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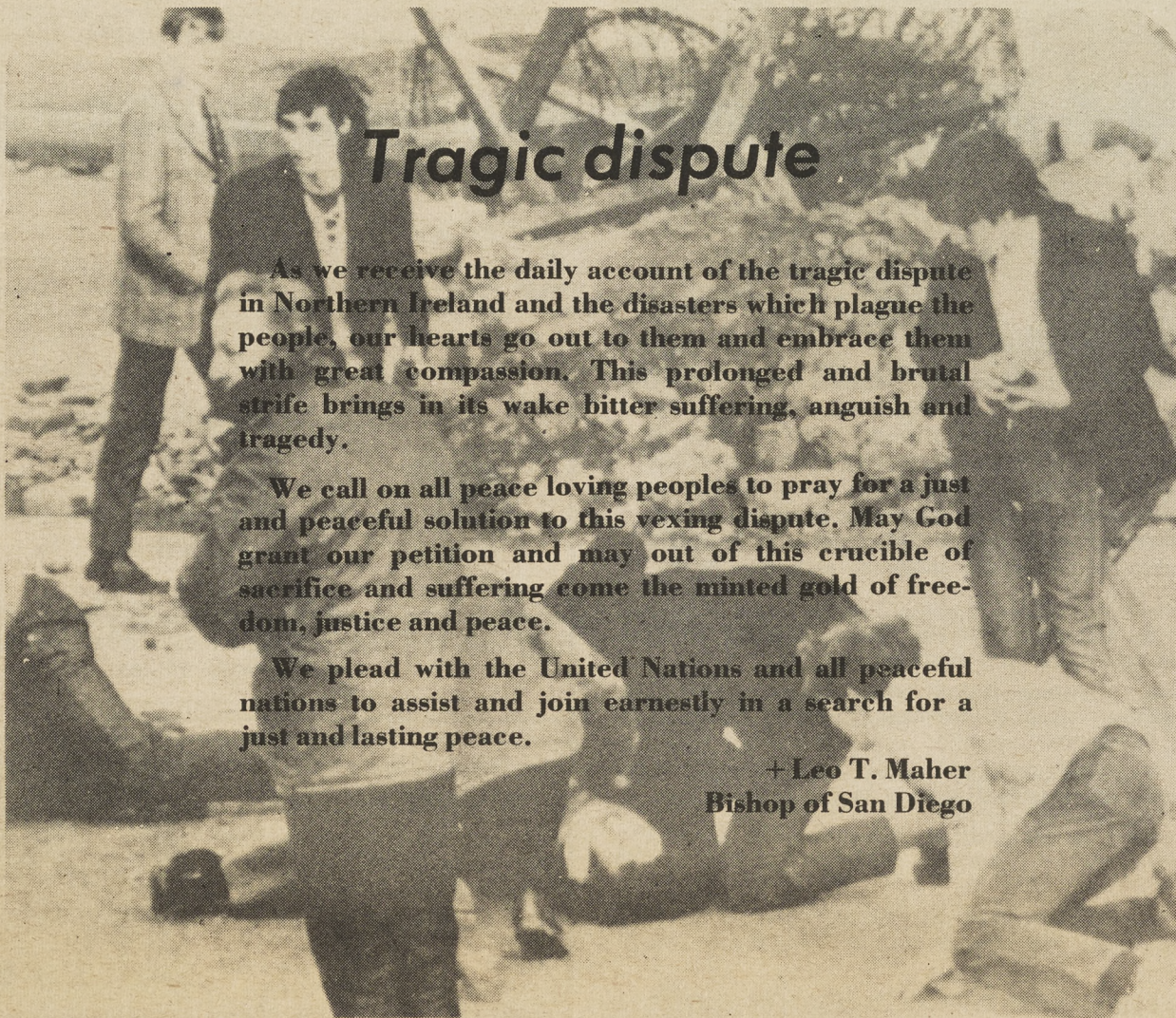
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Tragic dispute

As we receive the daily account of the tragic dispute in Northern Ireland and the disasters which plague the people, our hearts go out to them and embrace them with great compassion. This prolonged and brutal strife brings in its wake bitter suffering, anguish and tragedy.

We call on all peace loving peoples to pray for a just and peaceful solution to this vexing dispute. May God grant our petition and may out of this crucible of sacrifice and suffering come the minted gold of freedom, justice and peace.

We plead with the United Nations and all peaceful nations to assist and join earnestly in a search for a just and lasting peace.

+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

Bishop Maher's pastoral

Lent is the time to take a good look at yourself

Beloved People of God:

Rarely in modern times has there been so urgent a need for self-knowledge and self-discipline as presents itself in this tormented age.

We are witnesses of unprecedented crises in Church and state. We are concerned about the frustrations, the conflicts, the longings and ambitions of youth, and on the other hand, view sadly the fears and hopes, the querulousness and disappointments of their elders.

AFFLUENCE, leisure and permissiveness have not bettered the human lot; on the contrary they have degraded it. These worldly things have paved the way for the great evil of our time, lawlessness in all of its various forms. This is what St. Gregory meant when he said: "If we give more to the flesh than we ought, we nourish an enemy."

It behooves us to recognize, confront and overcome that enemy before he engineers the collapse of our civilization. It behooves us to rebuild discipline in our lives and order in our society before we dare to hope for the blessings of peace for our individual selves and for the world.

The road to peace is long and rugged. It entails hardship, sacrifice, an honest look at our frailties, courage, patience, prayer and perseverance. The time for this effort is here. What more appropriate a period for reform and renewal than the season of Lent.

IT IS A PERIOD of penance for sin. Sacred Scripture reminds us that we have a universal obligation to do penance. "If we say, 'We are free of the guilt of sin,' we deceive ourselves; the

truth is not to be found in us". (1 John 1:8-10)

And in the Acts of the Apostles St. Peter declares that penance is necessary for the forgiveness of sin. As we cannot ignore the fact of sin, so we can claim no exemption from the obligation to do penance.

Affluence, leisure and permissiveness have not improved us, says Bishop Maher in his pastoral message for Lent. The time for discipline is now here. "We must know ourselves."

Moreover, the holy season of Lent appeals to the penitential spirit of Christians; for it is the period in which we cleanse our conscience and prepare our souls for the great feast of our Savior's resurrection.

IT IS, THEREFORE, an opportune time to prepare programs of discipline, sacrifice, mortifications and the study of self. We must know ourselves as we really are in order to implement our plans for self-discipline.

We are aware that man is equally capable of good and evil. But do we know whether there are in man certain forces or powers which make for evil and others which make for good? Are we to believe that a bad man is one who has developed the forces of evil within himself and a good man is one who has developed the forces of good?

Such a view of evil as something positive — the possession of powers in themselves bad — is essentially unchristian. There is nothing, no substance, no faculty, no power in man that is in itself bad.

THE CATHOLIC doctrine of the Incarnation teaches that our Lord assumed our nature in its entirety. Whatever belongs to human nature was in Him. We cannot imagine that He assumed into union with his own divine nature anything that was inherently evil or that, in the creation of man, He created and placed in him some evil power or force or faculty.

Great sinners have become great saints. They destroyed no powers in them to reach sainthood; they ignored the powers in them to wallow in the mire of sin. What they did as sinners therefore was to *abuse* their God-given powers and faculties for good. As saints they lost nothing, destroyed nothing but were in full possession of their powers.

There was much in Mary Magdalene which she once abused and much, perhaps, which she never used until she came to our Lord. He revealed to her the secret of discipline and development and she found under his guidance that everything in her henceforth had to be used — used in a fuller and richer way than she had ever imagined possible.

IT WAS IN NO narrow school of limitations, no morbid school of false asceticism that this poor sinner was educated in the principles of holiness but the large and merciful school of Him who has been ever since the hope of the hopeless and the friend of sinners.

It is He who knows that what men need is not to

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Around the diocese



Guadalupe church, Mass, leadership training program.

Sunday, Feb. 20, 11:30 a.m., Escondido, Confirmation, Mass, groundbreaking for new Resurrection parish.

Sunday, Feb. 20, 4 p.m., Poway, St. Michael's church, Confirmation, Mass, dedication.

Bishop Leo T. Maher

Saturday, Feb. 19, 7:30 p.m., San Diego, Our Lady of

Father Roger A. Lechner Vice chancellor-secretary

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Stalpar Club presents Father Patrick C. Peyton's film, "The Redeemer," Sunday, Feb. 13, preceded by noon Mass, Immaculata Chapel, Alcalá Park. Work party 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14, St. Vincent de Paul Center, 630 Fourth Ave.

Dave Neptune, job counselor, San Diego State, speaks on the draft, 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 11, Cardijn Center, 2422 Congress street.

St. Charles Borromeo branch, Italian Catholic Federation, sponsors Mardi Gras 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, parish hall, San Diego.

Mexican Club, St. Rose of Lima church, sponsors St. Valentine dance 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, parish hall, Chula Vista.

