'Miracle of St. Januarius'

Naples — (RNS) — Alfonso Cardinal Castaldo, Archbishop of Naples, shows Neapolitan city fathers the relic containing the liquefied blood of Naples' patron saint, St. Januarius, while Marquis Glovanni Sanfelice waves a hankerchief to announce that the "miracle of St. Januarius" has occurred again. The blood of the saint is kept in two phials and is normally seen as a dark and solid mass. Annually, however, Ncapolitans gather in the city's cathedral to pray that the "miracle" of liquefaction will reoccur as it usually does. No natural explanation for the phenomenon has been found, although many have been advanced to explain the almost yearly occurance.

Madonna On

Postal Stamp

cials announced here.

Wellington — (RNS) — New

Why is it that so many

Catholic families ignore the

needs of their Catholic neigh-

bor who are in distress

through sickness or bad luck?

We are an elderly couple. My

wife is sickly, and in the past

10 years I have spent 8 long

periods in the hospital, yet

no one visits us, brings us any

food or eats, or even offers

to cut the lawn, for which I

am too poor to pay. The

Youth League of the nearby

Lutheran Church painted the

house of a sick Catholic

widow in the neighborhood

and still brings her flowers. I

hate to ask for help, but it

would be nice to receive some

attention. Are we getting too

busy to think about charity

Your questions touch a

broad, complex problem chal-

lenging modern Christians.

Herman, so my comments in

the brief space allotted me

will have to be somewhat

start by looking at some of

the special characteristics of

the problem as it presents it-

In the first place, the wide-

spread, constant mobility of

families has tended to weaken

neighborhood and parish.

About 20,000 families change

residence every day. During

of the population, changed

residence each year. This rep-

moved from one house to an-

other within the city or state.

ence over fifty per cent turn-

over of parishioners every

Some city parishes experi-

THIS FREQUENT moving

tends to snap or snarl the in-

tricate web of relationships lending significance to social

fort to become acquainted

with even their nextdoor

neighbors, since they fear

has taught them that it is

Protestant Prayer For Catholic Council

U.S. Protestants were advised to say the following prayer for the ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church about to begin in Rome. The proposed prayer is scheduled to be published in the Oct. 12 issue of Christianity Today, a conservative Protestant fortnightly.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Who hast commanded us to love and pray for all men, especially those of the household of faith, we now gladly pray Thy blessing upon the Second Vatican Council. May the Spirit of Jesus Christ endow all true brethren there, leading them into the paths of righteousness and into the ways of unity and peace. May the Body of Christ be healed of its sore divisions. May the world once more see that the Church is one even as Thou, O Father and Son, art one. May this Council take counsel with Thee. Work Thou Thy work, that all Christians may again be found in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of

Father, we pray for them and Thy Church by praying also for ourselves. We confess our own sins and fallures. We have been too little hurt by the divided Body of Christ too little have we prayed for our separated brethren. Through long centuries we have been too willing to accept things as they are. when we should have sought healing before Thy throne, believing that with Thee all things are

Bestow Thy blessing upon every believer that calls in truth upon Jesus Christ. Bless us that we may together confess one faith, and together bear witness to the redemption in Christ Jesus alone. Amen.

Unity, Workers' Rights Asked as Key to Peace

Buenos Aires - (NC) - An-the followers of Peron-ousted tomio Cardinal Caggiano has in 1955 after he adopted anticalled for the restoration of Church policies—are workers. national unity and recognition

Cardinal Caggiano flew back of workers' rights in this South to Buenos Aires (Sept. 24) American nation. along with 18 Argentina bish-The Archbishop of Buenos ops to be with his people during this period of strife. He Aires spoke as tension continued and the other prelates had been in Argentina following the re- in Rio de Janeiro on their way newed outbreak of violence to the ecumenical council at the

