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Excommunication not automatic for divorced

'I felt like I didn't belong in the church'

By Dan Pitre

SAN DIEGO—It has been a widely perpetuated myth that separated and divorced Catholics were automatically excommunicated.

"But never in the history of the church has that been the case. They have always been free to receive the sacraments and participate fully in the church," said Msgr. Michael Higgins, officialis of the San Diego Diocesan Tribunal.

AS LONG AS THEY do not remarry without the church's blessing, their standing in the church is not altered, he said. They are fully accepted within the church and are expected to live by the same moral code that applies to any single person, he added.

Msgr. Higgins said the misconception "probably cropped up from people not making the distinction between Catholics who get a divorce and don't remarry and those who get a divorce and remarry."

But even though separated and divorced Catholics are considered in good standing with the church, an alienation seems to exist for many, especially at the parish level.

SEPARATED AND divorced Catholics have pressing needs to find understanding, acceptance and support from their fellow parishioners, said Father John Quinn, director of the San Diego diocesan Family Life Center.

Usually they are not only dealing with severe guilt, but, he stated, with "feelings of not being terribly wanted in parishes."

They usually are not encouraged to take part in organizations or activities which for the most part are couple oriented, he added.

"IF PARISHES realized the number of Catholics in their areas, hopefully they would reach out to them," Father Quinn said.

He suggested that Marriage Encounter couples or others who have strong marriages make it a personal apostolate to provide support for fellow Catholics whose marriages are failing or have failed.

Father Quinn is chaplain of a diocesan-approved organization for separated and divorced Catholics called Patrons, which provides community fellowship and support for victims of broken marriages.

A SPOKESMAN for the San Diego chapter of Patrons encourages all parishioners to help. "Each individual has to take on a ministry to the divorced," he said.

There are not enough priests, and most divorced people, especially women, are not financially able to get professional help, he added.

"Just listening is a big thing. The problem may seem insurmountable, but just listening, being open and not trying to solve the problem can lift their spirits," he added.

THE SPOKESMAN said the problems of a divorce and what it means to the people involved are underestimated by most people.

"A divorced person feels much like the individual



SUPPORT FOR DIVORCED—James Cunningham gestures as he makes a point during a small group rap session at a recent meeting of the San Diego chapter of Patrons, a church-approved organization for divorced and

separated Catholics. Listening to him are, from left, Lois Escajeda, the chapter's vice president, Rose Marie Carter, Judy Mizer and Don Brunsvold. There is also a Patrons chapter in San Bernardino. (Dan Pitre photo)

who has just been widowed. The clerical church would give help, counseling and support to widows, but are not willing to give help to the divorced.

"And the need is so great," he continued. There is a great feeling of personal rejection, he said.

A WOMAN AT one of the Patrons meetings told of calling a parish rectory for assistance and being told she should get a psychiatrist, he related.

"Divorced women are among the nation's poor." They don't have the money to pay for such professional help, he added.

Patrons was organized in San Diego about four years ago. A chapter was formed in the San Bernardino diocese last year.

PATRONS OFFERS three phases of group activities—spiritual, educational and social.

Spiritual activities for the San Diego chapter include a monthly Bible study and prayer meeting examining pain and rejection along the lines of biblical themes, home masses and corporate or group masses—usually one every two months—in a

parish church on a Sunday.

At the corporate masses Patrons presents itself to the church body at large, according to the spokesman. Usually, a member gives a five-minute talk on the objectives of the organization.

MEETINGS, held every second and fourth Sunday of the month at St. Therese parish social center, San Diego, provide educational and social phases.

The San Bernardino chapter meets every third Sunday of the month at El Carmelo Retreat House, Redlands. Their group masses at a parish church are held once a month with the celebrating priest providing the introduction of the group.

At both of the chapters' meetings there are talks by psychologists, religious educators, priests, sisters and personal growth specialists.

After the talk, the members break up into small groups and discuss their problems in light of the topic presented. A reception usually follows the meetings.

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SALISBURY, Zimbabwe Rhodesia—Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa said missionaries deported by the former white government may return if their churches need them. The previous white government deported at least 12 Catholic missionaries.

WASHINGTON—Two proposals now before Congress "mark a step toward a more equitable and adequate welfare system" but still need improvement, according to the U.S. Catholic Conference.

MEXICO CITY—Mexicans went to polls in record numbers to elect representatives to the Chamber of Deputies amid warnings from church and state authorities not to let religion enter politics.

NEWARK, N.J.—Claims by opponents of tax credit legislation that non-public schools cater principally to well-to-do families were contested in a massive study made by the school office of the Newark archdiocese.

ECONE, Switzerland—Dissident Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre ordained 30 new priests at his seminary in Econe June 29. A similar ordination in 1976, in defiance of orders from Pope Paul VI, led to the archbishop's suspension from all priestly functions.

WASHINGTON—An ambitious, in-depth survey and analysis of the attitudes and concerns of Catholic laity that officials say will be "more than just a poll" is being planned by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

BRASILIA, Brazil—The head of the Brazilian Bishops' Conference said that Pope John Paul II has responded favorably to an invitation to visit Brazil and asked that tentative plans and suggestions for a date be made.

WASHINGTON—Cardinal William Baum of Washington, D.C., has issued a pastoral letter attacking "the heresy and the sin of racism" as "one of the most serious violations of justice in our community and even in our church."

UNITED NATIONS—United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim has invited more than 60 countries to send their foreign ministers to Geneva to address the humanitarian needs of the Indochinese refugees at a two-day meeting that will start July 20.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A temporary restraining order has been issued by a judge in Nashville blocking enforcement of Tennessee's new anti-bingo law.

LONDON—Anglican Archbishop Donald Coggan of Canterbury said he will discuss with Cardinal George Basil Hume of Westminster whether the ordination of women would raise further Roman Catholic objections to recognizing the Anglican priesthood.

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court has held that the First Amendment separation of church and state does not require states to defer to church authorities in resolving church property disputes.

MEDELLIN, Colombia—Sixty bishops from Latin America met in early July to map action programs based on the directives of the Puebla document issued in February on evangelization and current challenges in pastoral work.

SOUTH BEND, Ind.—The charismatic renewal movement's National Service Committee launched its first major fund appeal, saying the costs of its work of supporting local charismatic prayer groups have outgrown its income.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Prince Edward Island—An exclusive profit-oriented system is "incompatible with the creation of a just social order," said the Catholic bishops of the Atlantic provinces of Canada in a pastoral statement.

WASHINGTON—The signing of the SALT II agreement "has filled the hearts of pious Catholics with joy," said Latvian Bishop Julians Vaivods, apostolic administrator of Riga, Soviet Union, according to Novosti, a Soviet press



SERVICE TO POOR RECOGNIZED—Mother Teresa of Calcutta, a Missionary of Charity, is presented with credentials by Father Arthur Rodgers, right, the academic dean of St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Philadelphia. Mother Teresa received the honorary degree in recognition of her service to the poorest of the world's poor. (NC photo)

agency. The Novosti story was sent to the news media in the United States by the Soviet embassy in Washington.

SALISBURY, Zimbabwe Rhodesia—The governmental changes here are "window-dressing" and the white "minority racist regime" is still in control, said Bishop Donal Lamont recently after being allowed into this southern African country for the first time since he was expelled in 1977 by the white government of former Prime Minister Ian Smith.

TRENTON, N.J.—The New Jersey Supreme Court has ruled that parents can sue doctors who do not advise pregnant women of methods to detect possible abnormality in a fetus and thus denying them the decision of whether or not to allow a defective child to be born.

PEKING—The people of China were able to see a picture of Pope John Paul II for the first time July 3, when the twice-monthly magazine, Knowledge of the World, published a portrait photo of the pope along with a brief biographical article.

People

Cardinal Paolo Bartoli, prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints, has been promoted to cardinal-bishop by Pope John Paul II.

Cardinals Pericle Felici, Silvio Oddi, Giuseppe Paupini, Mario Nasalli Rocca de Corneliano and Sergio Guerri were elevated from cardinal-deacons to cardinal-priests.

Archbishop Eduardo Matinez Somalo, papal under-secretary of state, and **Archbishop Achille Silvestrini**, secretary of the Council for the Public Affairs of the Church, were named consultants to the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Sister Mary Bernadette Fox of Australia was re-elected as superior general of the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd. **Sister Mary Paul Waddell**, provincial superior of the St. Louis (Mo.) Province, was elected general councilor for the English-speaking members of the order.

Valerie Holcomb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Holcomb of San Diego, received the American Studies recognition award from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles.

Father William Headley has been elected provincial of the Eastern Province of the Holy Ghost Fathers.

William O'Malley was elected chairman of the executive board of the Catholic Actor's Guild.

Max Bergerre, veteran Vatican correspondent for Italian and French news agencies, was re-elected president of ASISS, the year-old association of correspondents accredited to the Vatican Press Office.

Angela Ricciardelli has been named director of the publications office of the U.S. Catholic Conference-National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

William Schaefer Jr. was named executive director of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference. He is the first layperson to head the 56-year-old agency.

Jesuit Father Robert Hurst, assistant professor of modern languages at the University of San Francisco, died of a massive heart attack on June 23. He was 59.

