the darkly brilliant, self-destructive Champlain. (At least four others from the New York cast are also in the film.)

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The changes are mostly to include elements from the life of Alan Berg, the Denver radio personality who, like Champlain, was abrasive, liberal and Jewish, and murdered by white supremacists. (The Berg murder was also used as a premise for 1986's "Betrayed".)

Barry is hostile and many of his callers are hostile. He constantly taunts, dares, tempts them. The air of threat and violence.

is heavy. Eventually, one of those hair-trig-

Bogosian does this superbly. His voice crackles with authority, or drips with contempt. He is comforting, or leaps for the jugular. His dark eyes can be dead or blur with feeling. As a character, if not a hero, he is compelling.

he is compelling.

Since the center of the play and film is

Eric-as-Barry at the studio mike reacting
(with rude jokes, sarcasm, psychological
pistol-whipping and his ultimate weapon,
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the studies and never the state of th the turnoff switch) to dozens of cauers, most of whom are only voices and never seen, it makes a difficult subject for a movie. The audience listens to torrents of words. What the constantly tracking, circling camera sees are mostly closeups of Barry, his colleagues and others who enter the world of the studio.

the world of the studio.

They include ex-wife Ellen (Ellen Green), who left him because of the pressure and his infidelity, but still loves him; Leslie Flope as the current gif-friend/assistant who'd like to take Ellen's place; Alec Baldwin as the producer who hopes to get the show nationally syndicated; and John C. McGinley as the engineer who selects the calls and serves as both loyal pal and scapegoat.

Michael Wincott does a memorable bit as a fearsome, spaced-out punk who talks his way onto the program but (it turns out) has nothing much to say except "Mani" and "Wow!"

The movie's problems have more to

and "Wow!"

The movie's problems have more to do with substance. The world of WGAB is more surreal than real: there is a theatrical feeling that deters involvement. Barry is pitiable but too cruel and self-centered to love; we side with him only because he seems like our point man in the war against all the kooks out there. But he's brutal to everyone, shattering even Ellen's poignant effort at reconciliation. A brief flashback to his early days as a suit salesman provides few clues or explanations.

Barry earns respect because, driven as he is to money and success, he realizes he is a hypocrite. "I don't give a damn about you," he tells his listeners in a purging speech. He cites their bigotry, their fascination with blood, horror and disease. "You're pathetic. . . I despise each of you." Then, after a long pause, there is accepiance: "I guess we're stuck with each

Barry is a sadly familiar figure in today's edia—a "star" whose success depends to barry is a sadily familiar figure in today's media—a "star" whose success depends to an alarming degree on the decline of civility, sanily and morality, and also on the sheer isolation of people in a mass society that cares not for losers. Like Mort, Larry and all the others, Barry is a point of human contact. To be insulted is to know that you exist and have worth

exist and have worth.

"Talk Radio" uses the figure of the call-in host to ponder the troubled human condition. He functions much as the priest and psychiatrist do, in the vortex of despair. Like them, he can be consumed, but he's really worse off, because his "art" is more than just "listening." He returns scorn and loathing to its source.

Powerful but unsatisfying downbeat drama; language, violence, sex situation; satisfactory, with reservation, for mature

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Documentary depicts struggle to assist the homeless

by Judith Trojan and Henry Herx

Whatever the actual number of homeless people in the nited States—estimates range from hundreds of thounds to millions—the human cost is too high for any just citety to tolerate. Showing what can be accomplished on e local level to help the homeless is the documentary, Tromises to Keep," airing Wednesday, March 1, 10-11 m. on PBS.

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The program follows the four-year struggle of the community for Creative Non-Violence to obtain federal unding to renovate its shelter for the homeless in Washington. An abandoned federal building turned over to be CCNV during the winter of 1963-84, the shelter was at-infested and budly in need of major repairs.

The documentary focuses on CCNV leader Mitch anyder, who became an activist during the anti-Vietnam Yar protests and cites the moral stands of the Berrigan rothers as a major influence in his life. The tactics Snyder

DOLPHIN COVE—Karron Graves as Katle communicates with a dolphin even though she cannot speak in an episode of "Delpin Cove," airing on Saturday at 8 p.m. on CBS. The U.S. Catholic Conference says the show will succeed it it focuses on environmental concerns and family life. (NC

used to focus national attention on the need for a decent helter for the homeless in the nation's capital were public asts, simple demonstrations, and plenty of press confer-

The administration's tactics were less effective. After President Ronald Reagan's 1984 election-eve promise to found the shelter, federal officials failed to follow through and stonewalled the C.W and the press. After months of adverse publicity, in the fail of 1985 the government ordered the CCNV shelter closed as a health hazard and provided funding for an alternate shelter in one of the poorest sections of Washington. Stryder charged that the administration was trying to hick the plight of the homeless by shifting them from the center of Washington—the CCNV shelter was only blocks from the Capitol—to the city's outskirts.

In January 1986, the government abandoned its plans to "secure" the facility and the mayor of Washington put some city funds in the shelter's operational budget. The following winter the federal government finally made good on the president's promise of funding and the renovation was accomplished in 1987-88.

Today the CCNV shelter is a successful model for other

accomplished in 1987-88.

Today the CCNV shelter is a successful model for other communities in providing the homeless with a safe, humane environment, a nutritious meal, a place to sleep and medical, counseling, and vocational services. An afterword informs viewers that the other shelter shut down because of mismanagement of funds and that an official who tried to close the CCNV shelter went to prison for taking kickbacks in an unrelated maker. in an unrelated matter

in an unrelated matter.

Narrated by actor Martin Sheen, who played Snyder in a 1996 television production, the program does more than show how an activist shamed an administration into doing what it promised. It also personalizes the program of the program of

The result is clearly on the side of the homeless, with the Reagan administration playing Goliath to Snyder's David. The issue here is one of morality, not politics, and the documentary is convincing, at times quite compelling, in presenting the case for the CCNV as a struggle for social justice.