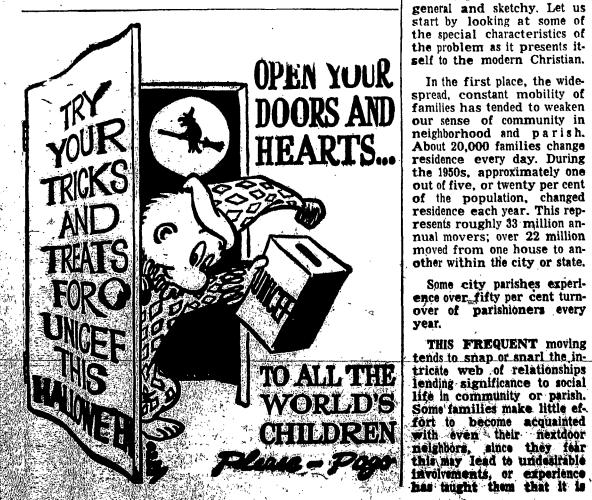
War Uncovers

Ravenna — (NC) — The

(Sept. 21) between contending Vatican. military fections for control of the government. Cardinal Caggiano blamed

"moral disorder for the nation's lilmess" and said that the coun-"moral disorder for the nation's try's stability must be based on the well being of its workers. He also called for the seventh International Congress speedy return to constitutional of Christian Archeology will be

held in Germany's Rhineland. For the past six months Ar- Delegates to the Sixth Congentina has been ruled by the gress which met here (Sept. 24 purpoet government of President to 28) voted unanimously to Jose Maria Guido which was accept the invitation of the Gerdominated by military leaders man Archeology Institute to where major program was to meet in the Rhineland. War keep the country out of the damages there have uncovered hands of followers of former many inportant early Christian President Juan Peron. Most of monuments.



Texas Rules **Public School** Prayers OK

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Austin - (RNS) - Prayers and Bible readings are permissible in Texas public schools as long as they are not officially prescribed or approved by the state government, the attorney general's office ruled here.

The opinion, written by Assistant Attorney General Pat Bailey and endorsed by Attorney General Will Wilson, was requested by state Education ommissioner Dr. J. W. Edgar.

Dr. Edgar sought a ruling on the legality of prayers said by eachers or students in schools or at football games and other school-sponsored public gatherings and of Bible readings in the schools. He noted that there state's schools.

prayer decision could not be has announced. interpreted to prohibit such upon any particular prayer or of the world. form of religious activity."

the ruling said.

It noted that the prayer

Modern Life Complicates Duty

Of Charity Due Fellowman

By FATHER JOHN L. THOMAS, S.J.

Sociology Professor St. Louis University

uselessly frustrating to iden-

tify too closely with friends

and neighborhoods that must

be abandoned shortly, or be-

cause modern means of com-

munication enable them to se-

lect their friends from other

A house or place of resi-

dence, to be sure, is the

physical point of contact

through which the family is

inserted into a local com-

munity or neighborhood, par-

ish and school, but it takes

time for communications to

be developed, for friendships

to be formed, for the new and

the strange to become mean-

ingful and familiar, for the

Although communities may

vary considerably in this re-

gard, the new result of the

mobility, complexity, and the

facility of communication

characteristic of modern liv-

ing has been to segment and

depersonalize large sectors of

By this I mean that the

average person must receive

services from and interact

with such a large number of

different people each day that

he tends to identify closely

with only a selected few, and

treats the others more or less

impersonally and as of in-

terest to himself only as an-

imated suppliers of a specific,

needed service or function.

This is a marked departure

from the all-inclusive, per-

sonally concerned, warmly

human relationships formerly

experienced in our less-com-

plex, static communities, and

constitutes one aspect of mod-

ern man's much - discussed

sense of alienation or feeling

of loneliness though living in

The changed conditions and

attitudes I have described,

Herman, are closely related to

your problem. In the busy

modern community, we are

normally aware only of our

friends and those with whom

we must deal — the elderly, sick, unemployed, and so on,

exist, as it were, alongside of real life. Moreover, particu-

larly since the Depression, the

human relations.

family to take roots.

communities.

Inferracial Group To Meet Monday

The Rochester Catholic Interracial Council will hold its first meeting of the autumn at Immaculate Conception parish hall Monday, Oct. 8, at 8 p.m.

