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St. John of the Cross parishioners

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Couple helps 'military marriages' withstand long-term separations

By Sally Arguilez

LEMON GROVE—In 11 years of marriage David and Mary Ann Allen have relocated their family eight times. The couple has had to cope with four long-term separations through no "fault" of their own.

Theirs is a "military marriage" which by statistics has a low rate of success. But today this couple is helping other military couples in the same situation.

THE ALLENS ARE parishioners of St. John of the Cross parish and are five-year residents of Lemon Grove. They are also members of the parish council and co-chairmen of the parish Family Life Commission.

"When you marry a Navy man, you marry the Navy too," said Mrs. Allen. "There were times in my life when I resented it, but I have to accept it. It's his job."

Because of a military separation apostolate that developed from their participation in Marriage Encounter, the Allens are now involved in forming a support program for separated couples.

"WE WANT TO HELP couples realize that there is a lot to getting ready for a separation," said Allen.

"And it's not enough just to prepare for a long separation but how to maintain the relationship during the separation and how to adjust when the husband returns," his wife added.

The Allens are currently working with 20 couples, who have formed a community support group for other separated couples.

many wives often feel isolated, physically and emotionally, when their husbands are on an extended cruise, Mrs. Allen noted.

"During previous separations it happened that my life settled into a monotonous rut. I slowly became socially stagnant. Without David I found I wasn't asked out as often nor did I want to go out alone," she said.

The community support was manifested in several ways last year when Allen was assigned to frigate ship USS Lang. Greeting cards, cookies on the doorstep, phone calls, and dinner invitations, were all ways of helping Mrs. Allen and her two daughters during the cruise.

"JUST THE KNOWLEDGE that there was a loving, caring community that Mary Ann could call on if she needed help was reassuring," said Allen.

He was separated from his wife for six and a half months and returned in January. Mrs. Allen was pregnant and held down a job while caring for their two daughters as well.

"Before I left we talked about all the common sense things that the average person doesn't think about. We got the mechanical aspects out of the way. What bills do we have, how about the house payments and insurance, does she know how to balance the checkbook? We made out a



FAMILY FUN — Meridith, the Allen's nine-yearold daughter, plays chess with her father, David, as four-year-old Amelia and mother, Mary Ann, look on. Navy families such as the Allens face separations of up to six months.

will," said Allen.

A MAJOR PROBLEM with couples who face a long separation is that the husband just dumps all the responsibilities on the wife and she may resent that, according to Allen. On the other hand, when he returns, it may be difficult for a wife to give up the independence, authority and freedom she has had, he added.

Thus, there are also adjustments to be made when the husband returns home, noted Allen.

"I'M NOT READY to have everything dumped on my lap. Wives are ready to unload the problems about the kids misbehaving, the car is broken, the washing machine isn't working."

Currently the couple is talking with recruits at the Naval Training Center. Every six to eight weeks the Allens try "to show them that with a little bit of work and communication they can make a success of being married and being in the Navy too."

"WE DON'T TELL couples what to do. We just try to share our experiences with them. We believe in what we are doing. We've done it ourselves. We know it works," the Allens say.

"We've learned through experience. Our relationship didn't come to a screeching halt when he left this last time. Our preparation paid off. I felt our relationship and our lives were in order.

"Transfer them (responsibilities) as easily as you can so that you both are sure that the one taking on a new responsibility is at ease with it The couple recently began a community support program for other military families to help them over the rough spots by keeping them involved in community activities. (Staff photo)

and understands it. Try to have your relationship in the best shape that you possibly can.

The Allens encourage newlyweds or engaged couples to attend what they call a dialogue discussion evening. This consists of a short presentation covering a subject of concern to the couples. Finances, communication, family and fidelity are some subjects covered.

Maintaining a relationship during a separation is also discussed. The Allens wrote to each other three times during the week.

"WE WROTE ON Sunday on one of the three Mass readings (previously chosen) thus keeping up our Scripture dialogue. Then we wrote on Wednesdays and Fridays.

"Mary Ann had different couples in the community write letters to me so I got letters when no one else did," Allen said.

Allen made arrangements before hand to have flowers delivered to his wife on her birthday and her anniversary.

"THIS TIME FEELING the love, support and acceptance I did I could feel comfortable going alone to Encounter evenings, board meetings, potlucks and church functions," said Mrs. Allen.

She felt welcome and stopped thinking of herself as half a couple. "Just because we're apart doesn't make any less of a couple than before."

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ISSUES FACING CHURCH — A survey by Catholic Views Broadcast of New York shows that 30 percent of 600 tallied respondents think that weakened authority is the church's major problem, 29 percent said it was secular humanism and 21, abortion. CVB produces a national radio program, Views of the News.

TOLBERT AIDED ARCHBISHOP—Liberian President William R. Tolbert Jr., assassinated April 12 in a coup reportedly led by the Liberian army, was a major figure in negotiations which led to the 1979 release from prison of Archbishop Raymond Marie Tchidimbo of Conakry, Guinea. Archbishop Tchidimbo was sentenced in 1971 to life at hard labor for allegedly supporting an unsuccessfull. invasion of Guinea, which borders Liberia in West Africa.

'ABSCAM' DEFENSE FUND—Msgr. George Higgins, U.S. Catholic Conference secretary for special concerns, has joined other labor and civil rights groups in seeking funds for the legal defense of Rep. Frank Thompson (D-N.J.), implicated in the "ABSCAM" affair. Msgr. Higgins,

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 along with AFL-CIO president Lane Kirkland, NAACP president Benjamin Hooks, National Organization for Women chairperson Eleanor Smeal and performing arts producer Roger Stevens, signed a letter sent out to 5,000 national leaders seeking to establish a Frank Thompson Defense Fund.

DAY OF PRAYER—In a joint message, Australia's top religious leaders asked that April 25 be proclaimed a National Day of Prayer for peace, human rights, economic justice and the future of the Olympic Games.

EDUCATION PASTORAL PLANNED—The U.S. bishops have been mailed a proposed pastoral letter on higher education calling on all Catholics to do everything possible to preserve the role of Catholic colleges and universities. The bishops have been asked to submit comments on the letter to Bishop Thomas Kelly, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

ASSASSINATION PROTESTED — Mexico's leftists joined church leaders in protests against the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, El Salvador, and also called on the government to break relations with the Salvadorean junta as partially responsible for the violence in that country.

ABORTION FUNDING OKAYED—With only a slight modification, the Maryland General Assembly has approved for at least another year the state's controversial abortion funding provisions under which a woman's mental health can qualify her for a state-paid abortion.

GOVERNMENT AND FAMILIES — Government insensitivity toward families was the most frequently cited concern at White House Conference on Families hearings, chairman Jim Guy Tucker said. The findings were the result of seven regional hearings held to pinpoint issues important to families and to choose delegates to the three national-level conferences.

LITURGICAL RENEWAL — The involvement of bishops in liturgical renewal will be the subject of the national meeting of the Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions scheduled for Oct. 13-17 in Sun Valley, Idaho.

BISHOPS' ADVISERS CHOSEN—Two priests and two married persons will be the official advisers to the four U.S. bishops who attend this fall's world Synod of Bishops in Rome, according to the U.S. Catholic Conference.

KUNG STAYS AT TUBINGEN—Father Hans Kung, controversial Swiss-born priest whose right to teach as a Catholic theologian was suspended by the Vatican last December, said he will continue as a professor of ecumenical theology at the University of Tubingen, West Germany.

USCC SUPPORTS CUBAN REFUGEES—Bishop Thomas Kelly, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, has urged President Carter to issue an executive order which would allow quick entry into the United States for Cubans taking refuge at the Peruvian embassy in Havana. He also pledged USCC support in the resettlement of the Cuban nationals.

CRS STARTS ROMERO FUND—Bishop Edwin B. Broderick, Catholic Relief Services' executive director, has announced the establishment of the Archbishop Romero-El Salvador Memorial Relief Fund. This fund is in honor of the martyred Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero and will assist the victims of the brutal civil war in El Salvador.

ONE MILLION HOURS—Mercy Hospital and Medical Center, San Diego, and about 100 other hospital members of the national Cardiac Treatment Centers, Inc., have provided one million hours of exercise therapy for more than 20,000 cardiac patients.



HEARING CONFESSIONS—In an unprecedented move, Pope John Paul II sits in a confessional on Good Friday where he administered the Sacrament of Penance to 30 people. The pope said he wanted to emphasize the importance of the sacrament. (NC photo)

People

Father Adam J. Malda, general counsel and vice chancellor of the Pittsburgh, Pa., diocese, will become special counsel and canonist of the Catholic Health Association of the USA on June 1.

Father Frederick McManus, dean of graduate studies at Catholic University of America and widely known liturgist, was given the title of monsignor by Pope John Paul

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill, Jr., is the 1980 winner of Notre Dame University's Laetare Medal, oldest honor given to U.S. Catholics.

Lt. Gen. Thomas M. Rienzi, 61, retired after 42 years in the Army, became the first permanent deacon ordained in the Honolulu diocese.

Msgr. Leroy T. Matthiesen, editor of the West Texas Catholic, was appointed bishop of Amarillo, Texas.

Msgr. Oscar H. Lipscomb, chancellor of the Mobile, Ala., diocese, was elected diocesan administrator.

Franciscan Father Agnellus Andrew, vice president of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communication, was ordained a bishop in London.

Lynn V. Marshall was named director of communication, education and appeals by Catholic Relief Services in New York.

Dateline Vatican City

CITY OF FEAR — When the pope went to Turin April 13 he brought a message about fear, violence and the dehumanization of work—themes already familiar to residents of the terrorist-battered, factory-filled city.