Though the documentary concludes on a note of triumph with the completed renovation of the CCNV shelter, following the credits is a statement of the program's real purpose: "This shelter survives, but for millions of homeless across America there is no relief and their numbers confirmed to program to the control of the numbers continue to grow

This is the sobering reality that community shelters can help alleviate. Long-term solutions to the deep-seated causes for the growing numbers of homeless will have to be addressed by the new administration. But the first step is to

understand the immediate problem. "Promises to Keep" is a sympathetic, sensitive introduction for all but the very young. (HH)

TV Programs of Note

Friday, Feb. 24, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Wynton Marsalis: Blues and Swing." Jazz trumpeter Marsalis is the subject of a "Great Performances" documentary featuring his versions of classics by Duke Ellington and Thelonius Monka swell as teaching master classes at Harvard University and elsewhere.

viewers. Saturday, Feb. 25, 8-9 p.m. (PBS) "Young Charlis Chaplin." The conclusion of a three-part "Wonderworks" series on the early years of the future screen comedians shows Charlie's attempt to work as a music hall comedy team with his brother Sydney to earn enough money to care for their mother before her condition requires professional care in an away.

to their mother before her condition requires professional care in an asylum.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 8-9 p.m. (PBS) "Wild Waterfalls." This documentary in the "Nature" series travels to Niagara, Iguaca and Victoria—the great waterfalls of the world—and explores how their special conditions create a variety of local environments.

environments.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Christabel." In the second of a four-part "Masterpiece Theatre" dramatization set in Hitler's Germany, Christabel suspects her husband is involved in an anti-Nazi plot when he sends her and the children out of Berlin for their own safety.

Sunday, Feb. 26, 9-11 p.m. (NBC) "The Revenge of Al Capone." (Ray Sharkey stars as the infamous gangster who buttles with the federal agent (Keith Carradine) who put him in prison for tax evasion.

in prison for tax evasion.

Monday, Feb. 27, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "Space Worker."

Documentary on how the civilian workers behind the scenes in the space program have been affected by the loss of America's leadership role in space.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 9-10 p.m. (PBS) "The AIDS Quarterly." Premiere of a new quarterly series addressing public policy, scientific, legislative, service, research and community issues related to the AIDS epidemic.

Thursday, March 2, syndicated (check local listings) "USA Today on TV." The top story scheduled for this edition of the newly revamped news magazine show is "Abortion's Hidden Scars," examining the question of whether abortion leaves emotional and physical scars that last a lifetime.

QUESTION CORNER

Holy Week delays rites

by Fr. John Dietzen

Q Last Holy Week a member of our family died. We were disappointed that no funeral Mass would be held from Wednesday until the day after

Why? Is this a new rule? We never heard of it in any other parish or diocese. (Ohio)

A The policy that there be no funeral Mass on Holy Thursday or during the Easter Triduum is many centuries old. Perhaps you never heard of it before simply because your family was not personally involved until now.

According to the General Instruction of the Roman

Missal the funeral Mass, which holds highest priority among Masses for the dead, "may be celebrated on any day except solemnities that are days of obligation, Holy Thursday, the Easter Triduum and the Sundays of Advent, Inursacy, the Easter Induum and the Sundays or Advent, Lent and the Easter Season."

The days of the Easter Triduum, starting on the evening of Holy Thursday, have greatest dignity in the church's calendar. Some years ago the Congregation for Divine Worship explicitly ruled out funeral Masses even during the day on Holy Thursday.

day on Holy Thursday. The Mass on Holy Thursday is to be the celebration of the institution of the Lord's Supper. The bishop may permit another Mass when genuinely necessary exclusively for those who are incapable of taking part in the evening Mass. "Other eucharistic celebrations on Holy Thursday are entirely forbidden. On Good Friday, according to the church's ancient tradition, the sacraments are not celebrated. On Holy Saturday the church waits at the Lord's tomb. .. and the sacrifice of the Mass is not celebrated." (See the Sacramentary, and Notitiae, 1974).

The above does not mean that no funeral may take place

on these days, only that no Mass may be celebrated. The rit on these cays, only that no mass may be celebrated. The rice in church on these days, in addition to the blessings and the commendations at the beginning and end, usually includes Scripture readings and other elements of the Liturgy of the d. A memorial Mass may be celebrated during

Q Could you recommend any good books or courses on Catholicism? My husband is not Catholic but becomes more and more interested as we go to Mass together every Sun-day with our infant baby. (Rhode Island)

A Several publications exist that could fill your bill. They vary widely in size, readability and, of course, the depth in which they explore and explain Catholic teachings.

I suggest you visit a Catholic bookstore or write to one and ask for a list of books available on the Catholic faith.

With a bit of experimenting, you will find something that fits your husband's present needs and wishes.

An even better suggestion, if your husband is open to it, would be to visit a priest in your parish to explain what your husband is looking for. The priest would suggest something to read, or help introduce your husband to a parish program for those interested in exploring the teachings of our church.

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FAMILY TALK

Marital jealousy hurts future years together

by Dr. James and Mary Kenny

Dear Dr. Kenny: I'm frantic with jealousy about my wife and I don't know why. She has never gone out on me that I am aware of, but I am terrified she might. I ask her to account for where she's been and all her hours of the day. I even find myself checking up on where her car is to make sure she's at work.

We are both in our early 30s and have been married 10 ars. We have two children. She warns me that I will setuy our marriage. Yet it seems to be getting worse. What n I do?—Indiana

Answer: Jealousy is a common ailment and comes in many forms. Sibling rivalry and envy at another's success are examples. But sexual jealousy may be the most tortuous. As you describe, it is very painful for both parties.

Unfortunately, sexual jealousy cannot be reasoned away. Rationally, it arises from the perception that the beloved partner or spouse is our property. We believe that our self-worth is vitally connected to our partner's continuing and undivided love.

Both notions are incorrect. Our believe that are

Both notions are incorrect. Our beloved does not belong to us as property. And our self-worth does not depend upon who loves us. However, understanding the inaccurate nature of jealousy does not cure it.

Insofar as jealousy is rational at all, it operates on a completely different logical system. Most of us get through our day and make our decisions based upon probabilities. The car will probably start. The world probably won't end

Jealousy operates on a logical system of possibilities. My car might not start. The world could end today.

car might not start. The world could end today. I conceremarked to a worried patient that there was less I han one chance in a trillion the world could end today. His frightened response was: "See, I knew it!" He had to worry about even the slightest possibility, something the rest of us would automatically dismiss.

This is why you and your wife will have a never-ending discussion about the matter. She is trying to reassure you her infidelity is a very improbable event. You are insisting it is possible, and feel constrained to check each corner of her life for evidence.

Jealousy is an obsession. It gets worse. It cannot be argued with, because the to-be-feared happening is always

possible.

Here is a psychological technique to stop jealousy. You and your wife must work at it together. It is called thought stopping and has three steps.

The first step is yellow light. When you realize you are becoming obsessively jealous, either you or your wife must say: "yellow light." Picture a yellow traffic light.

You now have 30 seconds to reason with yourself or ask your wife pertinent questions. Do the best you can to determine the windity of your concern.

The second step is called red light. After 30 seconds, picture a red traffic light and say "stop" to yourself.

The third step is called crossover. Using the traffic light image, you must metaphorically cross the street to go in another direction.

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In the crossover stage, you must pre-plan to do three things. The purpose is to distract your thinking. You cannot out-think jealousy. But you can out-do it. The three activities should be brief, easily done and might include humor.