St. Patrick's Archconfraternity of the Blessed Sacrament holds benefit dessert-card party noon, Tuesday, Feb. 22, parish hall, San Diego.

Luncheon-style show sponsored by Santa Sophia Altar Society noon Saturday, Feb. 26, Shelter Island's Kona Kai Club.

St. Vincent de Paul's Altar Society in benefit dessert-card party 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, parish hall, San Diego.

Picture showing of USD and Immaculata Chapel presented by Ladies of the Immaculata 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, De Sales Hall. Lambert Ninteman, contractor, is commentator.

Holy Family Church, San Diego, will have Southern Cross editor Michael Newman speaking at Masses Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13.

Our Lady of Angels Altar and Rosary Society holds luncheon-card party noon, Saturday, Feb. 19, parish hall, San Diego.

Church of Good Shepherd, San Diego, adds two Sunday Masses to schedule Feb. 13 - 6 p.m. at Los Penasquitos shopping center and 12:15 p.m. Miramar College, Mira Mesa.

Court Mystical Rose, CDA, Riverside, sponsors book tea 1 p.m. Feb. 11, 2823 Rumsey drive; Day of Recollection, Feb. 13, Divine Word Seminary, and Valentine party Feb. 14 for TB patients, Riverside General Hospital.

Our Lady of Grace ushers and lectors form First Thursday Club, meeting 7:30 p.m. parish hall, El Cajon.



ON GOD'S SIDE - President Nixon meditates as evangelist Billy Graham reads from the Bible at 20th annual National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D. C. Commenting on his trip to Peking and Moscow, Mr. Nixon asked people to "pray that this nation under God will, in the person of its President and to the best of our ability, be on God's side."

Catholic Community Services reports last November's anti-poverty Campaign for Human Development collection totaled \$36,600, increase of \$15,000 over 1970.

Diocesan Sisters' Senate meets Saturday, Feb. 26, Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, 3888 Paducah drive, San Diego.

St. Francis Altar and Rosary Society, Vista, holds Valentine luncheon-card party 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 14.

Academy of Our Lady of Peace Alumnae Association sponsors benefit card party 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 4860 Oregon street.

Msgr. John Baer, rector, St. Francis College, is chairman of Diocesan Liturgy Commission, succeeding Bishop John R. Quinn.

San Diego Deanery, Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, holds luncheon-meeting noon Monday, Feb. 21, St. John the Evangelist parish hall, 4021 Normal St. Reservations: 295-6254. 295-6390.

Christ the King parish, San Diego, sponsors annual Mardi Gras 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Feb. 12-13, opening with Saturday parade. Jim Gordon, TV newscaster, grand marshal.

CCD news

Continuing Christian Development

CARDINAL SUENENS TO SPEAK:

Tickets for the Archbishop of Malines-Brussels talk here March 9 at Our Lady of Grace church, El Cajon, may be obtained through the Adult Education (CCD) Office, Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110 at \$2.00.

We urge early reservations because seats are limited and tickets are going rapidly. This talk is not included in the Tradition '71-'72 series ticket. If tickets are available the evening of the talk, they will be \$2.50.

ADULT EDUCATION:

All 11 centers of Adult Education will be in full swing Feb. 17-23 in San Diego county. Parishes wishing flyer-brochures for Sunday hand-out or individuals wanting to be placed on mailing list, contact office (291-7614).

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP:

St. John's parish hall, 300 Melrose Ave., Encinitas, Feb. 26, 12-4 p.m. North county junior high teachers, priests, principals and coordinators invited. Sister Joan Krogmeier, junior high CCD coordinator, will direct workshop. Bring lunch.

QUEST WEEKEND:

Weekend of Christian community experience and renewal offered religious education personnel and their spouses, March 10-12, Convent of the Sacred Heart, El Cajon. Further information call office.

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Boy Scouts honor Msgr. Thompson, three others

Southern Cross Reporter

MSGR. MATTHEW J. Thompson, pastor of St. Edwards's church, Corona, two laymen and a woman received St. George Awards last Sunday for "exceptional service to the Church through Scouting over a long period of time."

Also getting the same award were Mrs. Phyllis Terzich of Mission San Diego de Alcalá, Robert Mott of Sacred Heart parish, Redlands, and Fred Herrera of Our Lady of Guadalupe, San Bernardino.

Sixty-seven Boy Scouts



Msgr. Thompson

from Riverside, San Bernardino and San Diego counties, received Ad Altare Dei Awards and three Explorer Scouts, the Pope Pius XII Award.

The awards ceremony, in St. Joseph's Cathedral, also honored Cub Scouts who have received the Parvuli Dei Medal in the past year.

Bishop Leo T. Maher, who presented the awards, said "scouting is always the builder" and is a strong weapon against the "permissive society in which we suffer and the leisure world in which we are degraded."

MSGR. THOMPSON, who has been working with Scouts since his ordination in 1928, sponsors a Cub Pack and three Scout troops. Thirty of the 67 Scouts getting the Ad Altare Dei emblem are from his parish.

Receiving Pope Pius XII emblems were Anthony Ferrero of Holy Rosary and Alan Cascio of St. Anne's, both in San Bernardino, and Thomas Goode of St. Catherine's in Riverside.



FIRST FRUITS — The new state law which provides for certain services for non-public schools (AB 2590) became tangible last week when textbooks were made available for Catholic schools. Seen here at the diocesan office selecting books to be provided free are Sisters Ernestine and Dolores from Queen of Angels, Riverside. With them is Father Michael McNally, director of special programs, diocesan education department. Display of books in San Diego and San Bernardino was arranged by the education office for the convenience of teachers. — SC photo

Stewardship '72

10,000 volunteers to ring doorbells

Southern Cross Reporter

AN ARMY OF 10,000 volunteers ringing doorbells in the first grass-roots week of Stewardship '72 give dramatic evidence of the people's overwhelming response to the campaign.

In a progress report, Father William Cooney, stewardship coordinator, said the volunteers "have given Stewardship '72 a tremendous momentum throughout the diocese."

"This is the signal for all of us, priests and laymen of all parishes, to put aside the usual and reach out together for the great good of all," he said. "We are determined to make an historic success of Stewardship '72."

FIRST PROGRESS reports from the 20 regional moderators based on parish figures, he said, show that parishioners already have given or pledged \$110,159.

With the \$95,000 received

earlier from three anonymous donors, the Stewardship '72 total now stands at \$205,159.

The largest regional commitments, Father Cooney said, came from Indio, \$16,015; San Diego-B, \$14,050, and San Bernardino, \$10,250. (San Diego has four regions.)

REGIONS reporting between \$5,000 and \$10,000 are: Redlands, \$9,699; San Diego-D, \$9,150; Oceanside, \$9,100; Chula Vista, \$6,750; Hemet, \$6,700; Barstow, \$5,425, and Escondido, \$5,135.

On the parish level, the first two parishes over their targets are St. Augustine's in Eagle Mountain and St. Paul's in Lucerne Valley. Funds over parish goals are returned to the parish.

Several other parishes are within striking distance of their target and local chairmen will be reporting success in a few days, said Father Cooney.

Infallibility Church basis for 'proclaiming truth'

Southern Cross Reporter

THE CHURCH remains indefectible because of its teaching infallibility as revealed in Scripture, Dr. Raymond O. Ryland of the University of San Diego said in an adult studies lecture in Immaculata Chapel last week.

The professor of religious studies who is the diocese's first permanent deacon, emphasized that without infallibility, the Church could not be indefectible — or, in other words, it could not be proclaiming the truth till the end of time.

"If the Church teaches

error instead of the truth about Jesus Christ, it would be better that it went out of existence," he said.

CHRISTIANS believe the Church is preaching the truth because they accept the infallibility of the Apostles and, at least, of the early Church, he said.

Scripture tells us that when Christ founded the Church, He passed on His teaching authority to Peter — the "rock" on which He built the Church — and to the other Apostles.

He noted that the Second Vatican Council referred to the teaching authority and infallibility of the Apostles being passed on to their successors — the bishops.

DR. RYLAND SAID this infallibility is passed on to the bishops as a "living succession of persons standing in direct line of authority from the Apostles."

Among Christians, he continued, there are different approaches in the acceptance of the Church's truths.

For Protestants, he explained, truth lies in Scripture; Orthodox and

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Alaska prelate will help with confirmations

WITH A FULL spring confirmation schedule underway, Bishop Leo T. Maher will be assisted in administering the sacrament by Archbishop Joseph T. Ryan of Anchorage — now that Bishop John R. Quinn is in Oklahoma City.

Archbishop Ryan is no stranger to San Diego. He was here in 1970 to participate in the investiture of Knights and Ladies of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem.

The archbishop will begin his confirmation schedule in



Archbishop Ryan

the diocese Feb. 22 at Holy Spirit church, San Diego.

HE IS DUE to administer the sacrament in El Cajon, Chula Vista, Descanso, Imperial Beach, Calexico, Holtville, Blythe, Riverside, Etiwanda, Fontana, Rialto, Sunnymead, San Bernardino, Banning and Indio.