More than one million people saw the pope during his visit, the first by a pontiff in 171 years. In homilies and talks to priests, Religious, youth, the elderly and the general Turin population, the pope spoke of the northeastern Italian city's current reputation as a city of fear and factories.

POPE RETURNS TO WORK — Pope John Paul II resumed a heavy schedule April 12 after a brief rest at the papal residence in Castelgandolfo, where he reportedly took his first swim of the year. Three U.S. senators and 10,000 Italian pilgrims were among the pope's visitors at the Vatican on the day before he traveled to the northern city of Turin for a more than 12-hour visit.

Sen. Joseph B. Biden (D-Del.), president of the Senate subcommittees for European affairs and (U.S.) criminal justice, headed the U.S. delegation, which also included Sen. Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) and Sen. Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.)

PEACE APPEAL SENT—Personal appeals for peace were sent by the pope to the four world leaders most directly involved in the Iranian hostage situation.

Father Romeo Panciroli, director of the Vatican press office, would not comment on the content of the messages to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim, Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr and the Ayatollah Khomeini, Iran's principal religious leader and ultimate authority.

But an English-language version of the papal message to Khomeini was broadcast April 12 on Radio Teheran, the Iranian national radio station.

HOMILY IN FOUR LANGUAGES — The pope delivered a four-language homily during an afternoon concelebrated Mass for more than 9,000 liturgical ministers from throughout Europe. Praising the work of the predominantly youthful crowd as servers, lectors, commentators and choir members, the pope switched from French to German to Italian to English during his sermon.

462 TALKS AND PAPERS—The speeches and public documents of Pope John Paul II in the first 257 days of his pontificate numbered 462, according to the recently published "Teaching of John Paul II." The book was printed in two volumes for the first time in Vatican history, despite the fact that it does not contain the teachings of a full year.

The first volume, 485 pages long, goes form Oct. 16, 1978, the date of his election as pope, to Dec. 31, 1978. The second, 1,729-page volume contains Pope John Paul's talks and writings from Jan. 1-June 30, 1979.

CHINESE MASS AIRED—"We think that many are listening, but we don't know how many," said Father Joseph Shi after Vatican Radio's first transmission of a Mass in the Chinese language. The Mass was celebrated in the Vatican Radio Chapel at 1:30 p.m. Rome time on Easter, corresponding to 7:30 p.m. in continental China.

A TRAVELING POPE—It appears that Pope John Paul will at least match last year's travel record in 1980. He will visit six African countries May 2-12 and France May 30-June 2. In addition, it is anticipated he will go to Brazil in July and the Philippines in November.

Parishioners make 18,700 rosaries for prisons, missions

SAN DIEGO — More than 18,700 rosaries made by some 20 parishioners of St. John the Evangelist parish were distributed to prisons, detention centers and missions throughout the nation and foreign countries last year.

Louise Sullivan, who started making rosaries 20 years ago, revived a rosary-making group in the parish in 1976 and it developed into the some 20-member St. John's Rosary Makers.

IN 1979 THE GROUP distributed 14,710 rosaries its members made. In addition, Mary Carlisle, an auxiliary member who works on her own, made an additional 3,012 rosaries that were sent out last year.

Among the recipients of the rosaries were Aid to Baja California, which helps support orphanages in Mexico, 6,200; Metropolitan Correctional Center, San Diego, 3,600, and La Mesa Prison, Tijuana, 1,200.

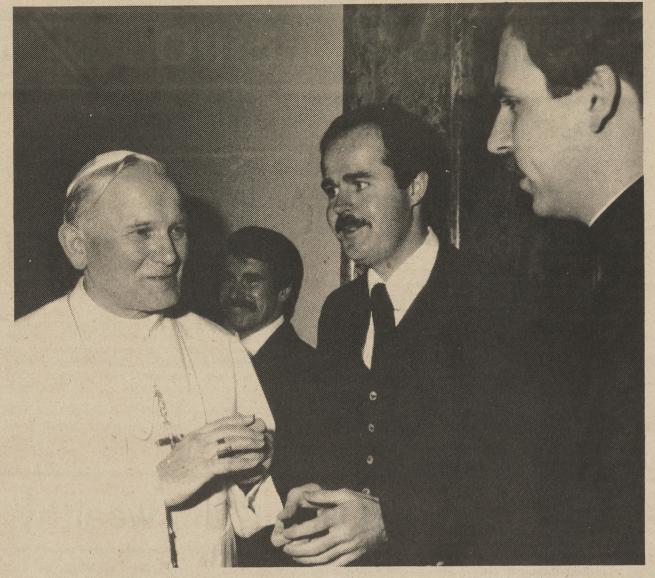
Mrs. Carlisle gave 900 of the rosaries she made to the diocesan Propagation of the Faith Office for distribution in the Philippines, and 1,500 to the Benedictine sisters in St. Louis, Mo., for distribution in foreign countries.

Others were sent to missions in the Yukon Territory and Yugoslavia.

THE MATERIALS are obtained from Our Lady of Rosary Makers in Louisville, Ky. Each of the plastic, cord rosaries costs about 10 cents to make, but that does not include

One pound of nylon cord, which will make about 475 rosaries, costs \$5.75. Forty cents worth of beads will make 10 rosaries and plastic crucifixes cost one-and-a-half

St. John's Rosary Makers has opened a fund for donations, which can be made out to the group and sent to Louise Sullivan, 4400 Campus, San Diego, 92116.



OUR SEMINARIANS MEET POPE—On his recent visit to the North American College in Rome, Pope John Paul II greets seminarians from the San Diego diocese studying theology at the college. From left

are Salvatore Cordileone (partially seen behind the pope), Ken Del Priore, Mike Murphy and Deacon Justin Langille. Not pictured are seminarians Ben Marcantonio and Bruce Osborn.



GOLDEN JUBILEE-Father William Cuddihy, left, pastor of Our Lady of Refuge, San Diego, and Bishop Leo T. center, Charles Overs following Mass last Sunday at the Pacific Beach church in thanksgiving of Father Overs' 50th

anniversary of his priestly ordination. Ordained in 1930 in Austria, Father Overs, following his retirement, has its creation three years ago. He has been in the diocese for 13 years. (Staff photo by Sally Arguilez)

USD law school marks 25th year, honors justice

T. Maher presented an honorary doctor of laws diploma to California Supreme Court Justice Matthew O. Tobriner April 14 during ceremonies marking the 25th anniversary of the University of San Diego School of Law.

After the honorary degree was conferred by Bishop Maher, Tobriner, who has been on the state bench for 18 years, spoke about concerns shared with university officials about

SAN DIEGO - Bishop Leo the Proposition 9 state income tax initiative.

> THE PROPOSAL, if approved by voters on June 3. might result in budget cuts for state colleges and universities.

Tobriner also addressed the recent efforts to have state appellate court judges elected by the public.

He said those efforts must be blocked if those judges are to remain free to hand down judgments which anger big business, labor and government, yet protect the individual.

IN THE PAST 25 years there has been an increasing judicial support for the right of the individual against the right of large institutions against which "the individual has historically been helpless," said Tobriner.

"But it is doubtful that judges could have done this if they had been subject to political attack in election campaigns," he said.

San Bernardino diocese to begin weekly paper

SAN BERNARDINO-The Diocese of San Bernardino will begin publishing a weekly newspaper Wednesday, April 23.

Bishop Phillip F. Straling has named Father James Fallon, who founded The Observer for the Monterey, Calif. diocese 12 years ago, as editor of THEnewsletter. He has also edited Catholic newspapers in Hong Kong.

THE WEEKLY replaces the monthly paper of the same name which the diocese started publishing in January as a prelude to starting a diocesan weekly.

The Southern Cross cotninued served the San Bernardino diocese from November, 1978, when it was established, to the end

The new diocesan weekly will begin reaching about 20,000 Catholic homes in Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

THE DIOCESE also plans to begin publishing soon a monthly newspaper in Spanish.

In annoucing the new weekly, Bishop Straling said the "diocesan newspaper in English and Spanish will be an important vehicle of communications in our diocese.

"Our intention is to keep the diocesan paper responsive to the needs of our people," the bishop said.

FATHER FALLON, who will continue serving as the Catholic chaplain at the San Bernardino County Medical Center, said:

"The purpose of THEnewsletter is to form, inform, inspire, and unite people of the local Church vice, New York, for its to the person and gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We hope to accomplish this weekly by objectively reporting national, international and local news," the editor said.

HE SAID they hope to achieve "an appropriate balance by blending articles of human interest, educational intent, inspirational content, notices of events and opportunities in a setting of graphic excel-

THEnewsletter will utilize National Catholic News Service, Washington, D.C., and Religious News Sernational and international

THE PAPER sponsored a contest for a name and from the 1,000 entries the five judges agreed with Mrs. Lora M. Easley of Rialto that the name should remain the same as the monthly publication.

The 79-year-old woman, who used to drive her son and his friend Phillip Straling (now the bishop) to grade school in Colton, was the only person to submit THEnewsletter name.

She won a trip for two to San Francisco.

Course to help ministers meet needs of Hispanics

SAN DIEGO—The Padre Hidalgo Center will sponsor in June its annual free, fiveweek Spanish-language course for priests, religious and laity serving the Hispanic community, according to Bishop Leo T. Maher.

"For the past eight years these summer classes have proved successful" to those ministering to Hispanics "by strengthening communications with Spanishspeaking Catholics," said Bishop Maher.