Examples of possible crossover activities could include: saying a prayer; walking around the outside of your house;

Good luck. Try thought stopping. It has worked for many and can help you if you work at it.
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NCEA author discusses AIDS

by Margaret Nelson

"We are one cloth, woven, torn and mended by compassion." That was the theme for the Office of Catholic Education prayer service at the conclusion of the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) education session for members of pastoral staffs and principals from throughout the archdiocese. The workshop was held at the Catholic Center on Feb. 14.

The speaker was Most Sacred Heart Sister Judith Coreil. director of curriculum and inservice for the National Catholic Eudcational Association (NCEA) in Washington,

The former Louisiana school superintendent said the Indianapolis archdiocese is "on the cutting edge of what is happening in the church today. Your model ... is one that needs to be emulated. A lot of that is due to your bishop and his global vision."

Sister Judith said, "I'm no big expert scientist or even theologian on this topic, though I keep up daily." But NCEA believed it had to do something on AIDS education from a Catholic perspective. She explained that this is the first time NCEA has published a curriculum on any subject, because most material is covered on a state level.

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In preparing the curriculum, Sister Judith said she met tith Catholic health associations to discuss moral, social, ad corporate ethics. The first edition was available in secember, 1988. It is now in its second printing. "There ust be a need out there," Sister told workshop

participants.

Sister Judith said it is important to remember that AVDS is growing drastically. She called the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta just before the Indianapolis meeting and learned that the number of diagnosed cases has grown from 34,600 in October, 1988, to 84,000 in February.

Next, she wanted to impress the workshop partici-pants that "people are dying." Known deaths are now 47.049. Sister Judith explained that one Hispanic is dying every hour. Sixteen percent of those diagnosed are Hispanic and 36 percent are black. The only population that has decreased its percentage is the gay community, she said. she said.

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Noting that these statistics can only be improved by education and behavior changes, Sister Judith said, "We in Catholic circles have a lot to say about that." But she said there is a "feeling that it's not going to happen to us. We don't talk about these things."

The Most Sacred Heart Sister asked how many of the administrators knew someone who had AIDS. About twenty raised their hands. Then she asked them to voice their own fears. Responses included, "I might get it," "My friends might get it," "My friends might get it," "of why students might get it," or "I might get it and not know how I got it."

I got it."

After explaining that virtually every case is transmitted through using contaminated needles for drugs or by multiple sexual partners, she distributed a MYTH-defier which tested the administrators' knowledge about AIDS. Sister Judith designed the AIDS curriculum for Catholic Schools, which includes a 176-page teacher's manual for kind-grarten through 12th grade levels—a total of 40 less ons. There is a 32-page leader's guide.

Participants in the workshop received these handbooks. The educators took away a local strategy for implementing this curriculum in their schools and religious education programs.

The curriculum focuses learning objectives on Christian sponse, basic information, and transmission and preven-



FELLING CHAMP—"Big John" Gillis (left), WIBC Ra ongratulates Sarah Martin, winner of the 1999 Cardi titer High School Spelling Bee for area parochial schoo arah is a sixth grade student at St. Monica Scho dilanapolis. Cecile Newberry from All Sainhs School vs runner-up. Gillis served as announcer, naming to onds for the 35 entrants. The annual competition onsored by Ritter during Catholic Schools Week. (The r Christi Roberts)

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Oliver. For some religious orders "the wolf is much closer to the door" than for others, she said.

Twelve dioce, as or archdioceses, including New York, Brooklyn, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Boston, had started their own fund drives for the retirement needs of religious before the Tri-Conference Retirement Project was launched. Funds they collect, to be distributed within their own dioceses, are not included in the \$20 million

The Archdiocese of St. Louis, for example, reported in mid-February having collected \$635,000.

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The U.S. bishops approved the collection in 1987. They agreed to conduct it in their dioceses beginning in 1988 and continuing for 10 years unless the need was met before then. The project is sponsored by the bishops in cooperation with the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men.

A 1987 study showed that religious orders nationwide ould need at least \$2.9 billion more than they have to take care of members' retirement needs

Non-churchgoers were among those responding generously to pleas printed on posters hanging on the sides of buses and in bus shelters in the Diocese of Buffalo, N.Y., where \$888,85 had been collected as of Feb. 16, said Mercy Sister Sally Walz, assistant diocesan coordinator of the

retirement appeal.

As of Feb. 1, \$588,121 had been collected by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. That topped the archdiocesan response to the Peter's Pence collection taken

Iran asks pope to stop book 'The Satanic Verses'

(Continued from page 1) ayatollah also called for the killings of the book's British and American publishers.

Khomeini's action has been disputed by a number of other respected Moslem scholars and leaders.

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Khomeini's aide, Hojatoleslam Hassan Sanei, said he would pay a foreigner \$1 million or an Iranian \$2.6 million or "punishing" Rushdie. Other Moslem leaders pledged additional reward money.

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The book has been banned in much of the Moslem world. The book's U.S. publisher, Viking Penguin, said Feb. 15 that it was canceling a planned book tour by Rushdie because the "current climate is not appropriate for a promotional tour."

Father Michael Fitzgerald, secretary of the Secretariat for Non-Christian Religions, said it was "understandable" that Moslems would be upset about the book, but the opinions of more moderate Moslems needed to be heard in the controversy.

"My own reaction is that it makes dialogue even more important. The Christian world needs to try to understand the Moslem sensitivity, and the Moslem world needs to better understand the Western world—where freedom of expression and thought is an important part of life," Father Fitzgerald said Feb. 17.

'Last Temptation' nominated for Oscar for best director

by Sister Mary Ann Walsh

WASHINGTON (NC)—Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ' was nominated for an Oscar for best director by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences Feb. 15.

The movie, which was greeted with strong protests when it was released by Universal Pictures last August, was one of five movies nominated for best direction.

The others were "Rain Man," which was nominated for eight Oscars, "Mississippi Burning," "Working Girl" and "A Fish Called Wanda."

The winners will be amounted March 20 Rased on the

"A Fish Called Wanda."

The winners will be announced March 29. Based on the Nikos Kazantzakis book by the same name, the movie starred Willem Dafoe as Jesus and Barbara Hershey as Mary Magdalene. It portrayed Jesus in a dream sequence imagining himself giving up the role of Messiah to marry Mary Magdalene but later rejecting the temptation.

Scorsee's agent, Marion Billings, in a Feb. 15 telephone interview from New York, said she was "happy the industry is supporting him (Scorsee) in this way" but said she viewed the director as a "dark horse in this race."

Ms. Billings said the protests left the director "very hurt" cause he felt critics were "reviewing the controversy and

not his film."