Archbishop Ryan, 68, became the first Ordinary of Anchorage in 1966. His archdiocese covers 138,985 square miles with only about 35,000 Catholics.

High school drop out

Joe Jacoste becomes a leader

By Nicholas Biondo

WHEN JOE JACOSTE was forced to drop out of high school and go to work he never dreamed that someday his Mexican-American neighbors would look to him for community leadership.

But that's what is happening at St. Anne's parish where Jacoste lives with his wife, Neva, and their two-year-old daughter Bertha Maria.

Jacoste's father comes from Spain and his mother from Mexico. And though he was born in 1940 in San Diego, where his parents were married, he knows what it is like being in a "minority group."

"**NOW I HAVE A** good chance to do something worthwhile for Mexican-Americans," he says about the diocesan-sponsored leadership training course he has just completed.

Jacoste is one of four Mexican-Americans from St. Anne's parish who completed the pilot program to develop local leaders and community-organizing abilities in

Mexican-American parishes.

Bishop Leo T. Maher will award certificates to 50 men and women from several parishes at a celebrated Mass 7:30 p.m. Feb. 19, in Our Lady of Guadalupe church. They are the first of the leadership training awards.

JACOSTE PRAISES the program as "giving a chance to the Mexican-American people to have a voice in the community as well as in the Church."

But, he adds, "the only trouble is that we have to take what we've learned back to us in our neighborhoods and get the idea across to other Mexican-Americans, especially those who cannot speak very good English."

He feels that "we must be concerned with community and civic problems, now that the Church has shown us its concern for our personal as well as spiritual problems."

JACOSTE SAID he and the other three co-leaders in St. Anne's parish "will now try to spearhead Mexican-Americans into being

more active in religious and civic life as a "group force."

The first thing they plan to do, he said, is to organize a youth group "to get them off the streets, give them something to do and relate our Catholic doctrine with recreational activities."

He emphasized "we will work as a team with Filipinos in the area because we don't want them to think we're working as a separate group."

AMONG THE 50 leaders completing the course were five representatives from the Filipino Catholic Society of San Diego County.

Besides St. Anne's and Our Lady of Guadalupe, other parishes represented were Our Lady of Angels, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, St. Jude's, St. Rita's, Our Lady of Guadalupe in Otay and Villa Nueva housing project in San Ysidro.

The course included talks by religious, civic and political leaders, workshops and seminars. The program was given in both English and Spanish.

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CCD BOARDS MEET — For the first time the diocesan CCD northern and southern executive boards met jointly at the Continuing Christian Development center in San Bernardino. Chatting between sessions are Jack Clinton of Upland, left, president of the northern board for San Bernardino and Riverside counties, and James Blazi of San Diego, head of the southern board which includes Imperial county.

A time to keep
by Michael Newman

Prostitution in politics

The extraordinarily inept and inefficient processes of the American political scene are now upon us. For the next nine months we will suffer the labor pangs of a system which is as antiquated as pure water.

It would be excusable if it promoted interest. All it manages to do is encourage even more apathy, more political bargaining and a positive surfeit of political claptrap on our news media.

The prostitution of our politicians becomes worse as the inexorable demand increases for more and more expensive exposure. Typical was the report last week that the American Federation of Teachers has \$250,000 'up for grabs' for the presidential candidate who can win their support.

The succession of primaries makes an already outdated system farcical. Designed originally to encourage and help all Americans participate in the selection of the President, the primaries now only make incursions on the time, talent and tempers of all concerned.

In this electronic age of supersonic speed and satellites surely we should ditch the horse, buggy and whistle-stop approach to the most important job, politically, in the world.

So, what's new?

Headline: "Winter (Olympic) games open amid bitter feelings." (San Diego Union, Feb. 3). In case you've forgotten, that's the summer and winter festival designed to promote peace and brotherhood among mankind through sport.

Comic-tragic opera

The scenario for the Hughes biography melodrama surely beats any opera ever staged. The dubious story of a man who really has offered little to the philosophy of life other than the love of money, becomes the hottest thing in publishing after the Bible and sex.

Consider the cast: an author (already involved in a lawsuit over *Fake*), his blond wife, an art faker, major publishers of books and magazines, Swiss banks, the IRS, the courts, attorneys, disgruntled employees — all involved in what might be a massive swindle.

The object of the attention meanwhile promotes more interest in himself by "unpublicity" than any presidential candidate ever dreamed up with all his Madison Avenue advisers.

So far everyone has burned fingers, as though, one might moralize, they had all been playing with the devil himself.

Publishing pangs

McGraw-Hill, whose experience with another Clifford Irving and the Hughes affair could rank as the hoax of the century, certainly mix their booklists.

Noted for fine technical publications, they have also been responsible for such extraordinary books as *Alcohol Education for the Classroom and Community*, obviously supported by the liquor industry.

Now they have entered the Catholic field by

purchasing the largest publisher of Catholic books, Herder and Herder. This company published the controversial *Sex Book* last year, with a great fanfare. Perhaps their most discussed Catholic book is the *Dutch Catechism*, now sufficiently amended to be acceptable by all as one of the best reviews of our faith in one volume.

A twist in the tale

Bishop Maher in a recent speech, gave this definition of an atheist — "a man who has no invisible means of support."

That's more subtle than the lector who announced he was about to read St. Paul's epistle to the theologians.

What's a biretta?

Those of us brought up in that other age (pre-computer, pre-Vatican II, pre-Nader) remember birettas. I know of only one priest in this diocese who still wears one regularly. He is Father Joseph di Cristina, former pastor of St. Mary's, El Centro, who retired five years ago.



What's that hat?

He is one of two priests shown in the diocesan directory with a biretta. An added distinction is that he was founding pastor of St. Jude's and Vicar Forane of the El Centro deanery.

Good old days?

The biretta brings back memories of solemn High Mass, six big candles and Latin. I have just been sent a recording of what is claimed to "preserve the simple majesty and beauty of the traditional Tridentine Latin High Mass" but all it does is to confirm the fact that we had to suffer some very bad choirs in those days.

This modern recording of the traditional Mass is marred by poor singing and inadequate choir-direction. I had looked forward to an evening of happy recollection. Instead it was a penance. The younger generation could certainly not be 'turned on.' Yet the record is promoted as a "treasured keepsake for Catholic children."

Today's altar boys will never know the thrill of receiving the biretta from the celebrant as you reached the altar — and catching it with the right positioning of the thumb and fingers across the three ridges on top.

Father di Cristina is shown saying goodbye to Bishop Quinn a few weeks ago. The Alcalá Park palm seems to be growing out of his biretta, which that day he would not doff as he was recovering from a virus attack.

Editorial

Test of muscles

There are men who run a 'mile for their life' every day of the week, to keep their muscles trim and their hearts beating properly.

There are women who spend many minutes each day giving a workout to those parts of their natural beauty which need just that extra touch of embellishment.

And we see to it that our children at school perform the allotted span of time devoted to physical education, in the earnest hope that we shall build their bodies strong.

Physical well being and fitness are important in an age when the automobile and the electric gadget have almost taken over the work of our muscles.

But what about our religious and philosophical health? How many of us take time out to do a little exercise in theology, or in simply reading the words of wisdom contained in the New Testament?

Does the man who spends 15 minutes jogging around the block also find time for 15 minutes of prayerful meditation in his day?

Does the woman who spends 15 minutes in front of the mirror find another 15 minutes for recollection of what it is all about?

Does the child pressed into physical education class find that his religious education is equally relevant to his health?

How are those spiritual muscles?

Ejercicio de musculos

Hay hombres que todos los días corren una milla para mantener la tonicidad de sus músculos y el equilibrio de su corazón.

Hay también mujeres que emplean un rato todos los días para hacer ejercicios calisténicos y mantener su belleza con elegancia y esbeltez.

Y deseamos que los hijos en la escuela tengan tiempo para su educación física, con la esperanza de que sus cuerpos se desarrollen armónicamente y con vigor.

En esta época en que el maquinismo evita el ejercicio corporal, es muy necesaria la aptitud física corporal.

Pero y qué de nuestra salud espiritual? En el campo de la religión y del pensamiento? Cuántos son los que dedican algún tiempo a la teología, o leen algún libro que les ayude a pensar, siquiera sea el Nuevo Testamento?

El hombre que hace "yoga" por 15 minutos, dedica otros 15 a meditar?

Y la mujer que gasta 15 minutos frente al espejo, dedica otros 15 para reflexionar?

O el niño que toma clases de educación física, dedica algún tiempo a su educación religiosa para su alma?

Como están los "músculos" de nuestro espíritu?

One minute ~~Bible~~ insight

Living in a highly efficient and competitive society we become sensitive to waste. We consequently hire experts to make time and space studies so that we can be more effective producers.