THE COURSE, which also includes a study of Mexican-American culture, seeks to increase understanding of Mexican-Americans, their attitudes, ways of expression and

culture, he said.

"I personally recommend to anyone interested in meeting pastoral needs of Hispanics that they participate in this program," the bishop said.

The course will be held June 30 through July 31 on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Our Lady's School. south campus, 744 Beardsley St., San Diego.

CLASSES WILL be offered at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels and will include optional field

Reservation applications must be returned by June 16. For applications or more information contact Rosa Maria Vega at 235-6291.

Editorial

God, family, country priority list misplaced

U.S. News & World Report recently conducted its Seventh Annual Survey "Who Runs America." The survey results indicated that the nation faces serious troubles and that few individuals see U.S. leaders rising to the challenge.

What interested us is the fact that not one religious leader was among the 30 individuals selected as the most influential Americans. In fact, activist Jesse Jackson was the only person mentioned in the survey who had any identity with a religious organization. His influence ranked him somewhere between 31 and 40.

Either the 1,569 U.S. citizens surveyed were unable to find a religious leader in today's society who inspires and influences people or they don't place much emphasis on religion and its effect on day-to-day living.

This disregard for the influence of religion is even more evident when we examined another segment of the U.S. News & World Report survey. The magazine asked persons taking part in the survey to assess 30 U.S. institutions "according to the amount of influence you think it has on decisions affecting the nation as a whole."

The result placed organized religion 28th on the list of 30. Only small businesses and movies have less influence than U.S. church organizations. Even the family did poorly,

finishing 26th, just two places above religious organizations.

The top 10 institutions listed were: The White House, television, large business, oil industry, Supreme Court, U.S. Senate, banks, federal bureaucracy, lobby and pressure groups, labor unions.

Somewhere along the line the God, family, and country priority list has been misplaced. We now have government, television, and big business.

Could it be that we are willing to let government solve our problems while we sit in front of the TV being entertained and lulled into a state of numbness by programs made possible by big business?

We agree, along with those individuals surveyed, that major problems are confronting this country.

We feel the answer to some of these problems might be staring us right in the face. By placing or renewing the emphasis on family life and religion in our daily lives, we might bring some semblance of order to our society. We might even find individuals who are willing to lead for the good of mankind rather than for the good of the almighty dollar

dollar.
We wonder if the country would be in turmoil if family life and religion were number one and two on the survey list rather than number 26 and 28.

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Sacramento Update_

By Richard Rodda

Jarvis II would aid wealthy, hurt poor

(First of two-part series)

Somebody has to be kidding! Proponents of Proposition 9 (Jarvis II) say it will reduce state income taxes most for those with the lowest incomes. Opponents charge it will give much more back to the rich than to the poor.

The "yes" forces predict a minimum impact on state services. The "no" campaign sees layoffs in the school, cuts in welfare, reductions in health care and so on.

SO, THE LINES are drawn again on a bitter tax controversy as the campaigns gear up for the June 3 statewide election. It comes down to the question of which side is more believable.

The arithmetic by itself, in my view, supports the opposition. Government even in a state as large as California cannot sustain a \$4 to \$5 billion annual loss of income tax revenue on top of a \$7 billion drop in property taxes (Proposition 13 of 1978) without serious consequences.

Retired legislative analyst A. Alan Post, who made a career out of telling the lawmakers they should reduce state

spending, sees it this way, too.

ADDRESSING a recent California School Boards Association audience, Post said Proposition 9 will take its toll in schools, Medi-Cal, welfare and property tax relief.

Now there is a bitter debate over whether state surpluses can be used to blunt the effect of Proposition 9. The Jarvis people contend there is plenty of state money to offset most of the anticipated revenue loss, but state officials say the surplus is about \$2 billion this year and will vanish next year.

In the meantime, it seemed to me appropriate to talk to someone on the firing line, so to speak, to get a first hand report on whether programs of the Jarvis type do more harm than good.

I found the answers in discussions with representatives of the California Conference of Catholic Charities and Sisters of Social Service, statewide groups aiding the handicapped, the poor, and the aged.

Here are some examples of agencies depending partially on public funds:

-Bayside Settlement, San Diego. A

senior citizens program in Linda Vista lost its funding due to Proposition 13; funds for services for Indo-Chinese refugees in the same community were cut off. Bayside Settlement now expects to lose a \$30,000 contract with the City of San Diego if Proposition 9 carries.

—**Stanford Settlement, Sacramento.**Proposition 13 resulted in a loss of staff, money and programs for the elderly and for youth. More programs will be dropped under a predicted loss of \$100,000, should Jarvis II be passed.

—Seniors' program, Los Angeles. Half the teachers in an adult education program for seniors were dropped; more cutbacks of teachers expected with Proposition 9.

— United Cerebral Palsy, Sacramento. The effects of 13 meant a loss of revenue sharing funds causing a cut in transportation and educational services. These examples can be multiplied a hundredfold throughout the state.

HERE IS A REPORT on the impact of 13 on Southern California public schools: 14,000 classified employees and 2,000 teachers have lost their jobs; summer

schools are almost a thing of the past; home-to-school transportation services have been curtailed; class sizes have been increased; school meal programs no longer are subsidized. Proposition 9 will make it worse.

"We have no place to go but down," commented one teacher. "Morale is very low. There is a feeling the public doesn't care anymore."

Father Alphonse Gallegas of the Division of Hispanic Affairs, California Catholic Conference, spoke of an adverse effect of Proposition 13 on the Hispanic population, saying programs for the needy, the aged and the children are involved. Other services hurt: medical clinics, food programs, English as a second language, and social welfare.

THE HOWARD JARVIS claim that the lower income taxpayers get the most savings out of his proposed 50 percent cut in state income tax is easy to disprove.

Actually, less than 20 percent of the taxpayers will get 60 percent of the reduction and millions of working people, senior citizens, and renters in the lowest income brackets will get nothing.

Lottors

Planned Parenthood 'proves its own failure'

Again this year the taxpayers learn that Planned Parenthood is granted increased use of their money. According to their submitted budget, PP of San Diego County this year will receive at least \$1,595,447 in local, state and federal funds.

Planned Parenthood is the only organization that can show statistics demonstrating their failure, and explain to the Board of Supervisors and other government agencies that they need more funding and get away with it!

Planned Parenthood started out a private, volunteer organization but they can no longer exist as such because the private sector does not approve of their philosophy and support it. Therefore PP has had to go to local, state and federal governments to fund their unacceptable programs.

In spite of the fact that PP of S.D. is now at least 82.5 percent funded by tax dollars, they continue to enjoy and reap all the benefits of a "private, volunteer organization" at taxpayer expense. (This percentage may be even higher because of additional applications made and usually granted.)

In 1978 this figure was 74 percent and in 1979 it was 78 percent so PP takes a

bigger bite of the tax dollar each year. Only 5.1 percent of their budget is listed as private source donations.

When Board of Supervisors members Roger Hedgecock and Lucille Moore voted for a cosmetic cut denying one portion of an additional grant request, that did little to reduce their acceptance of the overall increase in Planned Parenthood funding here.

Honest budget cutting would cease funding "proven-failure programs" like Planned Parenthood.

Joan S. Patton

Fertility awareness classes for youth

I would like to respond to some of the enquiries I have received regarding why I am giving monthly classes to single girls, aged 18 to 25, on fertility awareness.

In an effort at redirecting youth's thinking I would like to point out that our sexual beings are centered in the core of our personhood, in the center of our personality, consciousness, perception and reason.

All of these centers are in the human brain, not in our genital organs as we are

led to believe by the distorted view of sex portrayed by the news media today.

It may be helpful to youth to know that there is a link between our ability to create new life and our creative ability in the many fields of endeavor which lead to being a success in life. Medical science tells us that at puberty, with the onset of sexual hormones flowing in the bloodstream there also appears a sudden burst in I.Q.

The initial sexual urges that result from the presence of sexual hormones in the bloodstream are very confusing to youth. Mary Rosera Joyce in her book, "Can a Man and a Woman be Friends?", gives some helpful insights into these which I share in class.

These classes are geared to encourage youth to develop their sexuality so that they will be capable of spontaneous spiritual friendship between the sexes, a friendship which involves feelings of equality, esteem, affection and value sharing long before the choice of a life partner is made and the Sacrament of Marriage is received and consummated in physical sexual union.

Anne Fitch, RN San Diego

Pilgrimage sought for sick, poor

I make this appeal to the Christian charity, goodness and generosity of those of you who enjoy good health. These days advertisements galore cater for tours for the healthy and generally wealthy—forgotten are the helpless sick and poor.

Accordingly I ask for helpers, organizers, to join me in forming an American Catholic Sick Pilgrimage Association for the purposes of enabling sick and poor people to be taken to such places of pilgrimage as Lourdes, Fatima, Rome, Mexico City, etc.

If, as I hope, people are interested in the appeal, please communicate with me: 1303 West Lewis St., Apt. 1, San Diego, 92103; phone: 295-4414.

Thomas P. Kielty San Diego

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Looking for the Lord

By Father John Reedy, CSC

Some lives are marked by suffering

The letter told me of a death, a nervous breakdown and some other difficulties in a family which has been close to my own throughout my life.

As I think back over the years, I am bewildered by the number and severity of the hardships, the tragedies this family has experienced.

IF DIFFICULTIES OF this kind were distributed purely by chance, it would be impossible that one family could encounter so many.

In their own family life, these people echo that incredible series of tragedies which are a public part of the Kennedy family: the oldest Kennedy son dead in the war, a daughter retarded, two sons assassinated, a grandson requiring a leg amputation. It just doesn't seem to end.