Bishop Joseph V. Sullivan of Baton Rouge, La., has been called to the Vatican to explain a "lack of harmony" in his diocese, according to a story prepared for the Catholic Bulletin, St. Paul, Minn., archdiocesan newspaper.

Father Bruce Ritter, founder of Covenant House, a New York home for homeless children, recently was presented the Thomas Jefferson Award by the American Institute of Public Service.

Cardinal Antonio Maria Barbieri of Montevideo, Uruguay, died July 6 of bronchial pneumonia at age 86.

Dateline Vatican City

SECRETARY OF STATE—Pope John Paul II celebrated a mass in the Vatican Gardens July 2 with his new secretary of state, Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, and the cardinal's family and friends. The same day the Vatican formally announced that Cardinal Casaroli had been promoted from pro-secretary to secretary of state.

SUMMER RESIDENCE—The pope was expected to leave the Vatican for his summer residence at Castelgandolfo today, July 12, following a papal custom that has endured intermittently since the 15th century. Although he will probably return to St. Peter's Square by helicopter on Wednesdays for his weekly general audiences, he is not likely to take up residence at the Vatican again until mid-September.

SPECIAL FEAST—Pope John Paul II marked the feast of Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) with a solemn evening mass in St. Peter's Basilica. To mark the feast, which has special meaning for the papacy, the huge central door of

the basilica was festooned with an immense garland of greenery. The central balcony above it was filled with sprays of white and yellow flowers.

MESSAGE TO CARDINALS—In elevating 14 bishops to the College of Cardinals June 30, Pope John Paul II recalled the gospel admonition to be "wary as serpents, innocent as doves." The pope also urged the new cardinals to continue their ministry with courage and fortitude.

COLLEGIALITY OF BISHOPS—The pope told some 55 cardinals in secret consistory June 30 that "an apostolic exhortation will be published shortly" on catechesis (religious education), the theme of the 1977 World Synod of Bishops. In the speech he placed special emphasis on collegiality—bishops working together for the whole church—and gave strong indications that he plans to continue traveling frequently to various parts of the world.

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41 priests change posts, Bishop Straling announces

SAN BERNARDINO—More than 40 priests of the San Bernardino diocese are involved in clergy appointments announced this week by Bishop Phillip F. Straling.

The bishop also announced the creation of a new parish, St. Catherine, Temecula-Rancho California.

Father Lawrence Geoghan, pastor of St. Joseph in Big Bear since 1971, will become on Sept. 1 the founding pastor of the new parish, which has been an outreach of Mission San Antonio de Pala of the San Diego diocese.

FATHER GEOGHAN also will be in charge of Sacred Heart Mission Chapel at Anza Calhulla.

Five priests of the diocese will be retiring from the active ministry.

Retiring in August will be Father Patrick Minnagh, pastor of St. George, Fontana; Father Howard Garrity, pastor of Our Lady of the Snows, Wrightwood; and Father John Gallagher, pastor of St. Paul, Lucerne Valley, who will be in residence at St. Joan of Arc parish, Victorville.

Msgr. Tullio Andreatta, pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arrowhead, and Father Elio Zaratti, chaplain of the Southern California Conservation Center, a rehabilitation center in Chino, will retire on Jan. 2, 1980.

THREE PRIESTS who have been combining diocesan positions with parish duty will be assigned to their special offices fulltime beginning Sept. 1.

They are Father Gerald DeLuney, director of diocesan vocations; Father William Hart, director of seminarians, continuing education for priests, and head of the Vincent Dwyer Program; and Father Robert Miller, director for the Center for Catholic Ministry.

Father DeLuney will be in residence at St. Catherine, Rialto; Father Hart at St. Anne, San Bernardino; and Father Miller at Our Lady of Fatima, San Bernardino.

SIX PRIESTS have been named to their first pastorates, effective, Sept. 1.

They are Father Edmund (Ned) O'Donnell, St. Joseph, Big Bear Lake; Father Donald Casey, St. Catherine, Rialto; Father Louis Marx, St. Anthony, San Jacinto; Father Robert Rockwell, St. Louis, Cathedral City; and Father Vincent Walters, co-pastor St. Anthony, San Bernardino.

Father Joseph Stadler will become

pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arrowhead, on Jan. 2, 1980.

TWO PASTORS who will be reassigned effective Aug. 1 are Father Emil Melee from San Secondo d'Asti, Guasti, to St. Paul, Lucerne Valley, and Father Joseph Varga from St. Theresa, a Mexican and Hungarian national parish in San Bernardino, to the Guasti parish.

The following pastors are being reassigned effective Sept. 1.

—Father John Domas from St. Frances X. Cabrini, Crestline, to San Geronimo, Beaumont;

—Father Ignatius Strancar from Our Lady of Lourdes, Montclair, to St. John Bosco, Highland;

—Father Stanley Jazbec from St. Anthony, San Jacinto, to St. Christopher of the Desert, Joshua Tree;

—Father Valentine Vehovec from St. Bernardine Hospital, San Bernardino, to St. Ann, Needles;

—Father James Ferrigan from St. Catherine, Rialto, to St. Anne in the Mountains, Running Springs;

—Father Russ Helfer from co-pastor at Our Lady of Fatima, San Bernardino, to pastor;

—Msgr. Michael Nolan from St. Christopher of the Desert, Joshua Tree, to St. Theresa, San Bernardino, where the diocesan Mission Office and the Society for the Propagation of the Faith which he directs will be located.

—Father Joseph Keleghan from St. Ann, Needles, to Our Lady of the Snows, Wrightwood; and,

—Father Alfred Geimer from St. Louis, Cathedral City, to St. Frances X. Cabrini, Crestline.

ASSOCIATE PASTOR changes effective immediately are Father Richard Layman, St. Bernardine, San Bernardino; Father Fructuoso Morquillas, Precious Blood, Banning; Father John Wadell, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Indio; and Father Darrell F. Finnegan, SJ, St. Catherine of Siena, Rialto.

Effective Sept. 1, the following will be assigned as associates:

Father Richard Humphrys, St. Frances of Rome, Elsinore; Father Robert Downey, Sacred Heart, Redlands; Father Robert Nagler, Our Lady of Lourdes, Montclair; Father James Moore, Our Lady of

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'INDESCRIBABLE' TRAUMA— Patrons members rely on each other for support and understanding as they seek to adjust after losing their spouse through separation or divorce. Lois

Escajeda, left, who is shown discussing the divorce crisis with Danuta Pierce, center, and Rose Marie Carter, told SC the trauma of divorce is "indescribable." (Dan Pitre photo)

Separated or divorced Catholics need understanding, acceptance

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES for both chapters include parties, pot-luck dinners, picnics and camp-outs for single parent families. And the adults sometimes attend dinner plays or dine out at a restaurant.

This is important, the San Diego chapter spokesman said, because these events bring divorced people out. Once separated and/or divorced, these people find themselves out of place because most of their friends were other married couples, he said.

Such was the case of Nora Lopez of San Bernardino, who separated five years ago with four children.

"I FELT LIKE I didn't belong in the church—all the people at mass seemed to be complete families—and that the church didn't want me," she related. "I got the feeling that if you're divorced, you're something bad."

Now the vice president of the San Bernardino chapter of Patrons, Lopez said the organization was a great benefit to her during her crisis, especially in going to mass as a group and getting community support and understanding at meetings.

Going out alone is one of the toughest problems for a separated or divorced person to overcome, said Lois Escajeda, vice president of the San Diego chapter.

"PERSONAL GROWTH and acceptance of yourself as a single person are important in the healing process" which usually takes about two years, she said.

"Most of the people in the organization are learning that being single is nifty," she said.

Escajeda was divorced in 1973 after 21 years of marriage, and was left with eight sons to care for.

"THE TRAUMA OF divorce is indescribable," she stated. People have told her it is worse than being widowed, she said, because a widow or widower gets more support from the community.

"The real trauma that I have felt and am still feeling is teaching my sons what marriage is all about. They are deprived of seeing a marriage from the inside."

Psychologists are saying today, Escajeda related, that "the most important thing children learn in the family is the healthy interaction between husband and wife, which teaches them what marriage is all about."

"AND WITHOUT THAT," she added, "I'm not sure my children are ready for marriage. They are apprehensive. The divorce has deprived them of the opportunity to witness the chemistry of a healthy marriage."

But besides being traumatic, her divorce was also "a time of personal growth, especially spiritual," she said.

Escajeda was a nominal Catholic who "paid lip service to God."

Now, a religious education teacher at Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon, Escajeda said, "Divorce was my wilderness. It made me take stock of where I was in relationship to God."

"WE ALL HAVE TO do this at one time or another," she said. "But the immediate response is, 'Why does God do this to me?' Or, 'Why did God desert Me? Where is God?'"

"I did some intensive (Christian) reading and begun to reevaluate myself as a Christian," she added.

"But the natural response is going to the church and saying, 'Why isn't the church concerned about me. Why can't the church do something?'"

"AND A LOT OF people leave the church at this particular crisis," Escajeda said. "They think the church is deserting them because the church can't do anything about their failing marriage. But I don't think that's fair," she said.

She encourages divorced Catholics to seek an annulment even if they don't plan to marry again.

"A lot of people approach annulment with the idea, 'I'm not sure I am eligible for one.' But it is really not their decision," she said.

"They lack the trust in their own church that they need to present themselves to the Diocesan Tribunal and let the Tribunal decide."