In the Gospels, however, stories were told of certain ladies who were, by our standards, spendthrift. In Luke 7:36+ we read of a woman who extravagantly broke an alabaster jar of ointment and poured it over the feet of Jesus. In Mark 14:3 it says the ointment was very costly — pure nard. Matthew calls it "most expensive" (26.7) and in John 12:3 we read "Mary brought in a pound of very costly ointment, pure nard, and with it anointed the feet of Jesus."

When we sit down to pray or simply take a Sunday off to enjoy the freedom of God's children (John 8:35) society seems to consort to make us feel guilty by the hustle and bustle of its industry. Even certain good Christians become angry and say, "Why this waste of ointment? Ointment like this could have been sold for over three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor."

But Jesus says, "Leave her alone. Why are you upsetting her? What she has done for me is one of the good works. You have the poor with you always, and you can be kind to them whenever you wish ... she has anointed my body ... for its burial." Mark 14:5+

To remove ourselves occasionally from the competitive rat race in order to praise the Lord prepares us to make the act of faith it will take to face the radical human inefficiency which death will expose.

Father Jerome Bevilacqua, OSA

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Opinion Forum

Abortion photos were gruesome

While your article on abortion (SC Jan. 27) was timely and necessary, I object to the gruesome pictures included.

A mother of seven, I am no advocate of abortion, but such pictures would better serve your purpose if sent to those organizations proposing abortion, and the legislatures and courts who must decide its legality.

Surely a majority of your readers agree to the beauty and value of human life without being reminded in such a drastic manner.

(Mrs.) James H. Rosenthal
Twentynine Palms

(Why don't readers send copies of the article and pictures to legislators and courts? See Enid Lanyon, page 8. - Ed)

What can I do about abortion?

I read your article pertaining to abortions and I feel very ashamed of myself

sitting here and not knowing what to do about it.

My husband and I have three adopted children and whenever I think of someone aborting and throwing that little baby in a bucket it makes me sick.

That could have been my babies, thrown away like a piece of trash. They have life and laugh and play with their own different little personalities and I thank God every minute for the woman who had the guts to give her baby up for adoption.

If it were not for her love for her baby, we would be childless.

Those who have given up their babies have done more than they can ever know for people like my husband and me. They have shown courage and God will have a special place for them.

If anyone is undecided and thinking of having an abortion, please have your baby. You may be deeply troubled or ashamed right now but you could be helping a childless couple. Time will heal your troubled heart and we're praying for all of you.

(Mrs.) Kenneth Finn
Escondido

School girl would like to know

I am a student from the eighth grade class at St. Francis de Sales Catholic School, Riverside.

I was wondering if you think that the students from this school should have to go to Mass every week day before school.

I myself have nothing against this obligation. The only thing is that when I go to Mass, I have the tendency to talk to my friends and look around.

From doing this I usually get into trouble. This is why I want your opinion.

I feel that you should only have to go to Mass on your own will and not have to be forced.

I do go to Mass every Sunday - in fact I belong to the grade school choir. I am also a helper for CCD every Monday from 3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

I enjoy this job and am proud to have such a great advantage. Another question is: do you think that sex education should or should not be permitted in parochial schools?

The teachers at school think that it is a crime to

Your page

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even have a boy friend.

Katie Dye
Riverside

(Daily Mass is not and should not be an "obligation" for anyone. However, it is certainly the obligation of a Christian, in return for God's great love, to offer herself each day to Him in the most intimate way possible. This is what the Sisters are trying to teach you when they encourage you to start each day with Mass - when you can enter into the deepest communion with God. If you don't take advantage of it and will not pay attention, this is your fault, not theirs.

(Sex education is meant to bring you to a better understanding of yourself and your function as a woman - or a man - and it has very little to do with whether or not you should have a boy-friend. The "Education in Love" program is mandated for all parochial schools in the diocese. - Ed)

'Southern Cross' is just 'baby food'

There is something very distressing about your publication. Your letters to the



"THIS PROTEST BUSINESS IS GETTING ENTIRELY OUT OF HAND! SOME SMART-ALEC KID CHASED ALL US MONEY CHANGERS OUT OF THE TEMPLE TODAY!"

editor are decidedly bland, lacking in originality and devoid of anything relating in the least to controversy.

This could be the blame of your readers. Perhaps they are for the most part "bland, lacking in originality and devoid of anything relating to controversy".

This could be but I think not. It is more probably the fault of your writers. Their material is strangely reminiscent of the texture of baby food and about as palpable.

Monica Walters
San Bernadino

(What a pity you missed the opportunity of providing something which is not "bland, lacking in originality." It's easy to be a critic. Do you call abortion "bland ... devoid of controversy" and "baby food?" See other letters this page. -Ed)

SC 'stimulating and informative'

Congratulations to you and your staff of the Southern Cross for a very stimulating and informative weekly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Jose Saldivar
Bilingual Adult Office
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Mission shows Lincoln papers

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Chula Vista parish is active cent

By Nicholas Biondo

CHULA VISTA — At St. Rose of Lima parish the people show that they are the Church by speaking out and acting in behalf of the Church.

And Msgr. Daniel J. Ryan, pastor of the South Bay parish since 1964, bolsters this dedication by asserting that when it comes to pointing the finger of credit, he has nothing to say for himself.

"Every ethnic group, nationality and tradition in the parish has something to give to the Church and to America. They have contributed and will continue to contribute to the mission of the Church and to their country," he says.

THE SAME IDEA is expressed differently by attorney Vincent E. Whelan, president of the St. Rose of Lima Parish Council.



Out of Mass and into sunshine

Noting that the Second Vatican Council "started the process of placing more of the burdens of the Church on the shoulders of the laity," he says that "the challenge for us will be to preserve our loyalty to the Church and clergy and our love for one another."

The laity, he adds, must also shoulder the burden of "the decline in (religious) vocations and the increase of paganism in this country."

WHELAN IS FIRST vice-president of the recently formed San Diego group of the non-sectarian, anti-abortion Right to Life League of Southern California.

In giving credit to the people, Msgr. Ryan points not only to parish groups but to individuals such as the many parents involved in religious and adult education.

Sister Remi, OSB, coordinator of education, observes that involvement of laity in education—pre-school, grade and high schools; adult and handicapped—"creates a consciousness in dedication and service to others."



Msgr. Ryan and parishioner

NEARLY 900 STUDENTS of all ages are in parish education. These include:

- Pre-school, from 2 to 5 years, with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wilberding as co-chairmen; 90 pupils.
- Public school, grades one to six, Mrs. Eunice Lavelle, principal.
- Grades seven and eight, Ray Burg, principal.
- Grades 9-12, Frank LaChance, principal.
- Adult classes, every week plus special classes.

OUTSTANDING IN the parish's religious education apostolate is the special class for retarded children which meets every Saturday at 1 p.m. in the parish center.

Opened to all mentally handicapped children in the South Bay area, the classes are directed by Mrs. Dorothy Motl, professionally trained in special education.

"These are God's special children and they too have a right to hear the Lord's message of the Good News," she says.

TRAINING COURSES for teachers of the special education group are conducted by Sister Maxine Kraemer, RCSJ, director of the St. Madeleine Sophie's Training School for Retarded Children in El Cajon.

While not disparaging any parish organization, Msgr. Ryan singles out the Italian Catholic Federation and the Los Catolicos Americanos club for contributions of their respective cultures and traditions to the overall life of the community.

Advertisers on pages 6 and 7 salute St. Rose of Lima parish

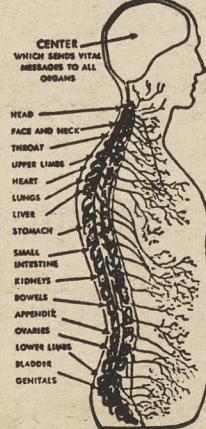
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"These groups are not divisive and do not fragment the parish," Msgr. Ryan stresses. "They demonstrate the unity in diversity both in the Church and in America."

A VITAL PARISH apostolate he said, is the visitation of patients in the four area hospitals and of the aged or shut-ins in their homes. This work, said Msgr. Ryan, is shared by his two associate pastors, Fathers Thomas F. Byrne and John Harmon, and by the laity.

St. Rose of Lima Elementary School has 312 children and

a waiting list of 172. They are taught by three Benedictine Sisters and six lay teachers. Sister Agnella Mayer is principal.

As pastor at Chula Vista, Msgr. Ryan succeeded the late Msgr. Patrick J. Kenny who served as pastor from 1944 until his death Nov. 21, 1963.

THE CHURCH, at 293 H street, is the center of parish life figuratively and literally.



Modern, post-Vatican II church features cool, golden interior decor. — SC photos

Parish moves, grows through six decades

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A concrete church erected in Otay was virtually destroyed by a flood in 1916, and a temporary structure went up at Nestor.

Father Michael Egan of St. Anthony's church in National City organized the St. Rose of Lima parish in Chula Vista in 1921.

IN 1950 MSGR. Patrick J. Kenny built a church on the site of the present St. Rose of Lima, 293 H street. He also erected the present grade school,

convent and rectory in 1948.