And any effort to give a religious explanation makes God and the system of religious thought seem terribly cruel and capricious.

LORD KNOWS, I WOULD not try to offer Rose Kennedy any kind of an explanation

for all the suffering she has shared with her family. Nor do I attempt such an explanation with these friends of mine.

But one thing I have noticed in my personal association with people who have been afflicted with more than their share of trouble. Either tragedy comes to those who have exceptional human qualities...or the experience itself makes them exceptional in their strength and depth of character.

Literature is filled with stories of disasters which are too much for those involved. In literature, such people often break under the burden. They collapse mentally or emotionally; they become bitter and withdraw from all human development; some seek escape in suicide.

PERHAPS SUCH THINGS do happen in real life, but I haven't encountered them as a result of this kind of suffering.

On the contrary, I've seen an amazing strength in enduring the pain, a deepening of compassion and humanity, an

enrichment of faith and trust in God.

It may be that, through God's providence, such difficulties come only to those who can cope with them. On the other hand, it may be that many of us have reserves of goodness and faith of which we are unaware. Without such a test, we don't realize how much we can endure.

YEARS AGO, I read a story built around Lazarus after Jesus called him from the tomb. I don't remember the details, but the theme was how totally different Lazarus was after his return from the grave. The experience of death and the return to life gave him a different perspective on everything that later occurred.

Something similar seems to take place in the lives of these people who live through extraordinary pain in their lives. They seem different. More at peace. Less bothered by ordinary annoyances.

In some way, they seem more mature as human beings, often more mature as religious people. They seem to have

experienced a relationship with God not shared by those of us who have not gone through such trials.

WHEN I STARTED thinking about this subject, I didn't know what point I could make about these people whose lives are marked with suffering. I knew I didn't have an explanation for it, nor did I have any particular "lesson" to draw from it.

Looking over these paragraphs, I see that I have simply given attention to the reality; I've wondered about it, reflected on it—from a perspective of faith, I hope.

As I think about it, this is not a bad approach for the person who would consider life with religious reverence.

WE RESPECT GOD'S creation by looking at it carefully, as it is. We see that somehow God is mysteriously present in the lives we encounter.

We end our reflections not with answers, but with a sense of his mysterious presence, a respect for the richness which he seems to give to those who have endured suffering.

Talks with Parents

By Dolores Curran

Nestle committing corporate abortion

Few of us could stand by and watch a a pleasant picnic along a river if we saw a young mother with a malnourished baby come down to the river's edge, fill a bottle with polluted water, add some formula, and give it to her baby.

We might become genuinely angry if we discovered that the person who sold her the powder told her it was better for her baby than her own milk. And if enough of us got angry enough, we might band together to ban the seller.

THAT'S WHAT THE NESTLE boycott is all about...the "Baby Bottle Disease." Over 10 million Third World infants annually suffer disease or death because they are bottle fed instead of breast fed, a better-health promise sold poverty-level parents by a multi-national corporation that wants to sell more infant formula than health.

The process is simple. Free samples are

given to uneducated mothers of newborns. These mothers then go home, often over-dilute the formula and feed it to their babies. Sanitation problems, inadequate refrigeration, and lack of fuel for sterilization lead to contamination of the formula. After a few months of this, the baby languishes and dies.

Nestle, in time-honored free enterprise fashion, ignores that responsibility and asks instead, "Do you want to deprive poor children of food?" To me, that's as shallow as a pusher justifying drug sales on the basis of headache relief.

BUT NESTLE MAKES MONEY, a lot of money, and we live in a society that honors the free enterprise system. We also live in a Church that deplores the killing of infants before birth by abortion. What, then, is our responsibility to babies after birth? Babies in another country, poor, and

far enough away where we can't see them starve?

In this Year of the Family, I would like to see all of our pro-life and family-life organizations join forces with the 150 Catholic religious orders, the National Council of Churches and other groups that are boycotting Nestle-owned products. Not buying Nestle chocolate bars isn't enough. They're just a tiny part of this multi-national Swiss-based corporation.

Here are the products we must stop buying: Libby, McNeill and Libby products, all Stouffer products, restaurants, and hotels, Taster's Choice, Nescafe, QUIK, Nestea, CRUNCH, Nestle Chocolate, Maggi, Souptime, Swiss Knight cheese, Los Hermanos wines, Beechnut, L'oreal cosmetics, Lancome cosmetics, Crosse and Blackwell products, and Deer Park Mountain Spring Water.

We must picket such stores as openly as we picket abortion clinics. The only way this boycott can be effective against such a large company is stop purchasing at stores that carry Nestle products, if they refuse to remove them from their shelves. Churches should be especially careful not to buy any products at any stores carrying Nestle-owned products. That pinch will soon be felt.

In a David-Goliath style confrontation, there is a small and underfinanced group directing the boycott against this giant corporation: The Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFACT). Write them at 1701 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55414 for ways your DCCW, parish, prolife group, or self can raise the consciousness and consciences of people who care enough about the whole family of God to act against this corporate abortion of the already born.

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Let us offer friendship persistently

Any time any two people resound to each other in warm loving relationships, they are witnessing to the life of Christ within them. Perhaps that is why we make special efforts at times like Christmas and Easter to be more outgoing, more friendly and responsive to others.

This is not to suggest that all relationships that go under the name of love reflect Christ—far from it. Many so-called "classic" love stories are chronicles of adolescent emotionalism, possessiveness and appalling jealousy! Detached from Shakespeare's immortal verse, Romeo and Juliet are hardly impressive examples of mature love, and for all his impassioned stanzas, Dante's languishing fantasy of Beatrice is little better!

AND PERHAPS IT WOULD be wiser to gloss over David and Bathsheba, Paris and Helen, or Anthony and Cleopatra and the swathe of destruction they and others of their star-crossed ilk drew in their wake.

Love affairs and friendships in which Christ is a dominant partner may not be as dramatic and spectacular, but they illuminate quite a different scene. Instead of destroying, they build up. Instead of trying to bind exclusively, they offer each other freedom. Christ's love brings human love to perfection as it is expressed in our relationships.

If we are to reflect the deep friendship which he manifested and which is meant to characterize the Christian community, it must and can only be through our special friendships and loves.

MEN AND WOMEN IN all walks of life are intended to respond in love to each other—in the special love we call friendship—and so to come closer to the completion of their human development.

Friendships of this kind punctuate the history of the Church. There are St. Catherine of Siena and Blessed Raymond of Capua; St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Diana and Blessed Jordan; St. Dominic's successor; David and Jonathan; Ruth and Naomi.

In many cases one served as spiritual director to the other, as, for instance, St. Theresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross

and St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare. In every case their work and spiritual growth was facilitated, not threatened by their love. In each case, they left a legacy of exceptional value to the Church and inspiration for the rest of us.

IT WAS PRECISELY BECAUSE of their total consecration to Christ and commitment to the Father that they were capable of the profound love they shared. In their human need for a "special" love, a "special" friend, they could come into a unity which enhanced and strengthened their singleminded dedication.

Of course, we do not have to be saints to come to love selflessly and faithfully, but it is one way to become one! The saints, after all, did not wait for canonization before committing themselves to loving friendships, and may just have stumbled on the secret of sainthood! If we succeed in learning to exercise Christian love, sanctity must inevitably overtake us!

We need particularly to love and to love particularly. We need that special friend who sees in us a quality and potential that

and St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare. In others may not and with whom we may be every case their work and spiritual growth open and without pretense.

HEAVEN MUST BE FULL of unsung saints whose one claim to their halo is that they loved God so much that they overflowed with love for their fellows.

People who have trouble making and keeping friends or remaining faithful and self-giving in personal relationships will always have problems in their relationship with God, for the two are related. Jesus was not speaking idly when he said in effect, "If you love me, care for my people." Love for Him and love for one another are not separate imperatives, but together form the one crucial commandment.

It is a choice each person must make for himself or herself. No one, of course, can force another to love in return, but we can deny others the power to inhibit our own loving. We can be even friendly with those who reject friendship once we learn to adopt a more objective viewpoint.

AND IN TIME, PERHAPS, our friendship, persistently offered, might wear down their resistance.

Q and A_

By Father Warren J. Rouse, OFM

Communion in hand or on tongue

Q: I am confused about some recent statement by the pope. Are we supposed to stop receiving Communion in the hand?

A: Some—but not all—episcopal conferences requested and received permission for the option of Communion in the hand. While some writers here and there insist that the people in the United States did not want this permission, and that a vociferous minority was responsible for railroading the matter through Rome, it exists as an accomplished fact.

In his letter of Feb. 24 and promulgated on Holy Thursday, the pope alludes to the unhappy fact that "cases of a deplorable lack of respect have been reported, cases which are imputable not only to the individuals guilty of such behavior but also to the pastors of the church who have not been vigilant enough regarding the attitude of the faithful toward the Eucharist."

He also cites the instances where a particular celebrant or minister of Communion does not allow the faithful to exercise their legitimate preference for receiving on the tongue or in the hand.

On the positive side, he balances his negative remarks by saying that "this is in no way meant to refer to those who, receiving the Lord Jesus in the hand, do so

with profound reverence and devotion, in those countries where this practice has been authorized."

So the pope is not withdrawing the permission for Communion in the hand; what he is asking, even demanding, is that everyone approach the Communion table reverently.

Q: It seems to me that more people are receiving Communion today and less people are going to confession. Is this true and, if so, why?

A: The observation is correct and priests would definitely agree with this "phenomenon," since the hours assigned for this sacrament are often used for spiritual reading since there is sparse traffic around the reconciliation room!