Joseph J. Reilly Jr., president of Morality in Media, founded by Jesuit Father Morton Hill, said Scorsese's nomination was "a joke."

"The task Scorsese took upon himself, explaining the humanity of Jesus, was beyond his depth, talent and comprehension," Reilly said.

The Academy Award nomination was simply the film community's "ripying to rally around the beleaguered Martin," and the result was that some better director was kept off the list, Reilly said.

for the outreach efforts of the pope, which netted \$168,000 in 1988, a spokesman reported.

Catholics in the Archdiocese of Atlanta contributed \$206,000. This amount is believed to be the largest single collection ever taken in the archdiocese, which has an estimated 170,000 Catholics.

In the Diocese of Davenport, Iowa, as of Jan. 23 the collection had brought in "twice as much" as other diocesan collections, said Lois Beckmann, a chancery bookkeeper. Based on reports from an estimated 70 of 110 parishes, she said, contributions totaled 866,317.

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In the Archiocese of Washington, with 33 parishes yet to send in their monies, nearly \$467,965 had been collected as of Jan 31, said an archiocesan spokesman. Richard Graves, the Washington Archdiocese's chief accountant, said the collection was the largest special collection taken in archdiocesan history.

That was also the case in the Diocese of Phoenix, Ariz., where \$303,000 was collected, and in the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa, where \$190,000 was taken in.

The Florida dioceses of Orlando and Pensacola-Tal-lahassee also topped previous collections. In early February, the Diocese of Orlando reported having collected \$156 and the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee, \$35,732. The Diocese of Venice, Fla., took in \$153,300.

The Diocese of Columbus, Ohio, had collected \$145,513 as of Jan. 31. The neighboring Diocese of Cleveland announced it had collected \$540,000. The Archdiocese of Detroit surpassed that by taking in \$545,448, as of Feb. 15.

Even dioceses without many Catholics or many resources outdid themselves, said Sister Mary Oliver. For example, the Diocese of Baker in eastern Oregon, with an estimated 30,690 Catholics, donated \$71,321.

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And the Archdiocese of Anchorage, Alaska, with 22,928
Catholics, collected a total of \$65,659. Holy Cross Brother
Charles McBride, an archdiocesan spokesman, declared the
collection "the largest we've ever had." He said money was
given in appreciation for religious who currently serve or
have served the mission archdiocese.

The Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands sent in \$4,582, despite the fact that Sister Mary Oliver had not sent

a request for assistance.

The Diocese of Grand Island, Neb., with about 50,000
Catholics, had collected \$49,457 by mid-February.

In February, the Diocese of Erie, Pa., reported having collected \$240,000; the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, \$200,000; the Diocese of Wilmington, Del., \$202,534; the Diocese of Threaton, N.J., \$347,127; the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., \$236,600; the Diocese of Steubenville, Ohio, \$49,900; the Diocese of Canden, N.J., \$217,358 and the Archdiocese of Dubuque, Iowa, \$171,787.



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April 7-9 Weekend Retreat for Men. "The Human Side of Jesus." Father James Farrell. Cost: \$65; non-refundable deposit, \$20.

April 10 (M) Anniversary Scripture Series. "The Gospel of John." Kevin De Prey, Fatima director. Cost: \$9; non-refundable deposit, \$5.

April 14-16 Weekend Retreat for Young Adults (18-30). "God is Everywhere." David Siler, Fattma program coordinator. Cost: \$65; non-refundable deposit, \$20.

April 25 (T) Over 50 Day. "Love God and Do As You Please." Father James Moriarty. Cost: \$9; non-refundable deposit, \$5



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February 24

A Lenten Fish Fry will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. at St. Bernadette Parish, 4826 Fletcher Ave. Adults \$4; children \$2; fish and shrimp dinner \$4.50; new tuna-noodle dinner \$4.50

The Catholic Alumni Club (CAC) will attend Footlite Musicals' "Carousel." Meet in lobby at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call Linda 317-875-0536 or Dan 317-842-

The Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) series sponsored by Catholic Social Services continues from 1-3 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-236-1500.

Reverse Drawing will be held A Serenity Retreat for the Chemi-

A Tobit Weekend for engaged couples will be held at Alverna Retreat Center, 8140 Spring Mill Rd. Call 317-257-7338 for informa-

February 25

A CARO (Christian Adults Reaching Out) Mixer will be held from 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. at East-side K of C, 1313 S. Post Rd. Dinner 6 p.m. \$5; social \$3; cash bar Call Linda 317-875-0536.

Holy Rosary Parish, Seelyville will sponsor a Salisbury Steak Dinner including drinks from 4-7 p.m. Adults \$3.75; children 12 and under \$1.75; dessert extra.

A "Spring Fling in the Grove" bazaar for the benefit of the Cen-ter will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Crafts, collectibles, an-tiques, refreshments, silent auc-

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A program on "The Power of the Cross" will be held at 9 a.m. at St. Nicholas Church, Sunman. For information or transportation call 812-537-3757 or 812-537-1664 after

February 26

The choir of SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral, 1357 N. Meridian St. will present the cantata "The Seven Last Words of Christ" at 3 p.m. No admission charge.

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This is a loke isn't it?" at 3 p.m. at IU Memorial Union, Bloomington. For information call Pat Fitzgerald 812-336-1500.

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February 28

The Systematic Training for El-Sective Parenting (STEP) spon sored by Catholic Social Service continues from 7-9 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Merid ian St. Call 317-236-1500 for infor-mation

The Lenten program on Prayer in Action continues at 7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St. Soup and bread supper.

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March 1

The Spirituality of Thomas Mer-ton conducted by Father Jeff Godecker continues from 7:30-9 at IUPUI Newman Center, 1309 W. Michigan St.

March 2

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re Haute Deanery Center will onsor a Lenten lecture con-cted by Father Charles J. Fisher "Israel of the Bible and Israel Ioday" from 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Margaret Mary Parish Hall, 5 S. Seventh St., Terre Haute. tional admission: non-perish-

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9:30 p.m. for teens and parents on "Coping with Adolescent Stress and Depression" at St. Mary Parish cafeteria, E. 8th and

St. Andrew Parish, Richmond will sponsor a Lenten Pilgrimage to St. John Church, New Paris, Ohio from 10:15 a.m.-2 p.m. Eucharist, lunch. Meet at 10:05 a.m. in parking lot to car pool.

March 3

A Fish Fry will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. at St. Gabriel Parish, 6000 W. 34th St. \$3 meal; special prices for children under 10.

The Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP) program sponsored by Catholic Social Services continues from 1-3 p.m. at the Catholic Center, 1400 N. Meridian St. Call 317-236-1500 for information.