BUT THE PROCESS must begin at the parish level with a priest or a parish lay advocate of the Tribunal, she emphasized.

"I think it is healthy to have an annulment because it gives you a sense of finality. At least, it tells you the church is still functioning as Holy Mother the Church and it is caring enough about you to put you back in the mainstream. Also it helps bring you to the idea of being single."

Information about Patrons is available from Lois Escajeda at 463-2463, evenings, and 466-8859 in San Diego, and from 862-3503 and 884-7177, evenings, in San Bernardino.

Seven ordained as deacons for San Bernardino diocese

Six married men and a seminarian have received holy orders as deacons for the San Bernardino diocese from Bishop Phillip F. Straling.

In four different ceremonies the bishop ordained as a transitional deacon the Rev. Mr. Thomas M. Wallace as the last stage before his priestly ordination, and as permanent deacons Jerome J. Simpson, Charles L. Fultz, Paul Robicheaux, Kenneth Cohoon, (Col.) John Henke, USAF, and Gene Kaska.

WALLACE, 25, was ordained June 17 at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Rialto. He has completed seven years of seminary studies—four at St. Francis Seminary, San Diego, and three at St. Patrick Seminary, a theologate in Menlo Park.

He has another year of theological studies before he is ordained a priest for the San Bernardino diocese.

The new permanent dea-

cons will be assigned to their home parishes.

DEACONS Simpson and Fultz were ordained June 16 at Our Lady of Lourdes, Montclair, where Deacon Simpson is a parishioner.

A letter carrier at the Pomona Post Office, Deacon Simpson and his wife, Merna have five children.

Deacon Fultz is a parishioner of Sacred Heart, Etiwanda. A teacher of Chaffey High School, Ontario, he and his wife Bernice have five children.

ON JUNE 23, at St. Mel Church, Norco, Deacons Robicheaux, a body-and-fender craftsman, and Cohoon, a retired Sunkist Growers foreman, were ordained.

Deacon Robicheaux's wife Colleen and their six children watched the ceremony in their home parish, along with Doris Cohoon and the two Cohoon children. The Cohoons live in Corona and are parishioners of St. Edward.

The final two ordinations for the San Bernardino diocese this summer occurred June 30 at Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, San Bernardino, when Col. Henke of March Air Force Base, Riverside, and Gene Kaska, a San Bernardino public school teacher-counselor-administrator, were ordained.

DEACON HENKE and his wife Joyce have three children. He plans to emphasize youth work in his ministry.

Deacon Kaska, a parishioner of the cathedral parish, plans to focus his ministry in the field of education and marriage counseling. He and his wife Marjorie have two adult daughters.

Permanent deacons assist the church by witnessing marriages, baptizing, and preaching. Because they receive the sacrament of holy orders they are members of the clergy but live and serve among fellow parishioners.

Editorials

Catholic universities are fighting to survive

In a recent issue of Newsweek magazine, there appeared a story relating to the first ever meeting of more than 700 church-affiliated institutions for the purpose of constructing a united front to preserve their existence.

What brought the National Congress on Church-Related Colleges and Universities together, according to the Newsweek story, is the fact that "Thirty years ago, half of all American college students were enrolled in religious institutions; today, fewer than one student in four attends a church-related school.

"By the mid-'80s, the entire U.S. college population is expected to decrease by 25 percent. And it is the small religious college, which depends almost exclusively on tuition, that will be most severely affected by the student shortage."

The congress, made up of Catholic Protestant, Mormon and evangelical institutions, is searching for ways to forestall threats to their survival. Not only is a declining student population posing problems, but so is the costs of running their institutions, along with the loss of their religious identity through gradual secularization, and government regulation.

With all of the barriers facing the

religious-related educational institution some circles are asking if, as the Newsweek article mentions, it is worth the struggle to preserve the church-related college?

From this circle the feeling is yes, if for no other reason than to provide the student with an alternative to public education. Beyond this basic reason, at least in the area of Catholic higher education, it is the presence of a force within the community that allows for the continued persuasion beyond high school of a formal education in theology.

Christian education has contributed greatly to the well being of society. It is the beacon to which people of religious persuasion can look for enlightenment.

Pope coming to U.S.

The National Catholic News Service in Washington, D.C., recently reported (SC, June 21) that Pope John Paul II is expected to visit the United States in September.

It has been 14 years since a pope visited this country, and that trip was limited to the east coast. We have been told that Pope John Paul II plans to visit San Francisco and Los Angeles. The thought is exciting to contemplate.

But, as the Providence Visitor states, "Both Mexico and Poland, with their predominantly Catholic populations, produced a popular outpouring of love that will be difficult to match in the United States."

The Southern Cross believes the personal charisma and spirituality of the man will also extract a positive response from the people of this country.

The prospect of seeing the pope in sunny Southern California is intriguing. His visit would be appreciated.

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Letters

'Thank God for your front page'

When I picked up the Southern Cross (June 21) I said, "Thank God!" for your front page, banner article on natural family planning. I felt it was right where it should be. I even wished it could have been on the front page of our daily paper in the same manner. I'm thinking of our torn, confused people in need of help.

I get disgusted when I see advertising on television in the newspaper, in the "Pennysaver," everywhere for pills, gadgets, operations and cheapie divorces.

**Mother of five
 San Diego**

Thanks for NFP article

Those of us who are endeavoring to promote Natural Family Planning or Natural Birth Control are very grateful for the support of the Southern Cross (June 21). It is necessary to place such valuable information on the front page in hopes that the benefits will "sink in" to marriage partners and to parents.

Why should we not state as discretely and boldly as possible a morally acceptable method to promote or avoid pregnancy? It is easy to learn, as accurate as the pill but without side effects, and no medication or barriers are needed.

The "Mother of eight" from San Bernardino who called our material "garbage" would serve her family well to take the instruction in their home, the ideal place for this knowledge to be shared.

**Betty Mettee
 Cardiff**

Responds to 'Mother of eight'

I just had to write in reponse to some of the letters you've been printing. You just can't please all of the people all of the time.

I'm referring to "Mother of eight" (SC, July 5). I was intrigued to find out how the Billings method worked. To wait until the couple is already married before talking them about the different forms of birth control available does not give them

enough time to plan a family. Some of us cannot afford, physically or mentally, to have eight kids.

Dolores Curran's article (SC, June 21) about her disgust at feminine hygiene products being advertised was a classic. It is a part of life and should be able to be discussed freely. I was brought up with four brothers and have never been ashamed to talk or see commercials about it.

I like the relevance and diversity of your articles.

**Gail R. Schwartz
 La Mesa**

Personal privacy and TV

I would like to have a word with Dolores Curran regarding "Personal privacy and the TV commercial" (SC, June 21).

Your incredible suggestion that we consumers not purchase "intimate products" advertised on television, following your noble example, was outrageous.

The fact is, most consumers are neither demeaned nor embarrassed by the advertisement of useful products.

**Mary Solevroc
 San Bernardino**

Bring back Tridentine mass

Yes! Give us back the Tridentine mass! Years ago I was attracted to Catholicism by the beauty, dignity and sense of reverence of the mass, and became a convert at the age of 21.

You cannot imagine my subsequent shock, grief and bitterness when the beautiful liturgy and music were peremptorily discarded, replaced by a liturgical "Gong Show," a trantice audience-participation spectacle, with the resonant strains of Latin supplanted by a dull, unpoetic and often ungrammatical English mass, the great music exchanged for a cacophony of tambourines, bongo drums, grating guitars and mariachis.

My beautiful printed and very personal

"Saint Joseph's Missal" was replaced by a dirty, tattered, inky "missalette." The Blessed Sacrament, once regarded as so holy that only the consecrated hands of a priest could touch it, is now passed from grubby, ink-stained hand to grubby, ink-stained hand like a platter of stale hors d'oeuvres at a very boring cocktail party.

Let those who need to get "high" on noise, confusion, guitars and hand-shaking have what they want, but why not let us, the majority, have what we want?

**Robert Raymond Shanks
 San Diego**

Questions called childish

You wasted precious time and space in a Catholic newspaper to promote the "childish" questions in Father Rouse's column on July 5.

Every holy priest and lay person knows the value, the infinite value, of one holy mass and as a result no holy priest would even dream of not saying mass every day, except for poor health.

Will you please stop wasting precious time and space by promoting childishness. The church needs desperately to grow, not regress.

**George Campbell
 El Cajon**

Bill would aid charities

In the lead article of the June 14 edition of the Southern Cross, reference was made to a bill introduced in Congress to allow taxpayers who use the standard deduction to claim their charitable contributions. I have introduced similar legislation in the State Assembly that would allow for charitable deductions on all State tax returns.

This bill, AB 545, will not be discussed until next year. It should have been passed this year but was a victim of political gamesmanship in the Assembly Ways and Means Committee.

I would like to urge concerned Southern Cross readers to send their letters of support for AB 545 to members of the

Ways and Means Committee. A list of Committee members may be obtained from my district office. Please call toll-free 1-(800)-472-2370 and we will be pleased to provide you with this list.

The potential revenue to charities and churches if this bill is passed is tremendous. I ask your support and help in passing AB 545.