The most authoritative and knowledgable commentator on this subject is the Holy Father himself, who explained: "Sometimes, indeed quite frequently, everybody participating in the eucharistic assembly goes to Communion; and on some such occasions, as experienced pastors confirm, there has not been due care to approach the sacrament of penance so as to purify one's conceinera"

science."

He readily admits that "this can of course mean that those approaching the

Lord's table find nothing on their conscience, according to the objective law of God, to keep them from this sublime and joyful act of being sacramentally united with Christ."

And immediately he pinpoints and describes the "come one, come all" attitude that is frequent today: "There can also be, at least at times, another idea behind this: the idea of the Mass as only a banquet, in which one shares by receiving the body of Christ in order to manifest, above all else, fraternal communion." So the banquet aspect of Mass becomes more important than the fact that it is also a sacrifice.

Therefore, "this phenomenon demands from us watchful attention and a theological and pastoral analysis guided by a great sense of responsibility.

"We cannot allow the life of our communities to lose the good quality of sensitiveness of Christian conscience, guided solely by respect for Christ who, when he is received in the Eucharist, should find in the heart of each of us a worthy abode."

Q: I notice a variety of stoles that are worn by priests at concelebrated Masses. What is the purpose of this vestment?

A: The basic vestments of the celebrant

are the chasuble and the alb; the rest of the trappings came along much later. The origin of the stole seems to go back to a special emblem worn by Roman authorities.

Since it finally was worn under the chasuble it was rarely seen until permission was given for concelebrants to vest just in alb and stole.

Robert Hovda makes the observation that probably "it was a commercial entrepreneur earlier in this century who decided that if he or she could somehow make the stole the principle vestment and the high-priced item, he or she could make a killing. At any rate, it happened."

He would also maintain that the problem with the stole is that it is merely ornamental: "Like the no-longer existing maniple, the stole seems to lack both a clear function and a strong claim."

As to the variety of stoles paraded back and forth at a concelebrated Mass, one can only stand in respectful admiration and gaze from afar at the greatest ecclesiastical fashion show this side of Paris.

(Please send your questions directly to Father Warren Rouse, Old Mission San Luis Rey, P.O. Box 407, San Luis Rey, CA 92068.)

Sunday Readings_

By Father Eugene H. Maly

The interesting puzzle of the Gospel

Third Sunday of Easter; April 20, 1980. Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41; Revelation 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.

The Gospel reading provides an interesting puzzle. Its solution will give a deeper understanding and appreciation of what the author is saying here.

The puzzle rests on the common conviction of scholars that the Gospel of John originally concluded with the preceding chapter. The tell-tale marks of such a conclusion are still present. The final verses of chapter 20 speak of the reasons why the author wrote his book.

HE EVEN SUGGESTS that he could have recorded other deeds of Jesus but feels that he had written enough to achieve his purpose, that is, to help people believe. Our present chapter, then, must be a later addition.

The puzzle is this: Why was the chapter added? We know that the addition was made by the person responsible for the final edition of the fourth Gospel. This

means that he was fully acquainted with the Gospel's message. Yet he felt that something more was needed to complete the message.

The reading records an appearance of Jesus at the lake of Galilee, the disciples' miraculous catch of fish at Jesus' direction, Peter's three-fold protestation of love and the Lord's commissioning of him to feed His lambs and sheep. Finally, there is an enigmatic prediction of Peter's martyrdom.

THE MESSAGE CONTAINED here is fairly obvious. The disciples must "catch fish" (the number 153 is certainly symbolic of a large number of converts). Peter will have a special role in caring for the people. He will also bear witness to the Lord by death.

Why the addition of this chapter, then? It is that faith in Jesus Christ, which was forcefully stated in the preceding chapter, must issue forth in ministry. That faith may even call for the supreme sacrifice, as it will for Peter.

In other words, the history of the Church is a vital, dynamic history. And that history is part of the Gospel, the "good news of salvation."

columns we noted that the resurrection of Jesus does not stand in isolation, as some mighty act of God to be marveled at from afar. No, the resurrection "does things." It has an on-going effect. It makes the history of the Church event-full. And that is precisely why our author added this chapter. It completes the Gospel by making it open to the future.

The first reading, from Acts, is a commentary on the Gospel. At least it shows in part how Jesus' prediction was fulfilled. The apostles, including Peter, are brought before the great court and reprimanded for their preaching. They are then whipped and released.

Suffering for the Gospel is just what Jesus had foretold. The reading only suggests that this is due to their having made many converts. But the context,

especially vv. 12-16, explicitly states that. In fact, we can say that Luke's account in these verses more than fulfills the Gospel's symbolic "153 fish."

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WE CAN SEE THAT the Jesus story has taken some strange and wondrous turns. Just when his disciples had come to believe in Him as the wonder-working messiah, He tells them of His coming passion and death.

Then, at the transfiguration, His resurrection is anticipated. But, once the resurrection takes place, there is word of suffering, even death, for His followers.

But neither is that the end. The second reading, from the book of Revelation, tells of final victory. The "thousands and tens of thousands" are those faithful witnesses to the Lamb of God who share in His glory. And that is our final destiny, yours and

SO, WHEN THAT AUTHOR added a final chapter to John's Gospel, he was opening up the Gospel's message to a truly rich and glorious future.

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world & national

Says priest who visited hostages

Cardinal to sell art objects to aid poor

FLORENCE, Italy (NC) — Cardinal Giovanni Benelli of Florence has put up for sale more than 140 art objects and other gifts he received during his years as a high Vatican official.

The proceeds from the sale will go to charitable causes, including help for Cambodian refugees and Italian drug addicts.

Most of the gifts were received from foreign diplomats and other dignitaries during Cardinal Benelli's years as papal undersecretary of state, one of the most powerful positions in the Vatican, under Pope Paul VI.

They include such items as hand-crafted rugs, ivory and wood carvings, lithographs, tapestries, and porcelain and silver objects.

The objects are on display during April in the cardinal's residence for viewing by potential buyers.

Cardinal Benelli said the proceeds from the sale would go into the Florence archdiocesan charities fund, which during its lenten campaign focused especially on refugee aid and programs to help drug

U.S. must consider Iran's demands

OMAHA, Neb. (NC)-The release of the 50 American hostages in Teheran depends on "serious consideration" of Iranian demands by the U.S. government, said the priest who visited the American embassy in Iran on Easter Sunday.

Oblate Father Darrell Rupiper, returning to Omaha after his second visit to Teheran, told an airport news conference April 11 that he has become more convinced than ever that the release of the hostages will not be facilitated by economic sanctions of threats of military action.

HE ALSO SAID he is about the possibility of release should U.S. policy on the crisis "continue in the same

roots, seminary training,

was discussed by Bishop

Richard J. Sklba, auxiliary

of Milwaukee. Today's

seminarians are experienc-

ing an identity crisis, he

Norbertine Father Alfred

McBride called on religious

educators to develop a

systematic religious teach-

ing, "with a beginning, a

All religious teaching

should prepare students to

celebrate the sacraments,

he said, and sacraments

should be made available

REDEMPTORIST Father

David Walsh told NCEA participants that there are

an estimated 34 million

handicapped people in the

United States and "about 8

million of these are Catho-

lics whose handicaps keep

them from enjoying the

fulness of their faith.

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to the students.



Father Rupiper

direction."

The conditions of release, he noted, have remained unchanged from the start: U.S. government admission of complicity "in crimes by the Shah's regime;" the return of the billions of dollars taken from Iran by the Shah, and agreement to the right of the Iranian people to put the Shah on trial.

Father Rupiper said it is "no secret" that the CIA helped set up SAVAK, "the dreaded secret police of the Shah," and helped train it in torture techniques.

"TENS OF thousands were systematically and brutally tortured in that regime," he said, adding that as many as 200,000 Iranians may have lost their lives during the Shah's 25year reign.

"I suggest that this type of activity is not American,' Father Rupiper said. "It is anti-Christian, anti-Judaic and anti-humanitarian.

"It would be good for the U.S. to admit complicity in this crisis," he said. "Doing so would not be a sign of humiliation or a sign of weakness. It would be a sign of integrity and greatness."

FATHER RUPIPER was in Teheran with two Methodist ministers-the Rev. Jack Bremer of Lawrence, Kan., Thompson of Kansas City, Bishop Marco Rene Revelo

Mo.-to celebrate Easter services for the hostages.

The trip was sponsored by the Committee for American-Iranian Crisis Resolution based in Law-

Father Rupiper, who works full-time on peace and justice issues in the archdiocese of Omaha, became associated with the committee through his involvement with Nebraskans for Peace and Pax Christi, an international Catholic peace movement.

HE WENT TO Teheran to visit the hostages in February as a member of a 50-delegate commission sponsored by the commit-

Because the Easter services were held for several hostages at a time over a period of more than five hours, Father Rupiper was not able to celebrate Mass for the Catholic them now.'

He said the Liturgy of the Word was held during each service and, for the benefit of the Catholics, the words of consecration were

Father Rupiper said more than half of the hostages he saw were Catholics and received Communion during the services. Several asked for absolution.

"WHILE DISCUSSION of the political situation between the United States and Iran and the status of the hostages was forbidden, Father Rupiper said some of the hostages discusses spiritual concerns, and reported that, as. a group, they "were close in sharing the religious faith."

Others told the priest "they had neglected God in the past but that he has become very important to

Family seen as key element to success of Catholic schools

NEW ORLEANS (NC)-The family is a key element in the success of Catholic schools, educators were told at the National Catholic (NCEA) convention in the New Orleans Superdome.