A Lenten Fish Fry will be held at St. Matthew Parish, 56th St. and S.R. 37. \$5.50/dinner; extra plates for kids. Reservations or walk-in; call 317-257-4297. ***

The First Friday Mass sponsored by Channel of Peace charismatic community will be held at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of the Greenwood Parish, 335 S. Meridian St. Soup and bread supper 6 p.m. A Lenten Fish Fry will be held at St. Bernadette Parish, 4826 Fletcher Ave. Adults \$4; children \$2; fish and shrimp dinner \$4.50; new tuna noodle dinner \$4.

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The World Apostolate of Fatima (The Blue Army) will hold First Saturday Holy Hour devotions at 2 p.m. in Little Flower Parish Center chapel, 13th and Bosart. Everyone welcome.

First Saturday devotions to the Blessed Mother will begin with 7 a.m. Mass at St. Joan of Arc Church, 42nd and Central. Ro-sary, procession.

New Albany Deanery Youth Ministry will offer a free work-shop on Adolescent Substance Abuse: Recognition and Inter-vention for adult youth leaders

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Youth News and Views

Top student musicians prepare for Children's Museum debut

Outstanding performers in the piano, instrumental, and vocal competitions of the Catholic Youth Organization's annual Artchiocesan Music Contest will repeat their musical selections at the Lilly Theatre of The Children's M

Museum at 7 p.m. on reb. 26. Judging sessions in each category at Bishop Chatard High School Feb. 11 resulted in top awards for the following student musicians. Piano solo finalists were Braden Miller, Craig Middle School, Class A; Maniko Miura, Rushville Elementary School, Class B; Stephanie Sequeira, St. Gabriel Parish, Connersville, Class C; and Robin Volz, St. Louis Parish, Batesville, Class D.

Other piano winners were Stephen Struewing, St. Gabriel Parish, Connersville, Class E; Erin O'Bryan, Little Flower Parish, Class H-1; and Jennifer Means, Class H-2.

In the Class A piano duet competition, Craig Middle School students Adrianne Miller and Braden Miller won the

top award. Instrumental results included John Miller, Scecina Memorial High School, trumpet solo, Class H. Corinne Back, St. Joseph Pariah, Shelbyville, trumpet solo, grade school, Jeff Altoff, St. Malachy Parish, Brownsburg, trombone solo; Nick Neurelier, St. Malachy Parish, percussion solo; and Todd Donaldson, Scecina High School, percussion solo, Class H. Student musicians from St. Charles Parish at Bloomington won the top award in the instrumental ensemble competition.

competition.

First place flute soloists were Jennifer Brodfuehrer of Holy Family Parish in New Albany and Ayesha Williamson of "sly Spirit Parish.

Snella Turner of St. Thomas Aquinas Parish was the winner in the cello solo category, while violin solo winners were Shannon Bazur, St. Charles Parish, Bloomington, and Kenneth Hsiao, North Central High School, Class H

competition.

St. Monica parishioner Aaron Jennings was first in the saxophone solo category, while Todd Gibson from St. Malachy Parish finished first in clarinet solo judging.

Top vocalists were Kristi Wilkinson, St. Susanna Parish,

Plainfield, and Annisa Luking, St. Gabriel Parish, Connersville, Class A, solo: with Sharon Brochin and Kevin Struewing, St. Gabriel, Class A, duet. In Class B commelting

In Class B competition, Sharon Brochin, Karen Rhodes and Nikki McKinney, all of St. Gabriel Parish, were first in the vocal trio category. Turae Dabney, St. Lawrence Parish, and Danny Fair, St. Barnabas Parish, were first in Class B vocal solo judging.

Vocal dute winners in Class B were Andrew Kocher and Jason Quinto, both of St. Roch Parish. Melanie Canatsey, St. Mary Queen of Peace Parish, Danville, finished first in the Class C vocal solo category.

The Class A ensemble award went to musicians from St. Gabriel Parish at Conners le, while a group from St. Barnabas Parish won top honor in Class B ensemble

St. Gabriel parishioners Tara Felix, Christa Owen, Theresa Conway, and Erika Smith won first place as the best Class A quartet.

Music students from throughout the archdiocese competed in the daylong judging session for a charge to perform again for the public at The Children's Museum the Sunday night.



SPRING CAPTURE—Cardinal Ritter High School sopl more Christy Roberts displays her watercolor entry in t National Scholastic Art Contest Exhibition at the L. Ayres downtown store. Christy's floral artisty carned honorable mention award. She is the daughter of Mr. a Mrs. Mike Roberts of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsbu (Photo courtesy of Ritter High School)

Cathedral students to present 'Hello, Dolly!'

Cathedral High School will present the popular "Hello, Dolly!" as the school's annual spring musical March 9, 10, and 12 in the school auditorium.

Proceeds benefit Cathedral's drama department. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students during the regular performances at 7:30 p.m. or \$10 for adults and \$8 for students attending the 6 p.m. dinner theatre performance

For more information, telephone Cathedral High School at 317-542-1481.

Archdiocesan Black Catholics Concerned will hold a

Lenten Youth Rally March 18 from 8 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the Beech Grove Benedictine Center. Father Arthur E. Kelly, executive director of the St. Nicholas Youth Organization, will serve as rally leader and program coordinator. Students in the seventh grade and above may participate in the day-long event. A 55 non-refundable deposit is required with each registration. The total rally fee is \$20.

Registrations are due by March 4 at the Holy Angels Parish rectory. Contact Marilyn Crain at 317-467-4900 or 317-542-7226 for more information. The program is open to

'We're off to see the Wizard!'

Students at Providence High School in Clarksville hope lots of people will set off to see the Wizard, the wonderful Wizard of Oz, during their "megaproduction" of the popular movie based on Frank Baum's

Tickets are now on sale for the school's massive stage production of "The Wizard of Oz" featuring 164 actors in seven performances beginning April 7 and continuing that weekend and the following weekend

As part of the full-scale recreation of the ntastic musical, costumed children will form as munchkins.

Marilyn Jarboe, administrative assistant

in development and public relations for the parochial high school, said 281 children from throughout southern Indiana audi-tioned for the coveted roles as miniature

people. A gala opening night dinner performance costs \$150 a plate, while two champagne dinner theatre performances, a champagne brunch, regular evening performances, and a Sunday matinee feature much lower ticket prices.

"The dinner theatres always sell out," Jarboe told The Criterion, "so it's important to order tickets as early as possible."

For ticket information, telephone the school at \$12-945-2538.



t. Roch Parish youth group members (from left) Gina Pirle, John Abbo nd Kurt Kiefer prepare for a downhill run during a night of skiing for m 18 at Ski World in Nashville. (Photo by Karen Kiefer)



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New Cathedral jazz band tunes up for contest

by Chris Dahling

There is a great new sound coming from the basement of Cathedral High School. This new music is called jazz.