**William R. Leonard
 assemblyman
 67th District**

Delighted with new SC

Just wanted to express my delight with the new Southern Cross. For this Catholic living in San Diego, the paper has been transformed from a humdrum church bulletin to a lively, thought-provoking journal.

Your varied human-interest features of religious and secular themes provide timely reading for persons of all ages.

**Annie Mawhinney
 Pacific Beach**

Misses 'Children's Story Hour'

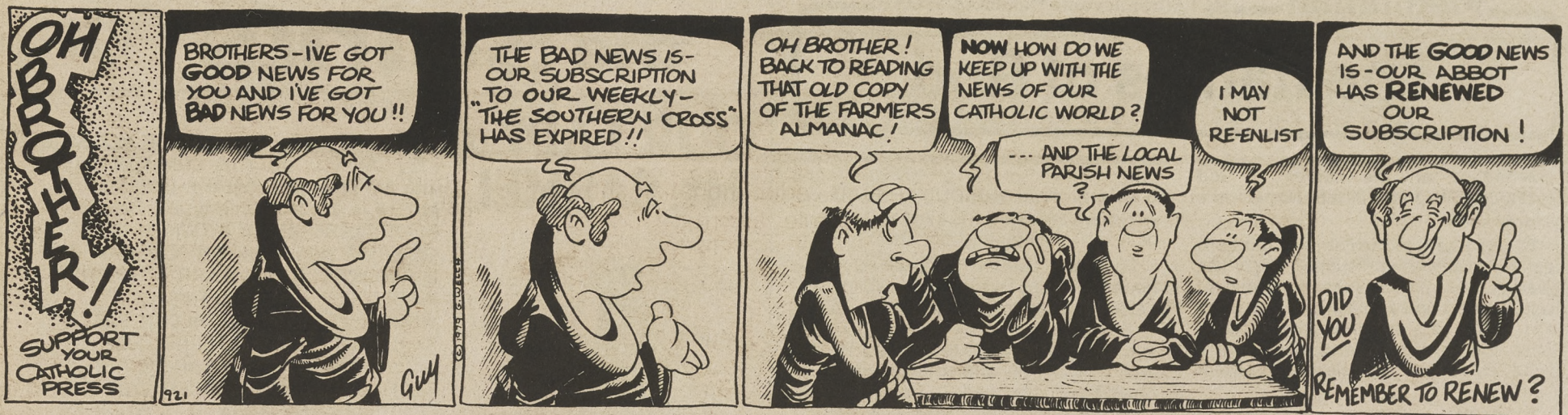
Your "Children's Story Hour" articles were an invaluable source as an introduction to the gospel for our pre- and early school age children. It seemed important to them to have Daddy read them their own story from the paper.

The new "The Saints" feature is unintelligible to them.

**Joe Fisher
 Vista**

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In Focus

By Russell Shaw

U.S. bishops considering Puebla-type meeting

Should there be a "Puebla" meeting for the United States?

That question, now being asked in high-level church circles, deserves close attention. For on its answer a great deal may depend.

THE QUESTION surfaced during the bishops' semiannual general meeting in Chicago a few weeks ago. Quiet and low key, the session focused largely on the bishops' hopes and expectations for their episcopal conference and, especially, for their general meetings.

Among the sentiments expressed was that the bishops need a carefully prepared, thoroughly documented, and relatively lengthy assembly to consider in depth the issues currently facing them and the church.

It was in this context that the idea of a U.S. "Puebla" was proposed.

PUEBLA, it will be recalled, is the Mexican City where representatives of the Latin American hierarchy met earlier this year for their third general assembly.

At the last such meeting, held in 1968, the bishops had firmly identified the church with the cause of social justice and committed ecclesiastical policy, personnel, and structures to the social revolution sweeping the Latin countries.

The Puebla meeting, which began Jan. 27 and ended Feb. 13, provided an updating and renewal of that commitment.

ALTHOUGH evaluation will continue for a long time to come, it was by all accounts a dynamic and generally successful venture which—if all goes well—will mark a significant new stage in the rebirth of Latin American Catholicism which has been taking place for the past 20 years.

No wonder the U.S. bishops have begun to think of a similar session.

It is no secret—the bishops themselves have called attention to the fact—that the U.S. hierarchy's meetings have been rather routine of late: businesslike gatherings which nevertheless generate little enthusiasm on the part either of participants or the church at large.

IN CHICAGO the idea of a U.S. Puebla-type assembly was raised by the bishops' president, Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco, in his opening address.

Having been among the U.S. representatives at Puebla, he spoke glowingly of that meeting to his colleagues, raising the question whether the bishops of this country should undertake something along similar lines.

The idea bubbled to the surface again

during small group discussions among the bishops in Chicago.

IT WAS REFLECTED in a summary presented at the meeting's close by Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, chairman of a committee studying the purpose and goals of the bishops' conference and the format of its general assemblies.

Then an interesting thing happened—one of those things typical of the careful way in which bishops go about their business.

A motion was made from the floor which would have firmly committed the hierarchy to a U.S. Puebla. It was defeated, on the grounds that far more advance study was needed to determine what such a gathering would be and what it would do.

This is frustrating to activists who want the bishops to move quickly and dramatically.

BUT HOWEVER attractive a Puebla-type meeting for this country might sound at first, there are many large questions to be answered before reaching a firm decision pro or con.

In a sense, too, the questions are harder than those faced by the bishops of Latin America in planning the Puebla assembly.

Not because conditions in Latin America are better than conditions in the

United States—far from it—but because the issues there are starkly drawn: widespread poverty, political and economic oppression, the violation and suppression of human rights in many places.

BY CONTRAST, the complex subtlety of religious and secular problems in the United States makes it difficult to identify a precise point of attack.

How, for example, address the implications of the consumer society for a religious community whose membership is largely middle class?

How speak of the imperatives of social and economic justice in an affluent democracy without falling into the trap of trendiness?

OR HOW ADDRESS more inward-looking religious concerns—the challenge of spiritual renewal—without mouthing platitudes?

To say this is not to mount an argument against the enterprise but only to suggest that the task of making it a worthwhile venture, something more than an ecclesiastical talk-fest, is formidable.

It is good to know that the leadership of the church is examining the matter. It is also good to know that we will not rush into a U.S. "Puebla" without careful thought about how to bring something valuable from the effort.

Of Interest

By Peter Kalischer

America is a publicly sloppy nation

American cities and their surroundings look like trash dumps because the citizens seem to like them that way. Or at least they are indifferent enough not to change their ways or do anything drastic to those responsible.

All the metal disposal units available are useless when urban dwellers prefer to drop paper containers, beer cans and half-eaten sandwiches on the sidewalk or toss them out the car window onto the highways.

NO REGION is alone in this charming characteristic, although some localities are dirtier than others. America is a publicly sloppy nation.

My theory on littering is—the bigger and emptier the country the messier are its

public places.

The United States grew up in the frontier tradition—when a place got too crowded and refuse-ridden it was easier to move on to virgin territory than clean up.

THE TWO indisputably cleanliest people on earth are the Dutch and the Japanese. They have population densities of 872 and 774 persons per square mile compared to 61 per square mile in this country.

These two small nations have to impose public cleanliness or suffer unacceptable discomfort.

What brought this to mind was a newspaper account of how two Soviet spies took advantage of the American penchant for littering to communicate with their source of information.

THEY EXCHANGED money and public documents with an American double agent—who later exposed them—by hiding them in juice cartons, fruit cans, empty cigarette packs and peanut boxes deposited under trees, near signposts, in parking lots and along toll roads.

The double agent was a just-retired U.S. Navy officer, Lt. Cmdr. Arthur Lindberg, who was decorated with the Legion of Merit for his 17 months of service in helping entrap the spies.

They were two Russian United Nation employees who were convicted of espionage in October 1978 and then exchanged for five Russian dissidents serving prison terms inside the Soviet Union.

THE SPIES taught Lindberg how to make new cartons and cans look like old trash by crushing them underfoot, coating them with glue and sprinkling them with dust or dirt.

"One time they used a piece of car radiator hose," recalled Lindberg. "The containers looked just like any other trash along the highway and sometimes I'd walk right by them."

The ingeniousness of the system, as far as the Russians were concerned, was that everybody walked by them.

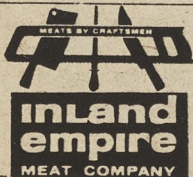
The Russians figured, correctly, that their message-bearing trash and Lindberg's was in no danger of getting picked up in a hurry by anybody, including the sanitation department.

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Meditation — By Father Jerome Bevilacqua, OSA

The names of God

Meditating on the names of God introduces you into full inheritance as a child of God:

"Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoiled or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens" (1 Peter 1:3,4).

THROUGH BAPTISM you become children of God and as children you are coheirs with Christ (Romans 8:17).

Since the names and titles of a person tells us something of who they are, there is a certain amount of power which comes with an understanding and appreciation of a person's name.

Moses understood this well since he asked God to reveal his name (Exodus 3:13+). God acquiesced in Moses' request and revealed the name "Yahweh," which bequeathed Moses a delegated authority. Moses used the authority, which knowing God's name gave him, well, and lead the Israelites to the promised land.

HUNDREDS OF YEARS later the apostles made astounding claims for the name of Jesus: "For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved" (Acts 4:12).

An early church hymn further specified the power in the name of Jesus: Above all

other names so that all beings, in the heavens, on the earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus" (Philippians 2:9,10).