In 1965, after Msgr. Daniel J. Ryan had been pastor for a year, he had the present modern edifice built in the form of a tent (tabernaculum) made of concrete and steel with a tower of structural steel tubes and a gold cross rising 80 feet.

The parish is named after a Peruvian saint born in Lima in 1586. She became a Dominican nun, lived a saintly life as a recluse and suffered penances to an heroic degree.

SHE IS SAID to have worn constantly a metal spiked crown concealed by roses and an iron chain about her waist.

Many miracles were attributed to her after she died in 1617. She was beatified

by Pope Clement IX in 1667 and canonized by Pope Clement X in 1671, becoming the first from the Americas to be so honored.

She is represented usually wearing a crown of roses.

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As women will . . .
by Enid Lanyon

Worth a thousand words

AS WOMEN WILL, we were talking . . . about abortion and the continuing campaign against its legalization which the Catholic communications media are conducting.

One picture, they say, speaks louder than a thousand words, and it is certainly true of abortion. Where articles and books and statistics may have little effect on public conscience, one graphic photograph of an aborted fetus can shock hundreds of people into the realization of just what is involved.

It is difficult to look on the obviously human remains of a mutilated fetus and claim that no person is involved. It is even more difficult not to feel nauseated and repelled by the callousness of those who try to justify feticide.

NO ONE, IT APPEARS, can look at such evidence without a sense of outrage. But there are those whose emotions are stirred, not by what has been committed, but by the fact that it has been made public.

Many of us who can listen to reports and descriptions of abortions without turning pale, become angered and hostile at the publication of photographs which simply tell the same story — in horrible fact.

Much the same attitude colors the viewing of frank pictures of war atrocities and the terrible negligence to war dead. We know war is horrible but do we have to see it in black and white — or glorious technicolor?

AFTER WORLD WAR II we faced the same problem over the Nazi concentration camps. Photographs of those mass graves were nothing less than obscene! We had heard about them, did we have to have the gruesome witness thrust at us?

Perhaps nothing more clearly illustrates how selective our minds are. We can "take" verbal description and reporting because our imaginations are dulled by movies and television.

Our brains will switch off centers of sensitivity to the spoken word, with the

ease of a generation reared to the telephone and radio and the ever-present intrusion of ad "commercials."

CHILDREN OF the propaganda age, we are as resistant to verbal imagery as we are vulnerable to visual assault. Not even in the movies has there been anything so grim — so real — so heartbreaking.

Is it necessary? If it shocks into action where words will not, assuredly it is. If the sight of a dismembered embryo tossed into a bucket is what it takes to awaken people to the awareness of these mass murders, then someone must provide that sight.

Newspapers and magazines, lecturers, researchers and all forms of communication, have a duty and grave responsibility to make public whatever may help expose the gravity of such immoral and anti-social acts.

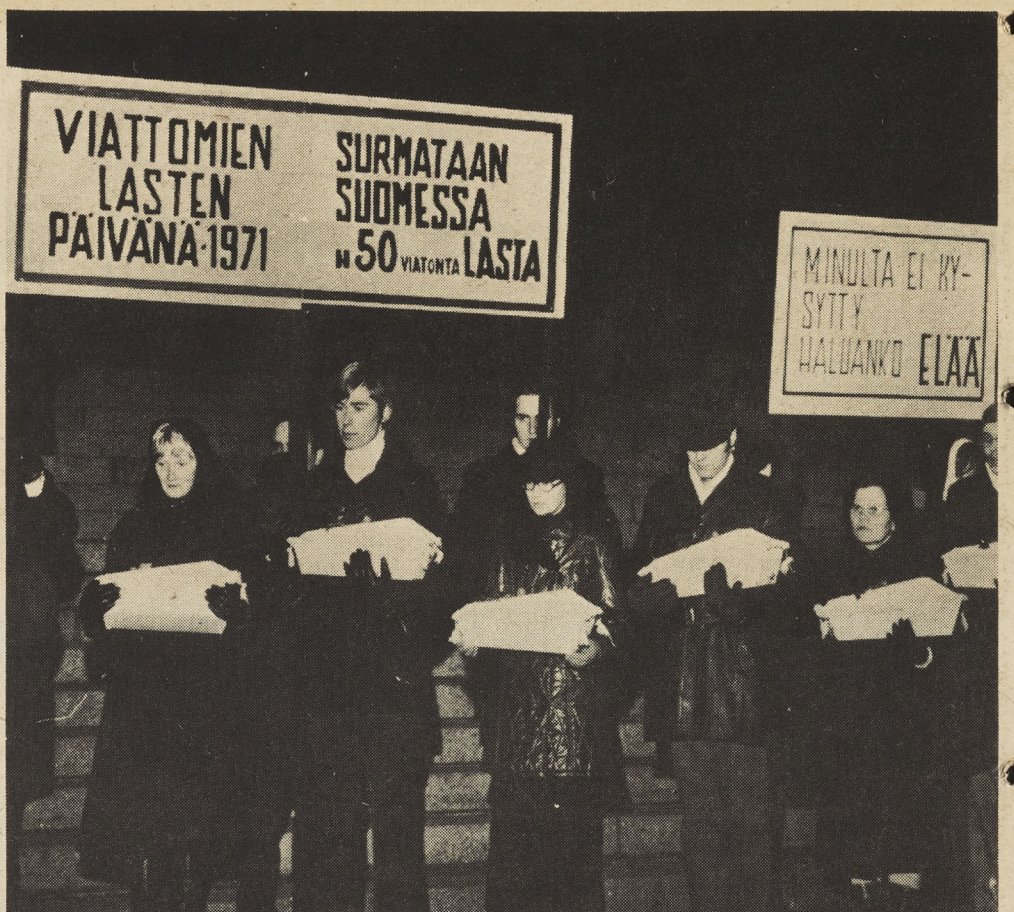
THOSE OF US who complain, who rant and rave about 'bad taste' and 'harm to the children' are like ostriches hiding their heads in the sand, so as not to see the sandstorm threatening.

Taste, good or bad, is a conventional standard and subject to change from time to time. As for our children, is there less harm to them in allowing abortion to proceed unchallenged beneath a pretense that all is well, than in demanding a proper reverence for life by revealing the atrocities our laws allow?

If we can live in the knowledge that certain things are being done in this world, we must also be prepared to live with the sight of them clearly before our eyes.

THERE IS NO future for us unless we can face the reality of our lives and the responsibilities our very existence incurs. We cannot hurl our consciences into incinerators with the fetuses, nor can we sweep under the carpet knowledge once gained.

If the sight of aborted babies shocks you, look again! This is one of the faces of truth!



THEY WANTED TO LIVE—Silent demonstrators hold baby coffins outside House of Parliament in Helsinki to protest Finland's liberal abortion laws. Placards say, "Nobody asked whether I wanted to live" and "My relations were ashamed of my birth, so I was secretly murdered."

More than 150 marchers carried 50 small coffins through city streets to represent number of aborted babies for one day. A coffin was left on steps of Parliament with a sign, "Innocent Child 1972."

—RNS photo

In Loving Memory

Into Thy hands, O Lord, we commend the spirits of these beloved ones who are gone before us into the realm of Thy eternal happiness and peace. — Amen.

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Abortion on Roundtable

Roundtable, the weekly radio program of the Southern Cross, will feature various views on abortion, including Professor Robert Bryn of Fordham University, who is defending the rights of unborn children in court.

Roundtable is broadcast every Sunday on KFMB (760 AM) at 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. It is hosted by Michael Newman, SC editor, and Father Charles Dollen, USD librarian.

Frankl to speak on psychotherapy

Dr. Viktor Frankl, noted author and psychotherapist, will speak on "Psychotherapy and Philosophy" 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, at USD Camino hall theater.

Professor of neurology and psychiatry at the University of Vienna Medical School, Dr. Frankl is visiting professor at U.S. International University and Stanford University.

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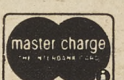
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By Attus*

THE CATHOLIC Church since apostolic times has been formed around bishops, priests, deacons and laity. This is the very fabric of the people of God.

This composition, implicit in the Scriptures, has been explicit in earliest times in the writings of men like St. Ignatius of Antioch (c. 105 A.D.). In most recent times, Canon Law has given it expression.

The bishop, as a successor to the apostles, is the leader in his diocese, as the local Church is known. He is the key person who may be said to be the "form" of the Christian community. Apart from him no work can be truly Catholic in any sense of that term. To be in communion with him is the mark of local Catholicism.

SINCE HIS POSITION is so vital, so crucial to the Catholicity of any matter, the choice of a person to become a bishop should be of immense importance.

How are American bishops chosen now? Our first response has to be — with the greatest of secrecy. The American episcopacy is a totally closed corporation. The key person who chooses bishops for the Church in the United States seems to be the Apostolic Delegate in Washington, D.C. There have been some remarkably fine prelates who have held that post, but not one has ever been a citizen of the Americas.

Theoretically he consults the archbishops of the United States who, in turn, have talked with their suffragan bishops. In theory a terna or list of three names is sent to Rome for each appointment. Also, each metropolitan province (led by an archbishop) prepares a general terna every other year... in theory.