According to Randy Weaver, who directs the new jazz band, Cathedral has not had a jazz band in the past six years.

Jazz is a type of music with a definite swing that most people can feel. It evolved in the south at the turn of the century.

Cathedral's new jazz band is comprised of 21 musicians who play saxophone, trumpet, trombone, guitar, piano, percussion, and drums.

Adam Miller, Burke Fox, Chris Dahling, John Fischer, Mark Meno, Sean Terry, David Golder and David Wagner play axxophone, while Derek Hobart, Pete Castelli, Brian Fischer, Jay Meno and Brian

Castein, brian Fischer, jay wello and brian Fulford play trumpet. Brian Flaherty is the only trombone player. J.R. Durkott and Mike Hannigan are on guitar, while percussion and drums are played by Brian Minter, Alan Dowd

and Eric Gurnell. Don Hawk and Damone Johnson are on the piano, and Steven McPhail plays the synthesizer.

lazz varies from concert hand selections in that the music is different and much more challenging. Members of the jazz band signed up after the marching band season, and gather to practice each Wednesday after school. They perform during basketball games and for other school events.

school events.

Participation in the jazz band is important to Mark Meno because he likes to play "sax." His personal goals are to play in a college band and hold on to his mastery of saxophone as a hobby. Although Mark has never had saxophone lessons, he practices about two hours a weak on his "case". week on his own

"I find band to be a good form of relaxation and enjoyment," Adam Miller explained. "My personal goals are to play the best that I can, express myself, and maybe play in a college band."

Miller has been playing for eight years

and took lessons for seven of those years. "My favorite part of band," he said, "is doing cheers at the games

Burke Fox expressed enthusiasm about his participation in the new group.
"I love to play in jazz band," he emphasized. "It's a challenge with a twist because it's not the same old boring because marching music." ho-hum marching music.

Fox said his goal is "to be the best I can be. With this goal, there is no limit to how good you are, because you are always striving to get better.'

He has been playing for six years and ever had lessons, but usually practices for six hours a week.

Weaver said he hopes to participate in

the Indiana State School Music Association ensemble contest on March 4

Some of the band's favorite selections e "Opus One," "Stray Cat Strut," and "My Funny Valentine."

Cathedral's jazz band members have "lots of high hopes," and with continued hard work the musicians are confident they will be able to achieve their goals.

And judging from the professionalism evident during practice sessions, Cathedral High School students can look forward to

right school students can look forward to quality music with an upbeat sound. (A junior at Cathedral High School, Chris Dahling is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Dahling of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in

ICA students step back in time for fourth annual Madrigal Dinner

by Barbara Ludwig

Once again the time has come for the drawbridge to be lowered, the king to mount his throne, and, of course, the wassal to be poured.

Medieval settivities begin anew March 10 and 12 during the Academy of the Immaculate Conception's fourth annual Madrigal Dinner at Oldenburg.

The public is cordially invited to dine with the costumed royalty by calling 812-934-4440 for information and reserva-

by candlelight, guests will cross a drawbridge and step back in time as the large ICA gymnasium magically becomes the interior of a king's castle, complete with beautiful maidens, handsome knights, and an evil dragon.

an evil dragon.

Trumpet fanfares will announce the royal procession and servants laden in gold will bring in a sumptuous meal fit for royalty. Since even the poor must eat, bands of beggars may wander from table to table pleading for scraps of food.

Roving minstrels, poets, musicians,

jugglers, and tumblers will offer their special skills as part of the royal entertainment. Maidens will entertain with song and dance, and court jesters will add hilarious insights.

As preparation for this major produc-tion, ICA faculty members and students have been diligently planning, rehearsing, taking reservations, arranging caterers, and preparing the authentic sets and

props.

Besides earning money for the private girls' school, the production gives students a chance to share a wide variety of

The Madrigal Dinner incorporates the talents of ICA's music, art, athletic, and drama departments.

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(A junior at ICA, Barbara Ludwig is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ludwig of St. Michael's Parish in Brookville.)



USICIANS—Cathedral High School students (from left) Pete Castelli, Steven McPhail, an Terry, Brian Flaherty, and Mike Hannigan, Jr. practice a jazz medley during a recent hearsal directed by Randy Weaver. (Photo by Mary Ann Wyand) MUSICIANS-Catt

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BOOK REVIEW

Churches trapped in Apartheid

Trapped in Apartheid, by Charles Villa-Vicencio. Orbis (Maryknoll, N.Y., 1988). 250 pp., no price given.

Reviewed by Margaret O'Connell

The failure of the English-speaking churches of South Africa—Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, United Congre-gational—to shape their theory and actions according to the creedal statements they express in prayer has far-reaching consequences, believes Charles Villa-Viencio.

creedus statements mey express in prayer has rar-reacting consequences, believes Christe Villa-Vicencio.

This failure to express faith in works is exposed, examined and damned in this superbly informative, shocking and, I found, none-too-easy-to-read book.

As a starting point the author notes that these denominations make the supplication which Jesus taught his disciples to pray "a spiritual manifesto of the Christian's engagement in life. ... To pray for God's kingdom to be manifest on earth as in heaven is to acknowledge an inherent relationship between prayer and social action." The Lord's Prayer, he goes on, "is a conscious reflection on one's place in life in response to God."

Villa-Vicencio carefully traces what he sees as the complicity of the English-speaking churches in the destruction of traditional African tribal culture both by providing a theological rationale for it and by actually working at the degradation of an entire people through the destruction of their culture and religion.

He traces the development of apartheid to (the

still-flourishing) European cultural-religious imperialism, to the need for both cheap labor and a captive market for European products and, after the Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902) to the need of the defeated, uneducated, unskilled, rural, largely agricultural, non-English speaking Boers (Dutch South Africans) to feel good about their situation by putting non-whites in a worse position than

But "Trapped in Apartheid" is much more than a history of the execrable cooperation of some churches in the of the exercible cooperation of some churches in the development of apartheid; much more than a history of what Villa-Vicencio calls the Constantinian captivity of the Christian churches (that beginning with Constantine's Edict of Toleration all the Christian churches have been and continue to be creatures of the state, reflecting the culture and mores of the ruling elite rather than the evangelical values of leave Christian.

and mores of the ruling elite rather than the evangelical values of Jesus Christ).

The book is a challenge to the churches of South Africa to "return to their first love." as John the Divine phrased it, to risk their comfy security by preferring to stand with those at the edge of society. By taking a prophetic, hence dangerous, stance against injustice.

Certainly "Trapped in Apartheid" is also a challenge to all Christian churches everywhere to climb out of bed with the state and its millitary industrial establishment, and to take a prophetic stance against injustice.