The early church had learned of the power in Jesus' name from experience. Peter had used Jesus' name in the healing of a cripple (Acts 3:6), Paul cast out evil spirits in the name of Jesus (Acts 16:18), and the church strengthened itself by recalling all the marvels God had done "through the name of your holy servant Jesus" (Acts 4:31).

THIS IS EXACTLY what Jesus had promised would happen in his name (Mark 16:17, 18).

The wonders and miracles that are wrought in Jesus' name are secondary to the salvation, conversion, forgiveness of sins, and repentance that would follow from preaching and teaching the name of Jesus (Luke 24:46, 47).

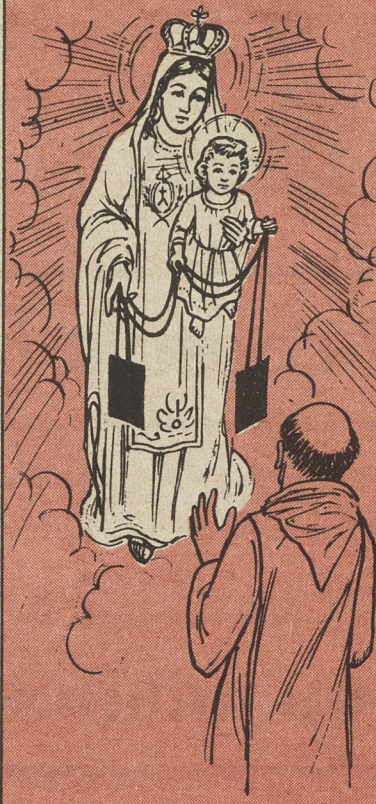
The Lord himself said, "When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself" (John 12:32).

IT IS FITTING, then, that we should meditate on the names and titles of God so that we can come into our full inheritance as children of God. It would be sad for us to be children of so great a Father and end up like poor orphans.

"The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; the virtuous man runs to it and is secure" (Proverbs 18:10).

the Saints *by Luke*

OUR LADY of Mt. CARMEL



THE FEAST, OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, JULY 16, COMMEMORATES THE APPEARANCE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER TO THE CARMELITE PRIOR GENERAL, ST. SIMON STOCK, IN 1251. OFFERING HIM A BROWN SCAPULAR, SHE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, "RECEIVE, MY BELOVED SON, THIS HABIT; WHOEVER DIES CLOTHED IN THIS SHALL NOT SUFFER ETERNAL FIRE."

THE PRACTICE OF WEARING THE SCAPULAR HAS INCREASED OVER THE CENTURIES AND TODAY IT IS WORN BY AN ESTIMATED 200 MILLION CATHOLICS. "NO DEVOTION HAS BEEN CONFIRMED WITH MIRACLES MORE NUMEROUS AND AUTHENTIC," BLESSED CLAUDE DE LA COLOMBIERE SAID IN THE 17TH CENTURY.

ALSO ATTRIBUTED TO THE SCAPULAR IS THE "SABBATINE PRIVILEGE," WHICH PROMISES THE WEARER HE WILL BE FREED FROM PURGATORY ON THE FIRST SATURDAY AFTER DEATH. THE CONDITIONS ARE TO WEAR THE SCAPULAR FAITHFULLY, TO OBSERVE CHASTITY, AND SAY PART OF THE ROSARY EACH DAY, (WHEN ENROLLED WITH THE CARMELITE ORDER.) THE SABBATINE PRIVILEGE ORIGINATED IN A VISION TO POPE JOHN XXII IN 1322, AND ALTHOUGH THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE DOCUMENT CONTAINING THIS VISION IS IN DOUBT, THE PREACHING OF THE PRIVILEGE HAS BEEN SANCTIONED BY THE CHURCH.

Q and A

By Father Warren J. Rouse, OFM

How often should we go to confession?

I'm confused about how often we should go to confession. How do other people feel about this?

Just like you.

The general practice in the early church seems to have been based on the tacit assumption that it was inconceivable for a baptized adult Christian to commit a truly serious sin. Seeing that in point of fact this did happen, however, the church almost reluctantly allowed the sinner to make use of the sacrament—but only once in his lifetime. Add to this the severity of the penance that was imposed and it is easy to see why most people waited until the very end before they requested a priest for this purpose.

An enormous, almost revolutionary change came with the Irish monks who practiced frequent, even daily confession, and brought this outlook to the continent in their missionary journeys. Once the furor was over with, their custom was

adopted and frequent confession was even seen as a distinct mark of holiness. Not so with the Eastern Church—they used the sacrament sparingly, and not without reason looked askance at the Western Church as certainly made up of terrible sinners since they were going to confession so often! Really!

Today there are various opinions about the matter. My own pastoral experience suggests three guidelines:

1. A person must go to confession before receiving communion if he/she is guilty of a serious, mortal sin. It is true that by an act of perfect love the state of grace is restored to the soul, but the church has a right to insist that the person first receive the sacrament of reconciliation.

2. A person may also go to confession whenever he/she wishes (the "confession of devotion") and truly feels not only sorry for sins but sincerely wants to correct the faults that have been confessed. One

should **not** go to the sacrament just because it's convenient ("We'll stop on the way to bingo!" or "We're going by the church anyway!") or just to "get grace." Conversion is a serious business and that's what this sacrament is all about.

3. In case there is still doubt, I recommend that the person receive this sacrament three or four times a year, and it's really appropriate if these are connected with a significant event—for example, a birthday, an anniversary, a season of the year. There are times when we naturally reflect upon our loves and our lives, times when we take inventory of ourselves. Our Lord told us to learn from the ways of the world—and no business prospers without inventory and evaluation.

What is our moral responsibility to stay away from "R" rated movies? The classification certainly doesn't seem to matter to priests and nuns I know.

The movie industry rates movies as "G" (for everyone), "PG" (parental guidance for pre-teens) and "R" (restricted for viewers under 18) and the church has similar ratings. The important thing to remember is that all ratings are given as guidelines and are based on the judgment of mature movie-goers. An "R" label does not necessarily mean that a person will commit a sin if he/she deliberately sees the film; what is significant is the **motivation** for going to that movie: education? relaxation? or prurient interest?

Another consideration: What can be a real occasion of sin for one person may not be so for another. Children, of course, need firm guidance; but adults ideally and hopefully should be able to make mature judgments for themselves.

(Please send your questions for Q and A directly to Father Rouse, Old Mission San Luis Rey Retreat, P.O. Box 407, San Luis Rey, CA 92068.)

Sunday Readings

By Father Eugene H. Maly

Some are 'sent by Jesus' for a special mission

July 15, Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Amos 7:12-15; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13).

To be sent with authority is one of the significant events of life. No stranger in a foreign land is as highly respected as is an ambassador. Receiving him is to acknowledge the country that sent him. An affront to him is an affront to his people.

This concept of being sent with authority is built into the very fabric of the human race.

ONCE THERE IS political or social structure, then some among them must be delegated to represent the whole. It is impossible for a nation or any group to represent itself before all other nations or groups.

We accept this concept without hesitation. What is fascinating is that God has made use of this very human characteristic in his own dealings with us.

As God, he could, unlike a created

being, reveal himself directly to each human soul. He could be his own ambassador to everyone. It is fascinating that he chose to do otherwise.

HE DID SEND one unique ambassador to us in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ. But that did not exclude others.

On the contrary, **the** apostle Jesus (cf. Hebrews 3:1) gives special meaning to those whom he sends as apostles. Because of him they know what indeed it means to be an apostle.

"He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives him who sent me" (Matthew 10:40).

IN THE GREEK language there are three words for the act of "sending." But only in the one from which the word "apostle" is derived is the emphasis, not on the sending so much, although that is necessarily included, but on the relationship between the one sending and the one sent.

The "apostle" truly **represents** the sender. The "apostle" acts with the

authority of the sender. The passage we just quoted from Matthew makes sense only in that context.

What adds to the fascination of this word "apostle" is that it is very rarely found in sources outside the Bible. The great Greek historian, Herodotus, used it only twice. The Jewish historian Josephus, who lived at the time of Christ, used it once.

IN THE LIGHT of that, the 81 times it is found in the New Testament says something. The early church felt the need to describe a unique office with a unique term. A Christian apostle is "one-sent-by-Jesus" and that is unique.

It is no wonder, then, that the gospels make so much of the mission of the 12 apostles. Our gospel reading is just one of the records of that sending forth by Jesus.

And in view of what we have just said about the emphasis being on the apostle as representing Jesus, as exercising his authority, the details of the mission are secondary. For any who represent such a One, nothing should be surprising.

THE READING from the book of Amos only adds power to what we have said.

Amos was an Old Testament "apostle." He emphasizes that even over his prophetic office. It was the fact that he was sent by God rather than what he said that was important.

This is brought out even more strongly by the fact that Amos was sent by God from the southern kingdom of Judah to the northern kingdom of Israel.

THE HIGH PRIEST Amaziah told him to go on back to his own land to "earn his bread." But Amos held his ground. He couldn't do otherwise; God had sent him.

In the Christian community there are those who are "sent by Jesus" for a special mission. For them the responsibility is awesome but the assurance of grace is certain.

For all, the need to recognize and affirm those who are sent should be accompanied by a keen sense of sharing in the mission itself.