* The name 'Attus' covers the identity of those who have been invited to write on selected topics for the *Southern Cross*, but who wish to remain anonymous for good reasons. 'Attus' may be a layman or a priest — this article, on the selection of a bishop, is by a priest.

IN ACTUAL PRACTICE, since Vatican II, it seems that the secrecy has been increased, if at all possible, and the number of people consulted seems to have decreased.

Some method should be devised in which the thinking and experience of priests, deacons, religious and laity should be considered. It need not be a wholly democratic process since this could lead to an inevitable spate of human politics.

A consultation or a consensus experience should be established. It would lead to a strengthening of the bishop's position. I think it would be to our advantage in the San Diego diocese to begin a dialogue about this matter, using the pages of the *Southern Cross* to exchange ideas. Opinion Forum and Talking Point are two columns that could be used.

AS A POINT OF departure we might consider the position paper released by the Canon Law Society of America in October.

After two years of intensive study, CLSA suggested that all Catholics in a diocese be consulted by using the structures created by Vatican II: priests, senates, diocesan pastoral councils and local parish councils. The plan is limited to the nomination process on the diocesan level, but would include ordinaries (the actual leader), coadjutors and auxiliary bishops.

The Canon lawyers propose three steps in their plan. First, the needs of the diocese must be spelled out. On a simple questionnaire that would be distributed, the question might read "What are the three (five) most important needs in this diocese today?"

THE SECOND STEP would concern the specific qualities desired in the local diocesan bishop. The question might be phrased, "In the light of the needs you have listed, what do you feel are the desirable qualifications of the next bishop of this diocese?"

The third step, the one that disturbs me a little, is the drawing up a list of names to be sent to the diocesan senate of priests. However, it is quite unavoidable. And the question is, "Please list three persons you feel would be good choices for the next bishop."

A nominating committee would have to be formed in each diocese on a continuing basis. The Canon Law Society proposes this composition: the local bishop's delegate, two diocesan priests, two religious priests, two religious women, two laymen and two laywomen. Only the first one would be by appointment. The other ten are to be elected.

THE DIOCESAN pastoral council would do the electing, and their report would go to the priests' senate. The priests' group narrows the list of names down to ten nominees, obtains their consent, and gives the list to the bishop, after reporting their final decision to the committee.

The nominating committee would have seven

specific functions. By questionnaire they would determine the needs of the diocese as they developed, discover the wishes of Catholics as to the qualifications they seek in a bishop, and actually solicit names.

This process would be repeated every three years automatically. It would also conduct the process for special needs, such as the proposal of an auxiliary. Whenever a new process begins, all previous lists become null and void.

THOSE ON the previous lists may, of course, be reconsidered. Also, the search may go beyond the confines of the diocese and take suggestions about bishops and priests in other dioceses.



The committee narrows the proposals down to ten men and forwards these to the senate with a full dossier. An important part of their qualifications would be a study of their experience, their pastoral work and their writings.

The results of this work are made public twice. The electorate has the right to know the ten names the priests' senate transmits to the bishop, and they have the right to know the three names he submits to Washington. If this list changes between Washington and Rome, it would seem that this too should be acknowledged.

LET ME REPEAT: I am not sure this is a perfect system. There probably isn't such a thing. This does seem to involve as many people as wish to participate, especially on the parochial level. The parish council would determine the extent of consultation wanted in each parish.

At the same time, this preserves the freedom of the Holy Father to appoint bishops with his special insights. It also guarantees the local bishop his freedom of expression concerning his auxiliaries, and, in some cases, his successors.

This seems like a lengthy process, one that could get bogged down on the mechanics of itself, much less the logistics. However, the selection of bishops is so vital to the health and growth of the Church that it is surely worth the effort.

I THINK IT demands our prayerful, constructive, charitable attention.

30 years ago . . . 25 years ago . . .

From The Southern Cross, Feb. 6, 1942 — Pontifical Academy of Sciences prepares life of Galileo Galilei, 17th century astronomer and physicist, to mark the 300th anniversary of his death Jan. 8, 1642.

— Father William Van Garsse of St. Francis of Assisi, Riverside, chaplain at March Field and Camp Haan celebrates military Mass for servicemen at March Field.

— Bishop Charles Buddy and Father Jeremiah O'Farrell dedicate \$6,500 Church of St. John in missionary area of East Highlands, built largely by Mexican volunteer labor.

— San Diego diocese permits Sunday and holiday Masses before 7 a.m. for defense workers and servicemen and evening devotions only between 7:15 and 8, Daylight Saving Time, so people can return home before dark.

From The Southern Cross, Feb. 7, 1947 — First Mass in Antarctic celebrated on the ice shelf overlooking Bay of Whales by Father William J. Menster of Waterloo, Iowa, chaplain on flagship Mount Olympus.

— Pope Pius XII warns that religion is facing the "greatest crisis that perhaps humanity has gone through since the origin of Christianity."

— Bishop Charles F. Buddy offers Mass of Thanksgiving in St. Joseph's Cathedral to mark 10th anniversary of his installation in San Diego.

— Society for the Promotion of Poland's Independence in Los Angeles gives Bishop Charles F. Buddy elaborate scroll conferring honorary membership in the society for his "untiring zeal, sympathetic understanding and gallant efforts in behalf of the Polish cause."

Answer Please!

Question:

I feel some of the vernacular in the Mass has become monotonous and some of our learned theologians should reevaluate this area. (Opinion Forum, January 27)

At first glance, the prayers of the Mass seem to be vague, aloof and cold. But this is necessary so that each worshipper can make a personal application and sincerely say Amen (Yes) to them.

Secondly, no matter what language is used, and no matter who the celebrant may be, there is always the real danger of repeated actions becoming monotonous. Every Mass cannot be a "peak" experience and there is a limit to trying to make each celebration "bigger and better."

So the problem is not with the "vernacular" and there is little that "learned theologians" can do in this regard. But there are things that we can do:

1. Priests should first explain to the people and then observe those occasions provided within the liturgy for silent prayer. These moments are necessary so that each individual can make what he has heard a part of himself.

2. Priests should avoid a rigid legalism with regard to the rubrics of the Mass. There is sufficient allowance for adaption to the character and needs of the particular community. Imagination and variety are important for good worship.

3. Each parish should have a worship committee that plans the Sunday worship. The day has gone when worship was conducted solely by the priest.

Good liturgy implies intelligent and thoughtful preparation by celebrant, lectors, commentators and musicians.

4. Finally, we must realize that while we ask for changes in the liturgy, there is simply a limit to its adaptation, and the time comes when monotony sets in — unless we change ourselves.

Question:

Will Confession be abandoned in the Catholic Church? I know many people who would join the Catholic faith if it were not that they would have to confess before receiving Holy Communion

Since Confession is, according to our faith, one

of the seven sacraments instituted by Christ for the remission of serious sin, it will never be abandoned.

One who considers this to be an obstacle to joining the Church might do well to reevaluate his position and, indeed, sincerity in this matter.

As Catholics we believe that we must accept Christ and His Church on their terms, not under our own individual conditions.

As for Catholics, it is not necessary to confess before receiving Communion — this is a popular misconception that has found its way into catechisms for many a year now.

True, there is a precept of confession once a year that dates back to the Fourth Lateran Council (1215).

But this law has consistently been interpreted by theologians as applying only to persons who, in the course of the year, had committed a mortal sin.

Father Warren Rouse, OFM

El primero en los Estados Unidos

Centro Cultural Mexico-Americano establecido

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Establecido en esta ciudad bajo los auspicios de la Conferencia Católica de Texas, el Centro Cultural Mexico-Americano será el primero en su clase en los Estados Unidos.

La idea de este centro fue iniciada por PADRES (Padres Asociados para Derechos Religiosos, Educativos y Sociales) y acogida calurosamente por el arzobispo de San Antonio, Mons. Francis J. Furey y

su obispo auxiliar Mons. Patricio F. Flores.

EL COMITE planificador se reunió en esta ciudad el pasado mes (19 de enero) y acordó que el centro se ubicara en el seminario mayor de la archidiócesis de San Antonio.

Fue nombrado director del Centro Cultural Mexico-Americano el Padre Virgilio Elizondo y vice director Jack McIntosh actual director de educación de la Con-

ferencia Católica de Texas.

Entre los múltiples objetivos de este centro es primordial el de preparar a los Mexico-Americanos para integrarse en la corriente de la vida de los Estados Unidos sin perder su propia cultura y costumbres.

SE LES DARA entrenamiento en liderazgo y se les preparará para la participación en las diversas profesiones.

También se ofrecerán programas de formación para las personas que trabajan en el apostolado entre los Mexico-Americanos.

Estos programas estarán dirigidos a inspirar un gran aprecio y estima de la cultura del pueblo en medio del cual se labora.

EL CENTRO comenzará sus labores el proximo verano, incluyendo cursos de estudios del idioma inglés para los de habla española, al igual que del idioma español para los de habla inglesa.