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And the book is a challenge to the individual Christian to rebuild Christ's church which has fallen into ruin by an

individual prophetic stance against injustice.

(O'Connell is a free-lance book reviewer and writer and an ociate editor at The Christophers in New York.)

'New Question Box' by Fr. Dietzen reviewed

THE NEW QUESTION BOX, by Father John J. Dietzen. Guildhall (Peoria, Ill., 1988). 604 pp., \$9.95.

Reviewed by Fr. James Gilhooley

Did you know that in early Christian days if you missed Sunday Mass for several weeks running, you were no longer considered a church member? Do you realize that if your arms are crossed over your chest at Communion time, you may be telegraphing the priest that you do not wish to receive the Eucharist? If your answer to either of the above is negative, "The New Question Box" is for you. It was written by the author of the "Question Corner" that is a weekly feature in The

It comes with a fulsome table of contents. Perhaps more useful will be the index opening with "aboution" and closing with "YMCA, Catholic membership in." Predictably, the publishers want prospective buyers to understand that this edition is the last word. After all, it was

understand that this edition is the last word. After all, it was revised in November of 1988. The bad news is that it is already out of data. Shroud of Turni" we are told the cloth "may well be the shroud of Christ." Of course, scientific tests have since shown that the shroud dates from medieval times, though its origins are still a mystery. Still, the book deserves a place in your reference library. At \$9.95 the soft-cover edition is a bargain. Why wait for the next revision?

next revision?

Father Gilhooley is at Mount St. Mary College in New York and has contributed articles to several publications.

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Anita and Daisey Grogg; grand
father of six.

† CLOUSER, Peter T., 79, Christ the King, Indianapolis, Feb. 6. Brother of Leo, Alfred, Sister Ann and Sister Agnes Celeste.

† CONLAN, Claude V. 77, St. Augustine, Jeffersonville, Feb. 14. Brother of Benjamin Conlin and Margaret L. Rogers; uncle of Veronica S. Conlin.

veronca S. Conlin.

†COURTNEY, Marguerite D.,

83, 5t. Thomas Aquinas, Indianapolis, Feb. 9. Wife of James
C.; mother of James C. Jr., Janet
C. McShane and Joan C. Beal;
sister of Mary Beth Disher;
grandmother of 13; great-grandmother of 14.

t CROSS, Helen Maxine, 68, Christ the King, indianapolis, Feb. 6. Wife of Warren [Bill]; mother of Warren Jr., Thomas, David, and Lisa Harper; sister of David Daniels; grandmother of eight.

† DINE, Sarah (Dionisio), 79, St. Mary, Richmond, Feb. 13. Sister-in-law of Elsie Feaster.

t EDER, Esta I., 80, St. Ambrose, Seymour, Jan. 30. Mother of Marilyn Davis; grandmother of one; great-grandmother of

three.

**KEITH, Buster Jay, 64, St.
Lawrence, Indianapolis, Feb 11.
Father of Jaynece A. Morgan,
Daniel, James Jr. and Robert;
son of Dollie; grandfather seven.

**KELLER, Herman J., 82, St.
Augustine, Jeffersonville, Feb.
12. Husband of Margaret
(Roster); brother of Barbara
Miller.

† KIRCHNER, Helen J., 81, Sacred Heart, Terre Haute, Feb. 10. Mother of Stephen, and Judith Callahan.

t LANE, Vivian (Driver), 85, Holy Trinity, Indpls., Feb. 8. † LEES, Gertrude (Windisch), 76, Assumption, Indianapolis (now of Gulfport, Fla.), Wife of Albert Jr.; sister of Joseph Windisch.

Villager, Frank M., 91, St. Mark, Indianapolis, Feb. 5. Husband of Lena; father of Frank W., Phil A., and Mary Ann Grass; brother of Margaret Nelson; grandfather of three.

Nelson, grandather of three.

† MARTER, Albert, 88, Sacred
Heart, Terre Haute, Feb. 8.
Father of Robert, John, Rita
Pentito, Margaret Hollingsworth, Phyllis Zalog and Evelyn LaCarter.

† McINTOSH, Elizabeth, 9 St. Thomas Aquinas, In anapolis, Dec. 7. Grandmott of Elizabeth, Mary M. Pepr and Anne M. Smith.

and Anne M. Smith.

+ MOHR, Alvina B. (Fehrman),
81, Holy Family, Oldenburg, 7.
Mother of Ronald, James, Larry
and Arnie; sister of Charles
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seven. greal-grandmother of
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+ SMITTH, William T., 75, 5t.
Ambrose, Seymour, Jan. 20.
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Birth control flap focuses on papal authority

by Agostino Bono

ROME (NC)—The new year has seen a steady stream of neological pros and cons flowing around Pope John Paul II's birth control teaching.

Il's burn controt reaching.

What distinguishes the 1989 situation from the controversies 20 years ago over "Humana Vitae," Pope Paul VI's encyclical opposing artificial means of contraception, is that today's debate is centered on the current pope's use of the

encyclical opposing artificial means of contraception, is that today's debate is centered on the current pope's use of the magisterium, the church's teaching authority. The previous debate focused more on the teaching itself.

Pope John Paul, besides defending the encyclical's anti-contraceptive teaching, has evolved new reasonings in an effort to make "Humanae Vitae" ("Of Human Life") more acceptable to a new generation of married couples.

While not formally declaring the birth control teaching infallible, the pope has emphasized that the teaching is part of the unchangeable truths entrusted to the church because it was "written by the creative hand of God" it was "ownthen by the creative hand of God".

of the unchangeable truths entrusted to the church because it was "written by the creative hand of God."

Yet, just as the 1968 encyclical did not put an end to theological debate, neither has a decade of the current pope's strong defense of the teaching.

Instead, dissenting theologians are interpreting the pope's defense as a de fact ou pgrading of the teaching from a changeable one to a fundamental article of faith. In theological terms, they see this as blurring the distinction between the changeable positions of the ordinary magisterium and the unchangeable truths of the extraordinary magisterium and the unchangeable truths of the extraordinary magisterium.

magisterium. Both levels of the magisterium require assent by Catholics, but the ordinary magisterium can evolve as times and circumstances change. The extraordinary magisterium is when the pope solemnly declares that a teaching is infallible. Encyclicals are part of the church's ordinary mesisterium.

The result is that today's dissenting theologians are tying the birth control issue to an overall challenge of the pope's use of authority. Referring to the decades of continuity. dissent over the birth control issue, they say this teaching must be regarded as open to change.

The ordinary magisterium can evolve as circumstances change

In January, Redemptorist Father Bernard Haring, a moral theologian, suggested a church commission of bishops, theologians and laity re-examine the birth control issue and study to what extent papal pronouncements should be considered "as doctrine revealed by God."