Talks with Parents

By Dolores Curran

Affirming 50 years of marital commitment

"Your family is what you've got. It's your limits and your possibilities. Sometimes you'll get so far away from it you'll think you're outside its influence forever, then before you figure out what's happening, it will be right beside you, pulling the strings. Some people get crushed by their families. Others are saved by them."

Peter Collier, "Downriver"

This is going to be a personal and sentimental column so if you don't like that sort of thing, stop right now and I'll see you next week. You see, it's a big week for our family.

We are celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of my husband's parents, and we're doing it up right.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY will descend from coasts and midlands for a joyous time together, affirming that decision and those vows made 50 years ago because

they established us as a continuance family.

There will be a mass, filled with participating grandchildren, a reception filled with friends and neighbors, and a family dinner, filled with laughs.

Or put in another way, a celebration in each of the major spheres of our lives: church, community, family. And I think that's why we're all anticipating it so, even the teenagers—especially the teenagers.

IN A WORLD of increasingly fragmented family and tenuous friendships, these family moments become more precious. When else can we establish relationships with cousins?

Funerals, of course, but those are sad times. When else can we all be together, to actually visualize the family tree? Rarely.

More often we are asking **about** one another: "Now, let's see, is Aunt Esther Tom's mother or is she Dad's cousin?"

"How many children does Marion have now?" "Good Lord, those little kids all out of college? Can't be."

I WON'T EMBARRASS our parents by personalizing them in front of three million readers but I want to pay tribute here to their generation.

While writing a piece for the mass, I reflected on their married lives. People today who were married 50 years ago deserve a lot more than cake and mints.

They deserve a medal for getting through all the periods of history in the past 50 years, not to mention thanks for getting us through the same time relatively unscathed.

SIX MONTHS AFTER our parents were married the stock market crashed, plunging the country and this young couple into the worst depression we have ever had.

Within a year, my husband was born (I am withstanding the temptation to label

that a calamity) but his mother came down with scarlet fever almost immediately and had to be quarantined away from the baby and her husband.

Scarlet fever, for crying out loud. We forget that people die of it then. Today we never even hear about it.

AFTER THAT there was the great drought or dust bowl in the West, World War II, an infant death, the cold war, Korea...

Through all of these our parents kept their faith, their family and their perspective intact. So did their friends and neighbors and for these magnificent people, I want to say thanks. Not just to our parents but to their generation.

Fifty years ago, our parents made a commitment to one another that affected us and the world. That marriage has endured, deepened and flourished because God saw that it was good.

And we agree with God.

On Money

By W. W. Schwed

How do you finance your 'dream home'?

You're finally going to do it. You screw up your courage and start the big quest.

Each weekend you are out in a different part of town, looking at the houses with a "For Sale" sign on the front lawn.

JUST TO MAKE certain that you don't miss a possible "dream home," you enlist the aid of a realtor, too. And you spend time together, shopping the listings.

You compare kitchens, size of the bedrooms, grounds, and all the other factors you want in a house.

Finally, the long chase is over. You see what you want—and the price is right.

YOU SIGN a contract. There's even a closing date set. But everything is contingent on your ability to get a mortgage.

That's the bad news.

Oh, if you were born under a lucky star! Then, of course, you would not have the problem. Why not?

Because the house you want would be the bearer of a mortgage that you could

assume. And because it has probably been in effect for a time, the interest rate is less than it is today. So you'd be ahead there.

ALSO, NO POINTS. Points are what the lender charges—out front—to give the mortgage. Say, you are going to borrow \$50,000 for a house.

Two points on the mortgage, at the time you get it, costs you \$1,000.

But the points you will pay vary according to how tight money is and how much lenders have to loan.

TODAY MORTGAGE money is very tight. So you might pay four points for the loan—or more in some locales.

If you can find a house to buy where the owner will finance, you are going to be ahead of the game on two counts:

—the interest rate figures to be lower than what you can get; and

—you won't pay points.

THE ODDS ARE, though, that the seller can't finance because of a need for funds

to buy another home somewhere. So that puts you back in the role of shopper: you need to find a lender with money to put out, and a willingness to loan it to you.

How do you shop for money?

Well, one thing you don't do is take the first deal that's offered.

Your best bet is going to involve the expenditure of both gasoline and time. Check the Yellow Pages first and make a list of local savings and loans.

DON'T FORGET banks—particularly those where you are already doing business.

Before you head out to shop rates, there is one other chore to do. It might be termed a self-financial appraisal. It's what the lenders will do...so you do it first...and it will save time when you get out shopping and give a better impression of you to the lenders.

There's no mystique to the process. Put down your assets: what you own that's worth something: cash, car, property,

stock, bonds, paid-in value of insurance, profit-sharing, etc.

YOU'LL WANT a list of liabilities—the debts you owe from bank cards to car loans.

Lenders look, too, at your stability, so be prepared to fill in details on your job history. How much you make is important, but so is how long you have been employed and by whom. Some employers have a reputation of never cutting payroll, some are prone to layoffs.

If you are new in town, it can be a help to have references from your former city. Perhaps a banker there can attest to your payback record on a loan. Or a boss can say how sorry he was to lose you to a big new post. Or a pastor can attest to your varied contributions to the community.

When you shop, try to talk to the top loan officer. Be polite. And be clear on how much you can put down. And make notes at each lender you visit on the terms: interest rate; length; points.

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For Dr. Tom Dooley

CIA connection won't hurt sainthood cause

BUFFALO, Minn. (NC)—The late Dr. Tom Dooley—a Catholic and a well-known figure in the late 1950s for his medical work in Laos and Vietnam—frequently reported to the CIA.

But Dooley's CIA connection will not hurt his chances for sainthood, according to the priest promoting Dr. Dooley's canonization.

OBLATE Father Maynard Kegler, director of a retreat house in Buffalo, Minn., said that a Freedom of Information Act request had turned up 500 pages of CIA documentation on the agency's contact with Dr. Dooley.

"He'd give information

about troops being moved, ammunition coming in, attitudes of people—whether they were favorable to the Americans or to the communists," Father Kegler said.

Various news agencies picked up the quote and highlighted Dr. Dooley's CIA connection.

FATHER Kegler criticized some press coverage, saying one newspaper even suggested that revelation of Dr. Dooley's CIA contacts would hurt his chances for canonization.

But Father Kegler said Dr. Dooley was never a CIA agent—never received any government subsidy—and merely did what "hundreds

of thousands of other Americans did," talk to the CIA about overseas activities they had seen.

He said Dr. Dooley did not have regular contact with the CIA. Did not keep special records for the CIA and did not receive assignments from the CIA.

FATHER Kegler also said he knew of Dr. Dooley's CIA connection before he received the documents.

Dr. Dooley acted out of "patriotism and love of country," and a deep fear of communism, Father Kegler said.

The priest said, "You can't interpret his actions of 1958 in light of what we

know about the CIA today."

MANY Americans now associate the CIA with "evil" because of revelations about CIA abuses, Father Kegler said. But, he said, Dr. Dooley would not have been associated with the CIA if it had had that image then.

Dr. Dooley died of cancer in 1961 at age 34. In 1959, a Gallup poll found him one of the world's most admired living men, along with Pope John XXIII, Winston Churchill and Albert Schweitzer.

He wrote several best-selling books about his experiences in Southeast Asia.

Mexican who lost both arms receives help

LOS ANGELES (NC)—One midwinter night last year Fermin Chavarria, 27, fell off a freight train in Mexico. Both his arms were cut off by the wheels.

Chavarria had gone from his home in Juarez, Mexico, to look for work in the city of Gomez Palacio.

"I DIDN'T find work so I had to come home. I didn't have enough money even for a bus, so I decided to ride a freight," he said.

He wrapped himself in a

tarp on the train. But the tarp unwound, an end of it got caught in a wheel, and Chavarria was dragged under the train.

One arm was severed at the shoulder, the other at the elbow.

AFTER SOME time in the hospital, he was brought home to Juarez, to his mother and ailing father.

Two months later his father died, leaving him his mother's sole support. He was helpless.

A Burbank couple, Pedro and Maria Pineda, who are friends of some of Chavarria's in-laws, learned of Chavarria's accident while visiting in Juarez. They went to see him.

THE PINEDAS came back to California and brought the young man's plight to the attention of the Christian service group at the Old Plaza church in Los Angeles where they are active.

They said Chavarria and his mother felt there was nothing that could be done because they were poor and alone.

With the assistance of a nun who moderates the group, they began searching for help.

A FRANCISCAN relief

center referred them to Dr. Vincent Carter in Inglewood, who helped them obtain the services of the Prosthetic Orthotopic Educational Service at UCLA Medical Center.

Visas were obtained, the money was raised to support Chavarria and his mother in Los Angeles, and the Pineda's took the two into their own home.

Volunteers took Chavarria to UCLA every day so the prosthetic experts could fit him with an

artificial left arm.

WITHIN a week he was able to give himself a few bites from an apple.

Later he fed himself an entire lunch and was able to write his name. Still later he would be fitted with a right arm and then return to Mexico to try to find work to support himself and his mother.

In September, the Pinedas hope Chavarria can return to UCLA for a training class for those wearing artificial arms.