Mas adelante se añadirá un curso sobre las cos-



Obispo Flores

tumbres religiosas del pueblo Mexico-Americano.

Miembros del comité ejecutivo y entusiastas colaboradores son: el obispo de Dallas, Mons. Thomas Tschoepe, el arzobispo de Amarillo, Mons. Lawrence De Falco y el arzobispo de Santa Fe, Mons. James P. Davis.

SE CONSIDERA que el establecimiento de este Centro Cultural Mexico-Americano es en respuesta a una urgente necesidad en la Iglesia de los Estados Unidos de América.



"... Y EN POLVO TE CONVERTIRAS ..." — La Cuaresma comienza el 16 de Febrero, Miercoles de Ceniza, cuando los Catolicos reciben las simbolicas cenizas en la frente. — RNS foto

Father Dollen in state post

SACRAMENTO — Father Charles J. Dollen, library director, University of San Diego, was named chairman of the California Library Association's intellectual freedom committee.

The nine-member committee is concerned with matters relative to freedom of inquiry, freedom to read and academic freedom and has investigative and deliberative procedures.

Father Dollen will address the Catholic Library Association's annual convention in Chicago April 5.

HE WILL SPEAK on the future of parish libraries in a time of change and conduct a workshop for parish librarians.

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News in short . . .

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dorothy Bird Daly, dean of Catholic University of America's social service school, is the new president of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

NEW YORK — The Rev. Robert R. Parks, son of a Quaker father and Methodist mother, was installed rector of Trinity Parish, largest and wealthiest Episcopal church in the country.

MUNICH — West German Catholics and Protestants contributed \$247,000 for program costs of a \$1.3 million ecumenical center being built for the 1972 Summer Olympics.

MELBOURNE — An unused 82-year-old Catholic church, 65 miles from here and one of the oldest in Australia, was sold for \$8,200 at a public auction.

PELHAM, N. Y. — American Church Union, unofficial Anglo-Catholic body within the Episcopal Church, endorses recent Catholic-Anglican agreement on Eucharistic doctrine.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Bernadette Savard, a junior, became the first woman editor of *The Hoya*, 52-year-old student newspaper at Georgetown University.

LOCKPORT, La. — Financial problems will force Holy Saviour Central Catholic high school to close in June. Opened in 1879 it has 216 students and 13 teachers.

BONN — A group of West German Catholic students, in a statement to the British Embassy here, condemned British Army shooting in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, which resulted in 13 civilian deaths.

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Pope deplores church disunity

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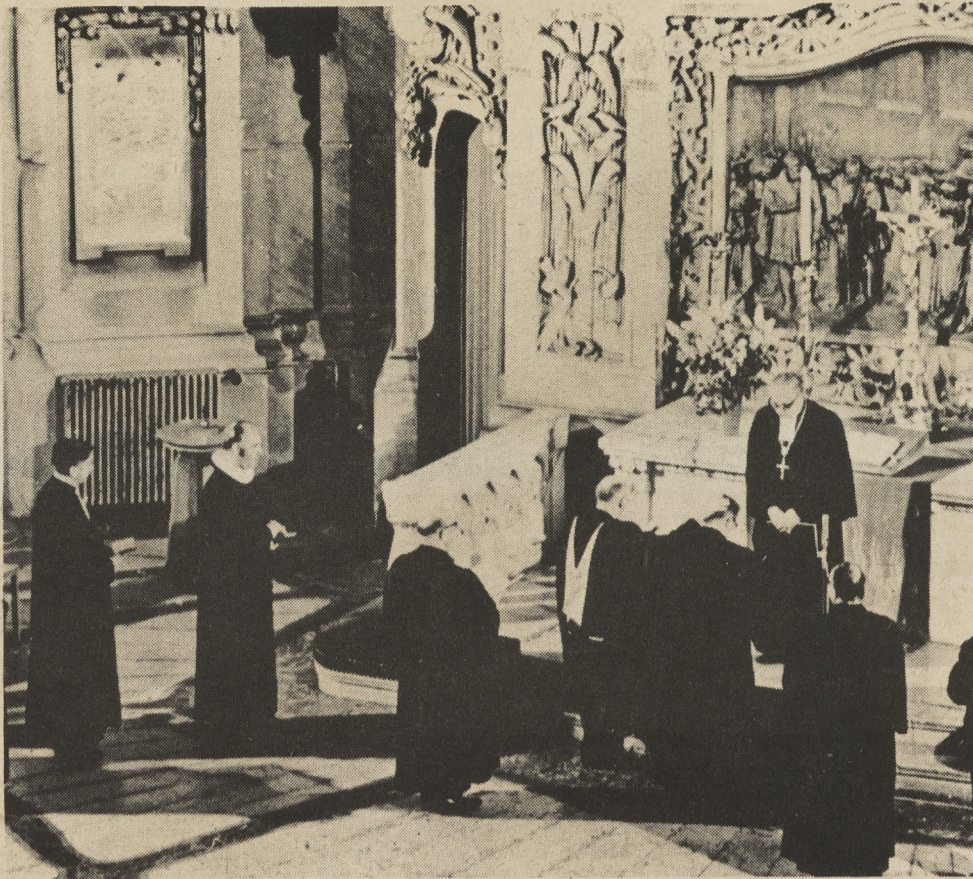
Christian unity cannot be achieved "if we do not show esteem and fidelity to that unity which we have the fortune to possess and the duty to live and witness."

'Christ, Jesus' in phone book

In ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., the telephone directory has a listing "Christ, Jesus... 265-0730," inserted by a male hospital nurse who wants to help people in trouble.

When callers ask "Is Jesus there?" John Leary says he replies, "Yes, He's in our hearts. We are just Christians who want to minister to others."

But he admits getting many crank calls and has been called disrespectful and sacrilegious.



EAST GERMAN CONSECRATION - Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox representatives attended the consecration of Bishop Johannes Hempel as head of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Saxony. Ceremony took place in 18th century Kreuzkirche (Church of the Cross), Dresden, East Germany. Here, religious leaders come forward to bestow a Biblical benediction on the new prelate kneeling before the altar. Bishop Hempel succeeds the late Bishop Gottfried Noth as head of East Germany's largest Lutheran body.

Nurses finding abortion tough

In NEW YORK, the director of nurses at Mt. Sinai Hospital and at City College said that despite 19 months of legal abortions in the state "most nurses find destruction of life the very antithesis of what they believe."

"Nurses in delivery rooms have been accustomed to every conceivable effort to save babies, even those of one to three pounds, and they have found that sometimes there were 'salting-out' (aborting) bigger babies

than those they had worked to save," said Mrs. Cynthia Kinsella.

Ousted priest praises bishop

In JOLIET, Ill., Father George Roman, 29, suspended because of his denial of orthodox Catholic beliefs, said Bishop Rome Blanchette acted "truthfully, faithfully, dutifully and painfully" in suspending him.

The priest, ordered to take a six-month "vacation to pray and meditate," ad-

mitted that he had "modified and changed some essential promises" made at ordination.

Nobel Prize for Berrigans?

In WASHINGTON, D.C., Rep. Herman Badillo of New York suggested that the 1972 Nobel Peace Prize be given to Fathers Daniel and Philip Berrigan for "paying a terrible price in leading the cause of peace."

The congressman sent the request to the Nobel Prize Committee of the Norwegian Parliament. He has corresponded with the priests for more than a year and has been a critic of U.S. involvement in Vietnam and an advocate of prison reform.

So. Africa prelate condemns racism

In DURBAN, Archbishop Denis E. Hurley asserted it is not God's will that "white men should enjoy the fruits of the earth at the expense of other races of men."

"Whites who live in South Africa," he said, "must recognize the dignity, the rights and capabilities of all other races who live in the country. Blacks are free and equal to others."

Vincentians eye new social thrust

In CHICAGO, Society of St. Vincent de Paul directors formed a committee to study the society's role in the Church's growing emphasis

on attacking injustices and poverty.

The committee will seek responses to the proposed sweeping renewal of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, of which the society is an associate member.

It also will consider Vincentian involvement in economic and political situations, as well as its traditional charitable activities.

Peace is goal, Pope to NATO

In VATICAN CITY, the graduating class of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Defense College was received by Pope Paul who emphasized world peace as their aim.

NATO, he said, "is a solidarity among nations to consolidate peace and protect civilization. Your contribution will be great in defense of true civilization and its authentic human and Christian values."

Jesuit priest praises Graham

In NEW YORK, Father Charles W. Dullea, SJ, superior of the Pontifical Institute in Rome, wrote in a Catholic theological publication that Catholics can agree with much of evangelist Billy Graham's teachings since he is "preaching basic Christianity."

"The Christ Graham preaches is the Christ of orthodox Christianity," the Jesuit scholar said. "I have heard or read nothing by him that is contrary to Catholic faith."

Court upholds husband, unborn

In OTTAWA, Supreme Court Judge Abraham H. Lief granted a permanent injunction restraining a mother from having a hospital-approved abortion opposed by her husband.