Family members make sacrifices for schools, evangelize one another, support the handicapped, and when parents are vide a solid source for religious learning by their children, speakers said.

"IMPROVING the quality of family relations and sexual relations is, in fact, Catholic education," Father Andrew Greeley said at the New Orleans convention, April 7-10. The convention theme was "Catholic educators, partners with the family.

The quality of marital satisfaction, including sexual intimacy, is directly linked to religious education influences of spouses on each other and on other family members, Father

Greeley said.

Jesuit Father Virgil Blum, president of the Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights, gave prelimin-Educational Association ary results of a study on inner-city schools.

"LOW-INCOME minority families, discriminated against by state and federal legislatures, by state and federal courts, make tremendous sacrifices to sexually happy, they pro- send their children to innercity schools," he said.

> The mission of Catholic educators is "to go about the making of community," Notre Dame de Namur Sister Mary Daniel Turner said at the convention.

The areas of pastoral ministry - evangelization, initiation and ongoing growth-are most often found in the family, which is the "church in miniature," said Dr. Christiane Brusselmans, a professor at the University of Louvain, Belgium.

ANOTHER PART of Catholic education with family

Friend of Abp. Romero chosen interim successor

SAN SALVADOR, EI Salvador (NC) - The bishop whom slain Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador called in times of crisis "my loyal friend" has been named apostolic administrator of San Salvador by Pope John Paul II.

BISHOP Arturo Rivera Damas of Santiago de Maria, a 56-year-old Salesian priest, who was for a time auxiliary to the archbishop, has an interim appointment, but enjoys full powers to run San Salvador, a violence-ridden See of 1.5 million Catholics.

He immediately confirmed in their posts as vicars two key men under and the Rev. Nelson his predecessor, Auxiliary

and Msgr. Ricardo Urioste.

Bishop Rivera pledged to continue "the pastoral work of preferential option for the poor" that the archbishop was implementing at the time of his assassination March 24.

UNLIKE HIM, however, Bishop Rivera seems to start his administration with the support of all the bishops of El Salvador and of the apostolic nuncio.

Archbishop Romero was often said to be waging a lonely struggle for the rights of the peasants and the urban workers. There were few joint pronouncements by the rest of the bishops after his pastoral letters and his Sunday

'Lily of the Mohawks' moves closer to sainthood

VATICAN CITY (NC)approved the beatification of Kateri Tekakwitha, the U.S. Indian known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," and of four other North and South Americans, NC News Service learned from sources in Rome.

It is believed the beatifications will take place in Rome June 22.

Kateri Tekakwitha, daughter of a Mohawk father and Algonquin mother, was born in 1656 in the Indian village of Ossernenon, (Auriesville, N.Y.), and died in 1680 at Caughnawaga in Canada.

She converted to Christianity in 1676 and took a private vow of virginity in 1679, a year before her death.

By the time she died, although she was only 24, she was already widely known for her austerity and

This member of the Iroquois nation was the first American Indian proposed for canonization. She was declared venerable in

Catholic views on **Dick Cavett show**

NEW YORK (NC)-Exploring the divergence of views among Catholics since Vatican II is the subject of "The Dick Cavett Show," airing Monday-Wednesday, April 21-23, at 7-7:30 p.m. on PBS television (channel 15 in San Diego)

A panel of "notable Catholics" will take part in all three shows.

For Catholic viewers, the issues discussed here are extremely important, but there is nothing new except in the clash of personalities holding different positions.

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Students write to hostage's family

SAN DIEGO - Letters leave the classroom of Jeanine Bennett daily enroute to the Pennsylvania family of an Iranian hostage in Teheran. The flow of letters began as a lenten project for 37 eighth graders at Blessed Sacrament School here.

To provide support and comfort to the family of 27year-old Michael Metrinko, the students write about their school activities and most recently, Easter holidays.

Metrinko is one of 50 hostages in Iran who has been held captive for more than 160 days in the American Embassy in Teheran.

The Metrinko family

members, who live in family. The pastor has where Michael served as an altar boy when he was younger, according to Brian Bennett, principal of Blessed Sacrament.

The students send the letters to the pastor, Msgr. Steven Hrynusk, who then delivers the letters to the

Olyphant, Pa., are parish-ioners of St. Cyril parish, since their son was taken hostage

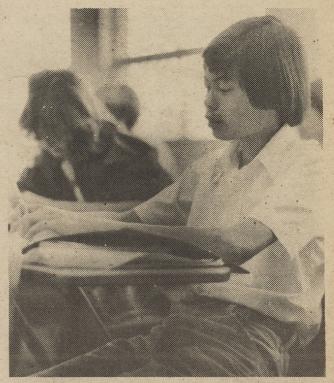
> Mrs. Bennett, the principal's wife, sets aside a period each morning for the project which began the second week in Lent.

Letter-writing groups were organized by Jenny Lad, student body president, so that seven letters are sent each day with students taking turns at writing, said Principal

"The students are very enthusiastic although it is difficult to write a letter each week. They are going to continue to write letters until there is a compromise in the Iranian crisis," he

Bennett keeps the students posted on the latest news about the hostages, particularly Metrinko, although many of the youths said they listen for news about him each night.

Many students also admitted to discouragement. They said they would like to receive a response, but regardless, the letters will continue to arrive at the Metrinko home.



HOSTAGE LETTER — Tinh Ngo, 13, an eighth grader at Blessed Sacrament School in San Diego, concentrates on his letter to the family of an Iranian hostage, Michael Metrinko. The letter-writing campaign began during the second week of Lent.



SCOUT CHAIRMAN - Bishop Leo T. Maher congratulates Howard Kay, who was recently appointed as chairman of the Catholic Committee on Scouting. Kay and his family are parishioners of Resurrection Church in Escondido where he is a special minister of the Eucharist. (Staff photo)

UPDATE ON CRISIS—Blessed Sacra-

ment School Principal Brian Bennett gives students an update on the hostage situation in Iran. Classroom teacher Jeanine Bennett sets aside

time each morning for students to complete short letters which are sent to the pastor of hostage Michael Metrinko's family in Pennsylvania. (Staff photos)

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Seminary,1667 Santa Paula Dr., near the University of San Diego. The women's retreat is

scheduled for April 25-27 at the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego.

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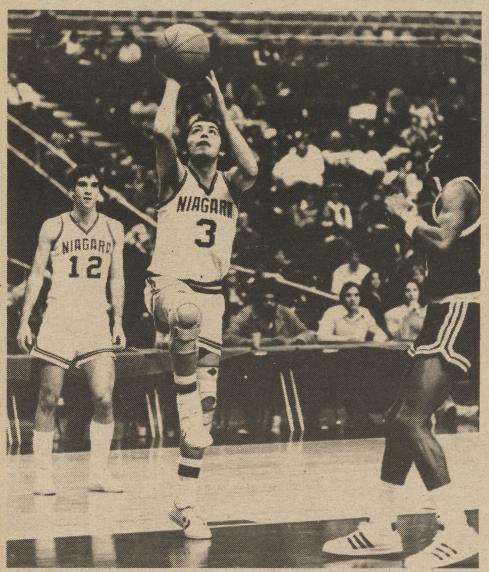
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ATHLETE LOSES BATTLE-Phil Scaffidi (3), star player for the Niagara University basketball team, wore heavy padding and knee braces in an

amazing comeback after a cancer operation, and even went on to break a school record for career assists. He died of cancer March 24. (NC photo)

Fans honor athlete who lost brave fight against cancer

BUFFALO, N.Y. (NC)-Phil Scaffidi's fans and friends will remember him for the victories he won in basketball, baseball, football, and track.

They will also remember him for the battle he lost against cancer.

Scaffidi, the captain of Niagara University's bas-ketball team, died March 24, less than two weeks shy of his 24th birthday. Despite the chemotherapy, the needles and the pain, friends and classmates saw Scaffidi as a winner in the fight to be an eternal optimist.

THEY ADDED various tributes to his memory, including the Scaffidi Memorial All-Star basketball tournament March 31 for the benefit of Roswell Park Memorial Institute where Scaffidi had been treated, and a scholarship in his name at Niagara.

During his final 15 months, Scaffidi refused to talk about the inevitable and was more interested in the problems of his friends and teammates than his own, they said.

After starting as guard for three seasons at Niagara, Scaffidi was sidelined by stomach pains in December 1978. He was flown to Denver for surgery in early January and underwent an eight-and-a-half-hour op-eration. He lost most of his liver, a kidney, his gall bladder, part of his diaphragm, and an adrenal gland that day.

DURING HIS recovery, Scaffidi told his friends and family he would someday return to the basketball court. Many doubted that he would even live until the

Scaffidi proved all doubters wrong. Wearing heavy padding around his upper body and bulky knee braces for the arthritis which had developed as a side effect of his cancer treatment, he returned to the court in December against Buffalo State College.

Scaffidi played and showed he was still a winner. He went on to set an all-time Niagara record for career assists. When he broke the old mark during a game against Cleveland State in January, he drew a dramatic standing ovation.

Martin Gleason, Niagara University sports information director, said, "I knew him for two years, but it seemed like I knew nim all his life. He was the most dynamic and positive person I have ever met.

THE YOUNG athlete also had a fling at professional baseball, playing for the

Bradenton farm club of the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1974 and for the Niagara Falls Pirates in 1976. Last fall he coached the Niagara University baseball team.

Scaffidi was considered one of the finest athletes ever to attend St. Joseph Collegiate Institute in Tonawanda, N.Y. He earned 13 varsity letters in four

He was an all-Catholic quarterback and one of the top 100-yard dash runners in the area. He pitched and played shortstop and first base in the pros.