Fermin Chavarria

China seen loosening restrictions on religion

LONDON (NC)—China is loosening its restrictions on religion, partly because of its new political relationship with the West, according to Robert Whyte, director of the British Council of Churches' China Study Program.

A recent sign of this loosening occurred on Jan. 9 when 800 representatives of major faiths and local officials met in Shanghai, China, and denounced "ruthless persecution" of religion in Shanghai, said Whyte.

ANOTHER positive sign occurred in February 1978 when 16 religious leaders

were invited to attend the Political Consultative Conference, he said.

Whyte discussed the changes in an article published in the Lutheran World Federation's Marxism and China Study Information Newsletter.

"Discussion of religious questions began in September of 1977 with the publication in the Guangming Daily of an article titled 'Investigate Religion; Criticize Theology,'" said Whyte.

THIS WAS followed by the setting up of the Institute for the Study of World

Religions in Beijing (Peking), he added, with a number of religious leaders given official posts at the institute.

"It is also becoming clear that individual Christians now feel free to write directly to friends overseas. A number of people from outside the People's Republic have been to visit their home areas," said Whyte.

China's new relations with the West have influenced the change because it has helped China understand the role of the churches in world affairs,

said Whyte.

"AND AS far as Christians are concerned, links with the West need no longer be seen as automatically subversive," he said.

"But most evidence to date merely indicates the fact that 'normal' religious activities have been restored after a decade of abnormal pressure.

"Interest in theology and religion from the standpoint of Marxist materialism and the revival of the patriotic association may be seen as only a limited tolerance within carefully defined limits," Whyte said.

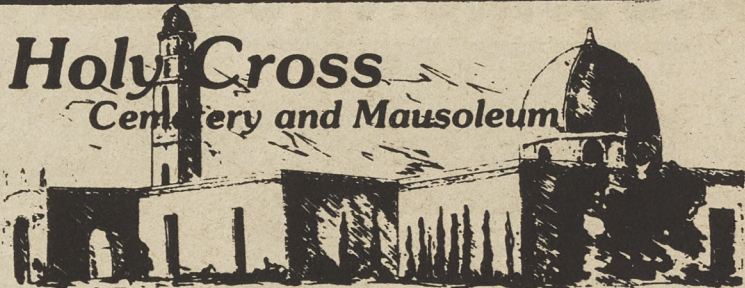


MAKING A CALL—Religious messages on billboards are common in Bremerton, Wash., but this one seems to back up its wording with a convenient telephone booth. (NC photo)



HATS OFF TO THE NAVY—Pope John Paul II doffs a cap presented to him by men of the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier

Eisenhower during his weekly audience at St. Peter's Square outside the Vatican. (NC photo)



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Teen-age concert star believes education is important

WASHINGTON (NC)—Ana Maria Vera, a 14-year-old concert pianist who has performed with the Boston Pops, the National Symphony Orchestra and other orchestras in Europe and the United States, believes that "getting a good education, even if it means hard work, is a very important accomplishment in life."

"You can enjoy life so much, and appreciate much deeper the joys of each day, the people around you, the opportunities," added the young artist.

MISS VERA had just returned from the Netherlands and from Monte Carlo in Monaco, where she performed for Eurovision with L'Orchestre de L'Opera, Mozart's Piano Concerto in C Major (known to moviegoers as "Elvira Madigan").

The concert was part of the UN ceremonies marking the International Year of the Child. Young artists from Austria, France, Italy, Japan and the Soviet Union also participated.



Ana Maria Vera

During an interview at the Bolivian Embassy, where her father, Mario Vera, is cultural attache, Miss Vera said that despite the sacrifices which her musical career demands, "Music fills me up with its beauty. Practicing the piano gives you a lot of discipline."

"**BESIDES**, I try to spread out my interests," she added. "I have a good time with my friends, I swim a lot, I take ballet at this nearby school, and I read constantly," said the eighth grade student, who attends the Washington International School.

Miss Vera, a Bolivian citizen and a Washingtonian by birth, has delicate features showing her Indian-European mixture. Her mother Marianne, who teaches piano, is Dutch.

Petite for her age, Miss Vera speaks with a soft voice, using English and Spanish with the same ease.

"**I STARTED** piano when I was three years old," she said. "My father had bought a piano for my mother, but I was the one who took over. So they gave me lessons. I was very musical from listening to Bolivian folk music and other pieces. Now I practice from two to four hours daily, more than a concert is coming."

"I am happy when the audience applauds," she said. "I feel I am playing for the people and if they like it, that is my reward. But while I am performing, I don't think of the audience, only of the music, how it flows."

Miss Vera has other experiences away from the practice hall and concert stage that go back to her roots. "I love to go and visit my grandmother in La Paz, a real 'Cholita' (pure Indian woman). I go to church with her, listen to the singing."

"**OFTEN I WEAR** an Indian dress and join the women vendors at the local market, chat with them about their lives while I help to sell. I really enjoy that," she said.

That is in sharp contrast to playing a concert-size piano, as she has done at the White House and the Kennedy Center, or under "Uncle Arthur," as she calls the late Arthur Fiedler after performing with the Boston Pops 14 times.



YOUNG STAR—Ana Maria Vera, shown rehearsing with the late Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops when she was nine years old, is a veteran of nine years on

the concert stage with some of the most noted conductors and orchestras in the world. Ana, now 14, has appeared with the Pops 14 times. (NC photo)

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Bible studies

Book of Psalms, followed by prayers for healing, 7:30 p.m., Mondays, St. Patrick Church, San Diego. Details: 233-5770.

Fiestas

Our Lady of Mount Carmel parish fiesta, Cucamonga, July

15, games, booths, food, prizes. Details: 987-2717.

Fiesta commemorating the 16th anniversary of the Palm Springs unit of the Filipino-American Club, featuring installation of officers, banquet and dance, 6 p.m., July 15, Center Auditorium, Belardo and Alejo Road, Palm Springs.

Basilica of Mission San Diego de Alcalá, July 13-15, crowning of queen, 8 p.m. July 13; blessing of the bells, noon, July 14; outdoor mass celebrated by Bishop Leo T. Maher, 10 a.m., and blessing of the animals, 3 p.m., July 15; entertainment, barbecue beef dinners, games, prizes, July 14-15. Details: 283-7319.

Trek to the Cross, commemorating the 210th an-

niversary of Father Junipero Serra's arrival in San Diego, begins at 2 p.m., July 15, Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street, Old Town, and proceeds to the cross on Presidio Hill, where a mass will be celebrated.

Hispanos

"Con Puebla, donde va nuestra iglesia?" El padre Luis Bernal va a dar pláticas y a dirigir discusiones sobre las conclusiones de Puebla de las 7-9 p.m. los jueves, 12, 19 y 26 de julio en el Centro Padre Hidalgo, 2277 National Ave., San Diego. Detalles: 235-6291.

Encuentro Latino de la Renovación Cristiana en el Espíritu Santo, en Los Angeles, en el "ELAJC Stadium" y en el Shrine Auditorium, del 13 al 15 de julio. Para registrarse, llamen a Carisma en Misiones, (213) 968-9595.

Liturgy

Mass and healing service, 7:30 p.m., July 17, St. Patrick Church, San Diego, Father Jerome Bevilacqua, OSA, celebrant. Details: 223-5770.

Reunions

St. Bernadine's (San Bernardino) Class of 1959 is seeking names and addresses for its 20-year reunion. Please call 885-6775 or 882-3680.

Rummage sales

Ladies of the Altar Society of the Sacred Heart parish, will hold their annual rummage sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., July 13-15, Sacred Heart Academy, 4895 Saratoga Ave., Ocean Beach.

Singles' clubs

Catholic Singles Club, "Boogie Nite at Oz," 8:45 p.m., July 13, 4007 Camino del Rio South, San Diego. Details: 287-2544.

Toga Party, Catholic Alumni Club and Catholic Singles Club, 8 p.m., July 14, 4007 Daves Way, Chula Vista. Details: 429-4813.

Tours

To the Laguna Art Festival, July 18, sponsored by the Ladies of the Immaculata, San Diego. Details: 560-5591.

To Ireland, France, Switzerland, Italy and Vatican with Msgr. William A. Bergin, pastor of Holy Spirit, San Diego, leaves Sept. 3. Details: 262-2435.

Vocations

Serra Club of San Diego, board of directors' meeting, 7:30 p.m., July 16, St. Francis Seminary, San Diego.

Young people

Creativity workshop for children, ages 9-11, exploring creative drama, movement, storytelling and writing, 8:30-10 a.m., July 16-27, St. Kieran School Library, El Cajon. Details: 444-9425.

Youth dance, 8 p.m.-midnight, July 14, St. Vincent de Paul parish hall, San Diego, music by "Crosswinds," \$2 per person. Details: 299-3814.

Our Lady of Grace parish youth picnic, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., July 14, San Clemente Natural Park, San Diego; "Sunday Night Live," 7:30-9 p.m., July 15; and team ministry study, 7:30-9 p.m., Mondays and Fridays, both at parish's Drop-In Center, El Cajon. Details: 466-5451.

Have the younger members of the family read SC this week?

San Diego

Bishop Leo T. Maher:

Sunday, July 15, noon, Basilica of Mission San Diego de Alcalá, mass celebrating the mission's 210th anniversary of its founding by Franciscan Friar Junipero Serra.

Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez:

Thursday, July 12, 7 p.m.,

Padre Hidalgo Center, San Diego, meeting with Spanish-speaking leaders of San Diego concerning the Puebla documents.

Sunday, July 16, 10 a.m., Padre Hidalgo Center, San Diego, meeting with the center's staff.

San Bernardino

Bishop Phillip F. Straling:

Sunday, July 15, vacation begins.

41 priests change posts in San Bernardino See

From page 3

Perpetual Help, Riverside; and Father Nicholas Grajek, OSB, St. Anne, San Bernardino.

Father John Sierra, associate at St. Joseph, Barstow, will become administrator on Sept. 1 for the Lenwood-Hinkley Mission, which currently is served by the Barstow parish.

Father Robert Donat of the Aquinas High School faculty will be in residence at St. Anne, San Bernardino.

ASSIGNED TO special work is Father James Fallons, formerly of the dioceses of Monterey and Hong Kong. He will become chaplain for the San Bernardino county and community hospitals and St.

Bernadine Hospital, on Sept. 1. He will be in residence at St. Bernadine's.

Father Ignatius Rodrigues of St. Margaret Mary, Chino, will serve part-time as chaplain of the Prado Center, a correctional facility in Chino.

Father Raymond Finerty, chaplain at the University of California at Riverside, will become diocesan director of Campus Ministry.

Father Edward (Jack) McKinnon will become chaplain of the Southern California Conservation Center, Chino, on Jan. 2.

Transitional deacons assigned in the diocese are Rev. Mr. Thomas Wallace, Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral; Rev. Mr. Christopher Soupas, St. Margaret Mary, Chino; Rev. Mr. Richard Kasperik, St. George, Ontario; and Rev. Mr. Kenneth Jenkins, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Riverside.

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SENN, Genevieve Anna. Wife of Elliott Senn, Admiral, U.S.N., Ret., brother of Alice Cruse, Marcella Gilbert, Rose Calvert, James and Lawrence Murphy. Requiem mass, July 7 St. Charles Borromeo church. Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel

STUTZ, Elizabeth P. Wife of Adam Stutz, mother of Martin and Walter J. Stutz, sister of Katherine Keefer; eight grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren. Requiem mass, June 30, Blessed Sacrament church. Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel

VILLOTA C., Humberto E. Husband of Berenice Villota, father of Adriana Villota, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peregrino Villota, brother of Anselmo Villota C. and eight brothers and sisters in Colombia. Requiem mass, July 5, Our Lady of Angel's church. Goodbody's Blvd. Chapel



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Show Notes

Book Review

My Cousin Josefa (play)—The Old Mission Players will present this musical about San Diego during the 1800s at 8 p.m. on July 13-15 and 19-22 in La Sala of the Basilica of Mission San Diego de Alcalá, and at 8 p.m. on July 27-28 and 2 p.m. on July 29 in Camino Theatre on the University of San Diego campus, Alcalá Park.

Cyrano de Bergerac (play)—The Lamb's Players will present this play about the 17th Century French swordsman with the ungainly nose at 8 p.m. on July 12-14, 18-21, 25-28 and Aug. 1-4 at the Lamb's Players' Theatre, 500 E. Plaza Blvd., National City.

The Pajama Game (play)—Starlight will

perform this musical at 8:30 p.m. on July 19-22 and 26-29 at Starlight Bowl in Balboa park, San Diego.

My Fair Lady (play)—Covenant Ark Theatre will present Lerner and Loewe's musical at 8 p.m. on July 20-22 and 27-29 in the amphitheatre at Patrick Henry High School, 6702 Wandermere Dr., San Diego.

Come Blow Your Horn (play)—The Fiesta Dinner Theatre is presenting this comedy by Neil Simon through July 29. A buffet-style dinner is served at 7 p.m. and curtain is at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays thru Saturdays, one hour earlier on Sundays. Noon luncheon and 1:15 matinee on Wednesdays and Sundays. 9665 Campo Rd., Spring Valley.

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF JIMMY CARTER, by Wesley G. Pippert. Macmillan, 270 pages, \$9.95.

Wes Pippert is a United Press International reporter who has covered Jimmy Carter since 1976. He has collected the president's comments on religion and morals and arranged them in chapters on the life of faith, temptation, teaching and preaching, and religion and politics.

Carter's statements on these themes reveal a traditionally religious attitude. Carter prays daily; he obviously believes deeply. His is a personal God who does not expect that his creatures will always be virtuous, but who does demand they always make the attempt.

PRESIDENT Carter is a born-again Baptist; his beliefs could very easily be those of a moderate conservative Catholic.

A lay preacher of the United Methodist Church, Pippert believes the Washington press corps is missing an important dimension of the Carter presidency by its

failure to consider in depth Carter's religious beliefs.

The author attempts in a long introduction to correct this deficiency by positing a direct relationship between Carter's religious beliefs and his political philosophy and actions. This is a very dubious approach to analyzing any politician.

CERTAINLY, a man's vision of the universe, his religious beliefs, will greatly influence his actions as a politician. But those actions will also be influenced by the countless conflicting forces always present in the democratic process.

Consequently, though political commentators may at times consider the nebulous areas of motivation or thought processes, they must concentrate their energies on the external actions of a political leader. That is certainly a difficult enough job in itself.

(Reviewed by Fred Rotondaro, a Washington writer and consultant—NC News.)

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Weekend events to commemorate Father Serra's arrival in San Diego

SAN DIEGO—Two events this weekend will commemorate 210th anniversary of the arrival of Father Junipero Serra in San Diego and the birth of California's oldest mission.

The Basilica of Mission San Diego de Alcalá will celebrate its founding by Father Serra by holding its traditional festival of the bells, July 13 to 15.

AND ON Sunday, July 15, the Franciscan priest's arrival in San Diego will be commemorated by the annual Trek to the Cross in

Presidio Park.

Hank Bauer of the San Diego Chargers will start the mission fiesta at 8 p.m. on Friday, when he crowns a festival queen in La Sala at the mission.

SATURDAY AT noon the blessing of the bells will take place. On Sunday Bishop Leo T. Maher will celebrate an outdoor mass at 10 a.m., and at 3 p.m. the traditional blessing of the animals will be held.

Entertainment throughout the festival will include performances of

Robert Austin's "My Cousin Josefa," a musical drama set in San Diego during the 1980s.

BEEF barbecue dinners will be served on both Saturday and Sunday.

The Trek to the Cross will begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the Old Adobe Chapel on Conde Street. It will proceed through Old Town to the cross on Presidio Hill.

Father Patrick Kearney, pastor of Immaculate Conception parish in Old Town, will lead the procession and celebrate mass at the cross.

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DENVER (NC)—Millions of Americans know her as "Schultzy" and "Alice" from TV's "The Bob Cummings' Show" and "The Brady Bunch."

But Anne B. Davis prefers to be known as a woman who is being obedient to what God wants of her.

THE ACTRESS is now living in a Christian community household headed by Episcopal Bishop William Frey of Colorado. The household—which includes 17 people—lives in a large old home in Denver, not far from the headquarters of the Episcopal diocese.

It is one of four such households in Denver comprised of Episcopalians who have come to a new awareness of God's presence and action in the world through charismatic renewal.

"We live in the world and go to church," Davis said, "but what we should be doing is living in the church and going to the world. That is what Christian community does."

LIVING IN a Christian community is going back to the way life used to be in extended families, she said. "It helps us to grow in love—even with people we don't like. We learn to love the way



the Lord does, with unconditional love."

The 17 members of the household live together as a family, she said.

How did a well-known Hollywood star end up living with the family of an Episcopal bishop in Denver?

"**BECAUSE** of the Lord," she said.

Davis came through Denver in September 1974 with a road

show. Shortly before the nine-week engagement began, she read an article by Bishop Frey in an Episcopal charismatic periodical. While in Denver she met Bishop Frey and members of various prayer groups and Bible study groups.

After she left Denver, Davis continued to correspond with the people she had met and in the summer of 1975 spent a month-long vacation with the Frey family and other friends. She also dropped in on them several times when passing through Denver.

THE LAST TIME she dropped in was in January 1976. She stayed for about six months before discovering that the place had become her home. She has lived with the household since then.

Davis was a "cradle Episcopalian...a Christian, but an ignorant Christian," before she joined a Bible study group at her North Hollywood church in the fall of 1972.

She said she discovered what it means to live a Christian life through reading the Bible. "I had a generalized and abstract idea about what God and the church were all about, but I didn't know it

really until I got to know scripture.

"**I HAD ALL** the good things the world had to offer, but what God has to offer is so much better."

Davis is comfortable talking about her faith but has a little difficulty being specific. "You can't capsule Christian faith and Christian community," she said. "You can't make a bumper sticker out of what I've learned in the last seven years."

Davis said she does not watch television too often now, but she has strong opinions about its value.

"TV is a manipulative media, a tremendous amoral tool," she said. "We don't have a clue yet as to what television can do" as far as being a positive force for Christian values, Davis continued.

"**I STILL USE** the talent God gave me as an actress to speak around the city and the country, to give my Christian witness," she said.

Does she have any regrets about leaving the glamor and riches of Hollywood?

"I had money, possessions and fame," she said. "But now I have moved on to an entirely different universe. I could never go back."

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