Chester 462 European theologians issued a purch

considered "as doctrine revealed by God."

Shortly after, 163 European theologians issued a much stronger declaration. They cited the anti-contraceptive teaching as a misuse of papal authority.

The concept of New Testament truth and Jesus' teaching about salvation are enlisted by the pope to tepties the specific teaching that cannot be justified either in holy Scripture or in the traditions of the church," the declaration said.

When the pope does that which is not part of his office, he cannot demand obedience in the name of Catholicism," added the statement, called the Declaration of Cologne.



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The signers also lumped this example with papal choices for bishops and Vatican denials of permissions for specific professors to teach Catholic theology at public universities, both of which involve church discipline more than doctrine.

than doctume.

This declaration is "more serious" than previous dissenting statements in the post-Vatican II period, said German Father Walter Kasper, a dogmatic theologian and papal supporter.

It is the broadest questioning of the pope that has taken place so far," he said.

The declaration marks a deepening of the split among eologians, because moderates—"serious professors theologians, because moderates—"serious professors whom I esteem, always faithful to the pope"—signed it "to express their intolerance of Rome," Father Kasper

The seriousness of the debate was marked by a Feb. 15 article in the Vatican newspaper, L'Osservatore Romano. The front-page article defended the teaching and reiterated a 1987 papal statement that the issue is closed to fusther debate. It said current doubts about the teaching are tied to the "central question" of the magisterium, "provoking grave confusions and errors in the faithful."

In the 1960s, debate focused on which birth control means were morally licit and the relationship between individual conscience and adherence to a specific church teaching publicly questioned by theologians.

The 1968 encyclical gave Pope Paul's definitive answer by

declaring artificial and chemical means of contra declaring artificial and chemical means of contraception immoral and requiring assent to the teaching. But it did not end the debate, and in many developed countries subsequent surveys showed that a large segment of the Catholic population followed their own consciences when in conflict with the teaching.

Pope John Paul has dedicated much of his pontificate to reinforcing the encyclical. This has included a five-year series of general audience talks on the meaning of married love and birth control. The talks drew from the Bible, philosophy, anthropology and science to broaden the

philosophy, anthropology and science to broaden the reasons in "Humanae Vitae" that support the basic tenet that every conjugal act must be open to procreation, thus prohibiting contraception.

Some of the pope's strongest statements regarding the authoritativeness of the teaching came last November in a speech to moral theologians attending a Rome conference to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Humanae Vitae

"Humane Vitae."

The teaching was "written by the creative hand of God in the nature of the human person" and confirmed by God in revelation, the pope said.

Disagreeing with it "is equal to refusing to God himself the obedience of our intelligence," he said.

For Father Haring, however, the pope is feeding a "catastrophic" polarization process in the church. "I hope that our belowed pope understands that this is a conflict of epic proportions," he said.

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Polish church occupied by dissidents is closed

by Liz Schevtchuk

WASHINGTON (NC)—About 80 dissidents, including two on a hunger strike in a confessional, ended their occupation of a Polish Catholic church in Bridgeport, Conn., Feb. 18 when Catholic officials closed the church indefinitely and asked police to ensure protesters promptly departed. About 100 protesters returned the next day to the church, St. Michael the Archangel, for an outdoor protest of song and prayer, said Mggr. Nicholas V. Grico, communications secretary of the Bridgeport Diocese.

Msgr. Gricco said that two men were arrested for trespassing Feb. 18 when, unlike other protesters, they declined to leave the church voluntarily and engaged in passive resistance. The two, identified as Francizsed Wojenski, a parishioner, and Henry Chmiel, a resident of Miliord, Conn., outside the Bridgeport Diocese, were given summons by police, he said.

Unhappy, parishioners and sympathizers occupied the

Unhappy parishioners and sympathizers occupied the church in shifts to protest what they viewed as unacceptable plans to open the parish to non-Polish Catholics. St. Michael's is located in a predominantly black and Hispanic.

neighborhood.

The approximately 40 police present Feb. 18 "didn't go into the church to arrest people," Msgr. Grieco told National Catholic News Service in an interview Feb. 20. Rather, he said, they were called "to make sure that everything was done in order and without any problems."

Two unidentified men on a hunger strike, which lasted about two days before the occupation ended, had "sealed" themselves in a chamber made from an old confessional that is used for the sacrament of reconclisition, he said. They were among dissidents who left voluntarily, he said.



CHURCH OCCUPATION—Parishioners pray and during their occupation of St. Michael the Arcl Church, a Polish national church in Bridgeport, Con-parishioners were protesting what they called plans to the parish to other ethnic groups. (NC photo from World)

Msgr. Grieco said that the diocese and parish corporation, including Bishop Edward M. Egan of Bridgeport, resolved late Feb. 17 to end the occupation of the church, run by Conventual Franciscans.

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"What the diocese and church corporation was concerned about was that they simply leave," he said.

According to a Feb. 18 diocesan statement, church functions were suspended until further notice and those occupying the church and its premises told to leave "because of imminent danger of injury to persons and property," as well as "recent disruptions to the orderly and reverential conduct of church services and the disruption of day-to-day business of the parish."

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The church corporation "unanimously but with deep sorrow" thus resolved "that the parish church be vacated and closed until further action of the corporation," the statement concluded.

The parish corporation consists of the bishop, vicar

id. He said that on Feb. 17, a delegation representing the arish corporation and diocesan officials, accompanied by anciscan leaders, met with parishioners, including

Msgr. Crieco said that the Franciscan leaders included Father Leon Rowalski, a provincial official from the Franciscans' province in Gdansk, Poland, who was visiting the United States, and Father Daniel Pietrzak, the provincial

Church officials subsequently proposed that Bishop Egan celebrate a Mass at the church Feb. 26, with Father Rowalski as homilist, and meet afterward with the parishioners, provided dissidents terminated the protest, Msgr. Grieco said.

said. "These proposals were not accepted by the protesters," he said. "At present, the church is closed indefinitely." The dissidents, estimated by Magr. Grieco as being about 20 percent of parishioners plus some other Poles, began occupying the church Feb. 11, dema, "ing that the current pastor, Franciscan Father John Bambol,." emoved and a popular former associate pastor, Franciscan rather Roman Palaszewski, be returned. They said they objected to Father Bambol's plan to open the church to other ethnic groups and claimed he was responsible for the transfer of Father Palaszewski.

Palaszewski.

Msgr. Grieco said such transfers are made by the
Conventual Franciscans' provincial headquarters.

"Actually, the people who were dissenting were
reassured several times it would remain a national
parish," Msgr. Grieco added. However, on the part of
the protesters, "emotions had gotten to such a high pitch
it was very difficult for them to hear what was being
said," he added.

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