BISHOP EDWARD D Head of Buffalo was the main celebrant at the Mass of Christian Burial for Phil Scaffidi in Amherst, N.Y., March 26.

Bishop Head said, "I saw Phil at Roswell recently In spite of knowing how sick he was and the pain he was in, he was still full of faith and positive thinking."

It was a eulogy which his fans and friends would understand.

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Teams, athletes show promise

Baseball season swinging

The baseball season for season, and is "an excellent our diocesan high schools is now into full swing, and teams as well as athletes are showing promise of future brilliance

A University High pitchvictories and is batting 350. St. Augustine can boast of an All-League standout who attracts "three or four" major league scouts to each game. And Marian High School has a pitcher who has tossed a one-hitter as well as two players batting over .550.

MIKE CORREIA is UniHi's of only 1.17. versatile diamond star. His win-loss record as a pitcher now stands at 5-0, his most recent victory being an 8-7 triumph in relief over Mission Bay last Saturday.

UniHi, currently holding a 2-0 City West league record, has a young team, but coach Dick Serrano is optimistic about playoff possibilities.

"If we get started off on the right foot, we'll be right up there (near the top of the standings," Serrano says. "We might surprise peo-

IN ADDITION to Correia, several other UniHi players have been hitting the ball well. Among them are Garr Millay, Tim Carroll, Nezi Balelo, and Everett Hernandez, according to Serrano.

St. Augustine's top major league prospect is batting only .185 so far, but coach Ferd Reed says there's a reason for shortstop Bob Santilli's slow start.

"Every game we go to, three or four big league scouts are watching him," he points out. "He's pressing himself too hard.'

SANTILLI, an All-League shortstop last year, hit .395 and batted in 22 runs last runner," according to Reed.

The Saints, though just 2-6 overall and winless in two City West outings, can find good power at the plate with hitters such as Ron Folcka er-second baseman has (.333), Rick Wilskie (.333), hurled five of the team's six and Jim Lindgren (.316), and fielding strength with third baseman Mark Sobelewski, described by Reed as "one of the best defensive third basemen in the league.'

> Reed is also high on pitcher Rick Goncalves, who is currently 1-1 and has an earned run average

COACH REED didn't speculate on the Saints' playoff chances, but he did mention another goal he had in mind.

"We're going to beat University this yeartwice," he says of the crosstown Catholic school

Joe Abrantes turned in a dazzling performance on the mound as he threw a one-hit, 9-1 victory over Southwest this month for Marian High. The win was his first of the year against one loss, matching the pitching mark of teammate Jeff Welch.

DISASTER has struck Marian in both losses. In an 8-6 setback to Mar Vista, the Crusaders committed seven errors, including five in one inning as six runs crossed the plate. And in a 14-7 beating at the hands of Bonita Vista, Marian hurl-ers let up six home runs all coming in a single inning after two outs.

Though the pitching occasionally falters, the batting is consistent. Marian hitters are averag-11 hits per game, led by John Rael (.558) and Art Calvert ("over .600").

"WE HIT the ball up the alley, then use our speed," says Marian coach John Gracio.

Gracio's "very young ballclub" has won half of its first four Metro League games, and he has high hopes of the squad earning one of the three postseason playoff berths allotted to Metro teams this

USD takes 3 from 49ers

The University of San Diego Toreros improved their Southern California Baseball Association record to 5-4 and their overall mark to 19-15-1 by sweeping a three-game series over Long Beach State last

USD hosted the first game on Friday, April 11, as the Toreros amassed 25 hits and scores seven firstinning runs enroute to a 17-1 clubbing of the 49ers. Jaime McDonald, now 4-2, allowed seven hits in hurling the victory.

In a Saturday doubleheader in Long Beach, Torero pitchers Marty Sturgeon (3-4) and Greg McSparran (7-2) each went the distance as USD bombed the 49ers 12-5 in the opener before completing the sweep with a 4-2 clincher in the nightcap.

The Toreros took full advantage of six Long Beach errors in running away with the first score, while outfielder Chris Alberico sliced a gamewinning two-run single in the seventh to seal the second win.

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Around the diocese

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Third annual Cinco de Mayo cocktail benefit sponsored by the past presidents unit of the Mercy Hospital and Medical Center Auxiliary, 5:30 p.m., May 2, Admiral Kidd Officers Club, San Diego. Tickets and details: 295-2349.

Concert

The Sacred Heart Choir under direction of Robert Paladino will perform "Requiem" by Gabriel Faure, April 20, 4 p.m., Sacred Heart Church, Coronado. Tickets \$4. Details: 435-4858

Daybreak weekend

Daybreak weekend (of Christian renewal) for 10-12th graders primarily from the South Bay area, April 25-27, Campus Life Beach House, Ocean Beach. Applications from CCD Office, St. Charles parish, Imperial Beach. Details: Julie Geis, 479-5616.

Deaf services

Religious education program for hearing-impaired youth moved from Holy Family parish, San Diego, to St. Mary Magdalene, San Diego. Details: 297-7110.

Education

Therapeutic Dimen-

sion of Dance," lecture by Tina McCarran, April 27, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Grace parish, El Cajon. Details: 469-5340, 447-

Pre-baptismal catechesis for Spanish-speaking, April 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, San Diego. Details: 297-7113.

"Christian Fathering," third of the Focus of the Family series, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis, Vista, and April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at Resurrection, Escondido. Details: 727-2122 743-7772, 745-1609, 724-

"Up the Down Image of Ministry," a talk by Father Neal Dolan, April 24, 7:30 p.m., St. Therese social center, San Diego.

Bible study on the Psalms by Father Jerry Bevilacqua, OSA on Mondays, 7:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, San Diego. Details: 574-1667, 223-5770.

"Shaping the Will Without Breaking the Spirit," second of Focus on the Family series, April 17, 7:30 p.m., St. Francis, Vista and on April 21, 7:30 p.m., at Resurrection Church, Escondido. Details: 745-1609. 724-5212, 727-2122, 743

Prayer meeting at San Diego State University Newman Center, April 22, 7 p.m., 5855 Hardy Ave., San Diego. Details: 583-9181.

Legal aid

Free legal help is available for senior citizens at the Downtown Senior Center, 945 C St., San Diego, Advice in areas of wills, social security, and other senior-related legal problems. Details: 239-7751.

Liturgy

Family Mass and parents' meeting with Father John Cuddigan, SJ, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., April 20, Salomon Hall, USD. Details: 297-7110.

The singing of the Liturgy of the Hours at the Benedictine Chapel of Perpetual Adoration is held at 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Participation by laity and others is welcomed

Eucharistic Holy Hour at the Benedictine Convent of Perpetual Adoration, April 20, 2 p.m., 3888 Paducah Dr., San Diego. Details: 274-1030.

Interpreted Masses for the deaf every Sunday, 8:45 a.m., St. Rose of Lima, Chula Vista and 9 a.m., Our Lady of Grace, El Caion.

"Christ in the Four Gospels, presentation by Father Stephen Dunn, 7:30 p.m., April St. Therese social center, San Diego. Details: 297-7117.

Organizations

Board for Educational Ministry meeting, April 22, 4 p.m., faculty dining room, DeSales Hall, USD. Open to the public.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Margaret, will hold a benefit chicken dinner, April 20, noon-5 p.m., St. Rose of Lima parish center, Chula Vista. Cost for adults \$3.50, children \$2.50. Details: 427-1662.

The Third Order of St. Dominic's monthly meeting, April 20, 1:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Church, Mira Mesa. Details: Father Aquinas Costello, OP, 295-2541.

Franciscan Secular Order meeting in the parish center adjacent to Mission San Luis Rey, April 20, 2 p.m.

Sixth Annual Book Sale, sponsored by Friends of the Library, University of San Diego, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 25 and 25, French Parlor, Founders Hall, USD campus, Alcala Park. Details: 291-6480.

San Diego Deanery meeting, April 21, 11 a.m., Holy Spirit parish, San Diego. Reserva-tions by April 17. Details: 264-2698, 284-0194.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Our Lady of San Diego #1878, is sponsoring bus trip to Huntington Botanical Gardens and Art Gallery on April 26. Reservations and details: 479-3776.

Franciscan secular meeting in parish center adjacent to the Mission San Luis Rey, 2 p.m., April 20.

Retreats

Daybreak retreat for hearingimpaired youth and young adults, April 25-26, Camp Caroline, Valley Center. Cost \$10. Registration and details: 297-7110, TTY or voice.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter scheduled April 18-20 and April 25-27, Old Mission San Luis Rey, near Oceanside. Reservations and details: 291Bishop Leo T. Maher:

Thursday, April 17, 4 p.m., Stockton, San Joaquin County Fairgrounds, Installation of Bishop Roger M. Mahony as bishop of the Stockton diocese.

Confirmations for April (at 5:30 p.m. except as indicated) Bishop Leo T. Maher:

Friday, April 18, Oceanside, Mary Star of the Sea. Sunday, April 20, San Diego, St. Michael. Monday, April 21, San Diego, St. Catherine Laboure. Tuesday, April 22, Chula Vista, St. Rose of Lima. Thursday, April 24, La Mesa, St. Martin. Friday, April 25, San Diego, Our Lady of the Rosary. Sunday, April 27, 3 p.m., San Diego, San Rafael.

Bishop Gilbert E. Chavez:

Friday, April 18, San Diego, St. Patrick. Monday, April 21, Jamul, St. Pius X. Wednesday, April 23, Chula Vista, St. Pius X. Thursday, April 24, Encinitas, St. John. Friday, April 25, San Diego, Holy Family.