The unidentified couple already have four children. When the wife sought an abortion, the husband initiated court action to stop the operation which, he said, "will kill my child."

Oil upsetting lives of monks

In ROSE HILL, Miss., the only two monks at Our Lady of Gerovval Cistercian Monastery are wondering what to do with oil found on the ranch they operate.

Father Remegius Kozak

and Brother Pancratius Beckmann are an integral part of the rural community. They take care of 80 head of cattle and do other farm and house chores. Father Kozak assists in pastoral duties at three nearby churches.

Priest charges 'beast' treatment

In RIO DE JANEIRO, a priest jailed for two months on charges of "political subversion" told a military court he was treated "worse than an animal."

"I have been submitted to several interrogations and beatings. Everywhere I was treated in the same violent manner, like a beast, and I have even developed a guilt complex," said Father Gerson da Conceicao.

Cardinal starts relief for Irish

In NEW YORK, Cardinal Terence Cooke set up an emergency Irish Relief Fund for the homeless, ill and jobless people of Northern Ireland.

"I urge you all to pray for those who have been killed or imprisoned," he told parishioners. "I urge your prayers and your generosity for their wives and children who are suffering severe hardships in the midst of all this trouble."



JURORS PICKED - Nine women and three men comprise the jury sworn in to try Father Philip Berrigan, SSJ, and six co-defendants in U.S. District Court, Harrisburg, Pa. Majority of jury are Protestant, one is Catholic and one black. Father Berrigan and the others are charged with conspiring to kidnap Henry A. Kissinger, to blow up heating plants of Washington buildings and destroy draft records. Jury was picked after 2 1/2 weeks. An eighth defendant will be given a separate trial. - RNS photo

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crush and kill their powers but to find their true use and to use them. It was He who said: "I am not come to destroy but to fulfill."

Hence the difference between goodness and badness does not consist in the presence or absence, the preservation or destruction of anything within us which is evil but in the right or wrong use of powers in themselves good.

SIN IS THE ABUSE of powers which God has given us, the use of them for ends for which they never were intended. Every power, every faculty, every gift of our nature was given us for good. They were given us for the service of God. Seen in this light the reformation of life and character is not difficult. Indeed, there is inspiration in the thought that one strives to use his powers for the very purpose for which they were created.

But something more than knowledge of self is essential for this task. Every man who through carelessness, self-indulgence or sin has lost in any degree control of himself must learn that his faculties can only be of service in the kingdom of the soul when they obey the will. No rebellious power may wander after its own fancies and develop a life of its own. All must cooperate for the welfare of the person.

It is the office of self-discipline to bring the rebellious under obedience. For its duties, discipline itself must be developed. It must be patient and prudent in its work. Impatience, the anxiety to see quick results, could make the last state worse than the first.

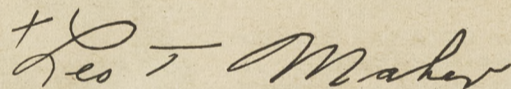
UNDISCIPLINED efforts at self-discipline spell failure. And it must be prudent. The laws of prudence must obtain in the exercise of self-discipline be the cause ever so great and good.

Finally, we must look constantly for the assistance of divine grace. We cannot act alone in this work of renewal and reform. We need the help of God if we are to change our lives, if we are to raise them to a higher level than merely natural efforts can provide.

Throughout this holy Season let us daily seek supernatural aid. "Ask and you shall receive." Then our Lord will pour into our wounds the oil of divine grace. And as the wounds are healed the medicine that heals them transforms our nature and endows it with a new vigor.

If we would discipline ourselves and renew ourselves and contribute to the peace for which mankind longs, we should often call upon the Great Physician for the attention and care He certainly will provide.

Sincerely in Christ,



+Leo T. Maher
Bishop of San Diego

Los Angeles plans clinics on 'ovulation'

LOS ANGELES (RNS) — The Los Angeles archdiocese plans to establish clinics to teach a natural "ovulation method" of birth control.

Developed by an Australian husband-and-wife medical team, the new method is said to be "safe, 100 per cent sure, and morally acceptable . . ."

"Ovulation" has made the "rhythm and temperature methods obsolete," according to Father Robert Deegan, director of health and hospitals.

THE METHOD was developed by Doctors John and Lyn Billings. Their book on the subject has sold 50,000 copies in Australia, and it will soon be published in Los Angeles.

The two doctors claim their method, while similar to "rhythm," is based on the discovery that a woman can become pregnant only when a mucus has been secreted by glands in the cervix.

It does not involve counting days from one menstrual cycle to the next or watching temperature.



FOR SEMINARIANS — A \$1,120 check for training of a needy seminarian is presented to Bishop Leo T. Maher by leaders of the Young Ladies' Institute at its 25th annual district meeting recently. Mrs. Robert E. Smith, district deputy, Stella Maris Institute, holds check, while Miss Kathryn Welsbacher, Maria del Pacifico Institute, looks on. — SC photo

Dr. Ryland on infallibility

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Anglicans add "tradition" to Scripture, and for Catholics it is Scripture and tradition as interpreted by the Church's teaching authority.

SCRIPTURE must be understood in the light of interpretation by the Church, he said. Christians should not say that "if we take the true word of God and read it, that's all we need."

The Church's infallibility in faith and morals, Dr. Ryland continued, extends only to the deposit of faith in the Scriptures. This is not the same as the Church's "disciplinary" authority which is not infallible, he said.

An example of this is Pope

Paul's 1968 encyclical **HUMANAE VITAE**, in which he reaffirms the Church's opposition to artificial birth control.

THE ENCYCLICAL falls under the Church's discipline and is not meant to be infallible, Dr. Ryland said.

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Committee favors NCC membership for Catholics

NEW YORK (RNS) — A committee of the U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Council of Churches issued a report favoring Catholic Church membership in the NCC.

"The kind of corporate ecclesial existence implied by entrance into the NCC would appear to be in harmony with the ecclesiological and ecumenical principles of the Catholic Church as expressed by its most authoritative documents," the report said.

"Membership in bodies such as the NCC would help to carry out the common witness, worship and service appropriate to the actual ecclesial situation as understood both by the Catholic Church and the present member Churches of the NCC."

ALTHOUGH the Catholic Church does not have a national organization equivalent to those of

Protestant denominations, the committee said, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops could — with Vatican approval — decide whether to join the NCC.

While favoring membership, the committee, which included prominent representatives from both sides, decided not to make a recommendation, leaving it up to the NCCB.

The report advised, however, that Catholic membership should have grass roots support.

THE CATHOLIC Church in the U.S. has 48 million members, while the NCC's 33 member bodies have a total 42 million membership.

Catholic co-chairman of the committee is Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City-St. Joseph, head of the Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs.

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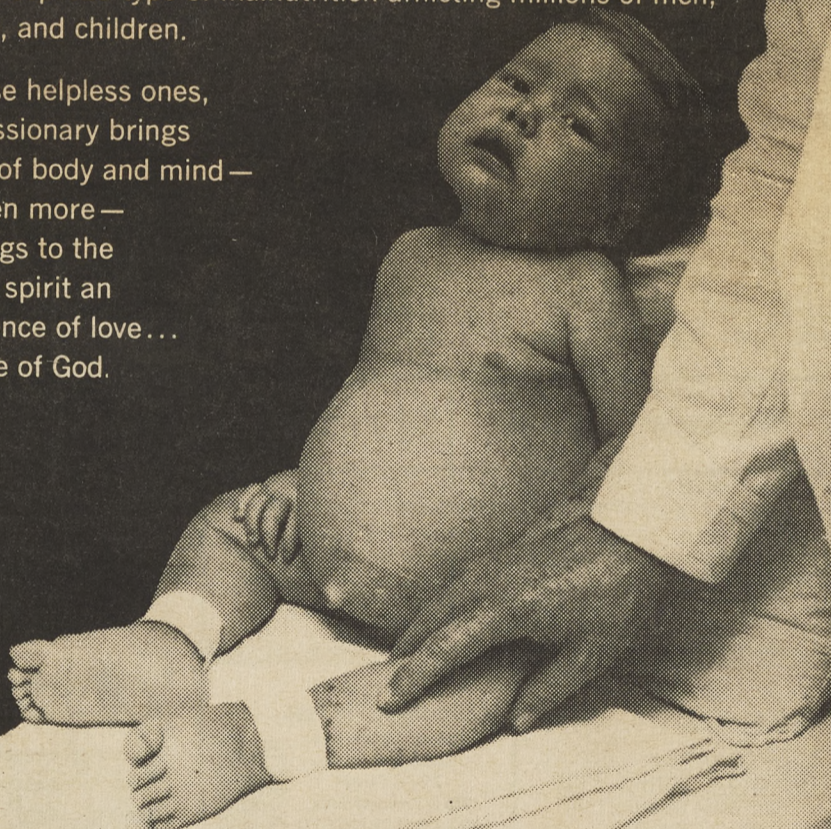
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