Spanish youth encounter scheduled for April 25-27 at Camp Oliver, Descanso. Details: 297-7113.

Rummage sales

Rummage sale at St. Mary, National City, noon to 5 p.m. on April 18 and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on April 19, sponsored by Court Our Lady of San Diego #1878, Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Details: 479-

Rummage sale at Father Serra Hall, 2540 San Diego Ave., Old Town, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with half price sale until 4 p.m., April 19. Details: 276-

The Altar and Rose Society of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside, will hold a rummage sale from 9 a.m.-8 p.m., April 17 and 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., April 18. 13208 Lakeshore Dr., Lakeside. Details: 443-9687.

Seminars

Patrons, diocesan group for divorced Catholics, will hold a seminar from 12:30-5 p.m., April 19, St. Rose of Lima parish, Chula Vista. Details: 422-9130, 295-2745.

"Spirituality of Teresa of vila," with Father Ernest Larkin, O.Carm., April 25, 7-9 p.m., and April 26, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Salomon Lecture Hall, USD. Cost \$25. Registration and details: Sister Marleen,

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Holy Spirit seminar, eightweek course on sacred scripture, the sacraments, and the teachings of the Church, April 20, 7:30 p.m., Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon. Details: 462-5466, 465-4110, 466-2490.

Two one-day training sessions for persons involved in ministry to the aged, sponsored by Catholic Community Services, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on April 26 and May 27, St. Brigid conference room, 4735 Cass St., Pacific Beach. Cost \$7 per person. Pre-registration is required. Details: 231-2828, ext. 31, 34.

"Living in God's Family," a day of renewal sponsored by the charismatic groups of North County, 9 a.m. 4 p.m., April 19, San Luis Rey Mission parish auditorium. Details: 757-3651.

Workshops

Cantor training workshop with Father Nicolas Reveles and Sister Joanne Nicgorski, April 22 and 29, 7:30 p.m., Holy Family parish, San Diego. Cost \$15 per person, sponsored by Center for Liturgy and Prayer. Details: 298-7711.

Facilitating a parish scripture group with Peggy Wehe, sponsored by Adult Education Programs, April 19 from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Resurrection parish, Escondido, also April 24, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament parish, San Diego. Cost \$10. Registration and details: 297-7117

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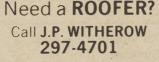
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Nuevo programa de televisión se transmitirá en español

(NC) - Como parte del compromiso "de desarrollar programas para educar a los católicos hispanos usando todos los medios de comunicación," se está planeando un programa de televisión en español en conjunción con el periódico hispano "El Visitante Dominical," dijo Adán Medrano, director del Centro de Comunicación en San Antonio, Texas, un centro financiado por los religiosos Oblatos de María

Medrano es productor de la nueva serie de televisión y director del semanario "El Visitante Dominical," único periódico católico en español a nivel nacional.

"VAMOS A enlazar los programas con el periódico," dijo Medrano en una entrevista telefónica. "Los programas serán educativos pero además serán

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esta semana se llevaron a cabo los funerales de la Sra. Paulina Maldonado, madre del Rydo. P. Emilio Maldonado, asociado al pastor de Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe en

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Movimiento Familiar Cristiano en San Diego dirigido a hispanos

SAN YSIDRO - El Movi- entre el esposo, la esposa y miento Familiar Cristiano es exactamente lo que dice que es. Es un movimiento laico de familias cristianas que se han unido para promover los valores humanos y cristianos de la familia. Pero aún llega mucho más allá que eso. El Movimiento Familiar Cristiano es también un esfuerzo por formar una comunidad que incorpore estos valores y esta fe en su vida diaria.

Un aspecto del Movimiento Familiar Cristiano es un programa de formación que enfoca en los problemas enfrentados por las famílias de habla hispana, según Miguel y Alicia Molina, quienes encabezan la organización hispana. Los Molina fueron elegidos presidentes del capítulo de la Diócesis de San Diego en enero.

"HAY 150 familias que participan en el programa a través de los condados de San Diego y el Valle Imperial," dijo Miguel Molina. Los Molina son la pareja coordinadora responsable de las actividades de la organización para la Diócesis de San Diego. También sirven de enlaze entre el capítulo diocesano y los niveles regional y nacional de la organiza-

"Nuestros esfuerzos están dirigidos enteramente a la familia," dijo Molina. "Tratamos de desarrollar comunicación

de Ntra. Sra. de Guadalupe el día 11 de abril a las 7

los hijos. Tenemos retiros familiares de fin de semana y encuentros matrimoniales para ayudar a las familias a que se conozcan entre sí.'

Las actividades se llevan a cabo enteramente en español para las familias hispanas, nos informó la Sra. Molina. También explicó que frecuentemente ellos asisten a los encuentros juveniles para exponer la importancia de la vocación al matrimonio y la familia.

LOS MOLINA visitan a los jóvenes y van a las sesiones regulares del grupo de miembros del Movimiento Familiar Cristiano como parte del esfuerzo para prevenir

problemas que seguido causan tensión en un matrimonio y para enseñarles a enfrentarse a ellos y resolverlos cuando ocur-

Los Molina, parroquianos de Ntra. Sra. del Monte Carmelo en San Ysidro, residen en la comunidad con sus seis hijos, Gustavo, Cecilia, Miguel Jr., Maricela, David y Alicia.

PARA MAS información sobre el Movimiento Familiar Cristiano comuníquese con cualquiera de los miembros de la Mesa Directiva, que son: presidentes - Miguel y Alicia Molina, 690-9111; vicepresidentes - David y Anita Castro, 428-2534; secretarios — Manuel y Manuela Varela, 690-1809.



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Hostage's mother says, 'The Lord's holding him'

PUEBLO, Colo. (NC) —"I miss him and I worry about him...but I know that the Lord is holding him and keeping him for me," said Mrs. Richard Gallegos, mother of Marine Cpl. William Gallegos, one of the 50 hostages being held by Iranian militants at the U.S. embassy in

It's difficult for Teresa Gallegos to talk about her son without tears welling up in her eyes, but she does, because she wants people to remember the hostages, to remember them all in their prayers.

"I REALLY BELIEVE in God, in prayer," she said. "I really don't know how it would be if I didn't pray...if I would be holding up.

"God has been so good to me. He's let me see Bill every so often on television before I go off the deep end, even though I can't touch him.

The Gallegos home in Pueblo, on a street of well-kept, modest homes, is easy to spot. A U.S. flag and a crepepaper yellow ribbon showing sympathy and support for the hostages wave from the wrought-iron porch columns.

I HAD ARRIVED at the Gallegos home a few minutes after a phone call from Chicago had informed the family that their son could be seen in an NBC news filmclip that evening on the 130th day of the U.S. hostages' captivity.

Dick Gallegos, the father, had come home early from his work as a forklift driver at the Pepsi Cola Bottling



Teresa Gallegos

"They're good people there," Teresa said of the Pepsi Cola plant. "They're some of the greatest people in this

DICK SAID THE company lets him off whenever something important happens — like his son's appearing on TV. And they paid his wages when he went to Washington for a gathering of the hostages' families, Dick said.

Before the program started, Mrs. Gallegos talked about her son, her feelings, her faith.

"At times you do get a little desperate," she said, "but you ask the Lord again and again to hold him and keep him well for you.'

She said that the hostage situation had made her "more religious."

"I ALWAYS HEARD people talk about praying to God and how God answers prayers, but I never knew what they meant. I'd go to church, say my prayers when crises came, but it wasn't a total day and night trust in

'When this happened, it's day and night. It just doesn't go away. For some reason, I feel Bill is holding his faith also."

In a recent letter she received from Bill, she said, the Marine told her, "The only one I have to trust in is God and he will deliver us when the time is

AS A CHILD, Bill was religious, Mrs. Gallegos said softly, with tears in her eyes. "He had a crucifix given to him when he was born. When he would get sick as a child, like when he would catch a cold, he would say, 'I feel awful. Please bring me my Jesus.' I'd get it for him, and then he'd fall asleep and later wake up and say, 'I'm

"I believe he's doing that now. When he left for Teheran I bought him a Christ medal, and I had inscribed on it: 'With love from Mom and Dad.' I gave it to him and told him, 'Never take it off!' I wonder if he's able to wear it now," she said.

The Gallegos have four children: Bill, 21; Ramon, 17; Letizia, 18; and Richard, 19.

THE NBC Evening News came on then, and a crew from KOAA-TV in Pueblo was there to film the family's brief reactions and comments on their son's appearance. The TV set had been brought into the small living room from the dining room.

"There's my baby," Teresa cried when Bill first appeared on TV. When it was obvious that the segment was over, she said, "Oh God, is that all?"

A few minutes later, more composed, she said, "I just thank the Lord. I do believe he does answer prayers. The Lord does answer prayers. I had wanted to see something again to show me Bill is fine. The Lord has answered my prayers.'

MRS. GALLEGOS has lost about 30 pounds since the seizure of the American hostages by Iranian militants. She had a slight stroke about a year ago and consequently has no side vision in her left eye. And she is on medication.

The family has received nearly 1,000 letters and cards from people saying they are praying for Bill Gallegos. "They send religious medals, prayers. All say the same thing—keep your faith," Teresa said.

DESCRIBING HOW she goes through her days, she said, "I cry a lot. I scream a lot. I take medication. I pray a lot. I just beg God - if that's the word. He must be listening."

(Fiedler is associate editor of The **Denver Catholic Register.)**

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