A member of the Committee for Rufus Fairwell will speak and plans formulated for the year's pro-

Father Robert G. Kreckel, council chaplain, said all who are interested in promoting racial justice according to Christian principles, are invited to the Mon-

Clothing Drive In November

Washington — (NC) — The Catholic Bishops' 14th is no uniform policy directive annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection will take place covering these matters in the November 18 to 25, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, chairman of the

prayers or Bible reading "as In a letter to the Bishops of quake which affected so many long as there is no action by the United States, Archbishop areas during the past year," he the State of Texas or any of its O'Boyle emphasized the plight added. agencies or political subdi- and the continuing needs of the visions to compose, prescribe poor and afflicted in impovervisions to compose, prescribe, poor and afflicted in impover-support or place its approval ished and underprivileged areas generously to our annual ap-

"We are of the opinion that the value of the clothing col- are most anxious to cooperate the decision . . . is one of nar-lected each year in our annual in this yearly effort for the poor row implication rather than Thanksgiving appeal as far as overseas," he declared. broad and all-embracing scope," the poor and needy in distressed areas of the world are concerned," he said.

great increase of both vol-

untary and public organized

charity has tended to focus

our attention on group action

than on personal concern for

Yet the essential demands

unchanged. Organized pro-

grams of assistance are in-

must persistently and actively

us: "'Depart from me, ac-

cursed ones' . . . Then they

also will answer and say,

'Lord, when did we see thee

hungry, or thirsty, or a

stranger, or naked, or sick, or

in prison, and did not min-

ister to thee?' Then he will

answer them saying, 'Aman I

say to you, as long as you

did not do it for one of these

least ones, you did not do it

Surely the Savior's words

are clear enough! Nor do we

chiefly demands is our per-

sonal interest, attention and

kind of deep conviction and

keen awareness of our in-

herently personal obligations

in this regard that would

move us to develop some in-

genuity and insight in dis-

But perhops we are wrong

in emphasizing obligations in

relation to charity. Since the least one among those in

need, should we not speak

of charity as privilege? Once

Christ identifies Himself with

we grasp this truth, we can

begin to understand why the

saints remind us that in help-

ing others, we serve them humbly, as if we were on our

knees to receive a gift

for me'." (Matt. 25:41-46).

individual persons.

our neighbors.

The attorney general's opin-National Catholic Welfare Con-ion said the Supreme Court ference Administrative Board, many thousands deprived of everything in the numerous calamities of flood and earth-

> "The fact that each year our peal for clothing at Thanksgiv-"THERE IS NO measuring ing is ample evidence that they

As in previous years, the used clothing, shoes, blankets, bedding and other materials dowhich the Supreme Court ruled "Clothing that we were able nated during the Bishops' Zealand's Christmas postage unconstitutional had been writ- to ship as a result of last year's Thanksgiving Clothing Collecstamp will carry a reproduction ten by the New York Board of appeal made it possible for us tion will be processed, baled, of Sassoferrato's painting, "Ma-Regents and recommended by to assist the unclad and suffer-shipped abroad and distributed donna in Prayer," postal offi-the board for use in the state ing in countries of greatest by Catholic Relief Services need in nearly every quarter of NCWC, through its worldwide network of relief and rehabilitation projects and centers established in 67 countries. Catholic Relief Services -NCWC, the overseas aid agency of U.S. Catholics, is the largest private voluntary organization of its kind in the world.

Archbishop O'Boyle made special mention of the clothing sent by CRS—NCWC to victims of the earthquakes in Iran, Italy and Greece, the September typhoon in Hong Kong, where 75,000 were made homeless, and the recent disastrous flood in Spain. He called the clothing "a tremendous and vital help in their hour of

Flood Relief Sent Spain

Vatican City — (RNS)—Pope John XXIII sent a "substantial" sum to Barcelona, Spain, for the relief of victims of flash floods and torrential rain storms which killed hundreds and destroyed many homes and other buildings.

Along with the funds, the Pope sent a message to Archbishop Gregorio Modrego y Casaus, Bishop of Barcelona, expressing his deep grief over the lisastrous floods and resultant oss of life.

Unofficial estimates have placed the number of dead at between 350 and 400, with more than 1,000 injured. Some 1,500 homes were swept away, as well as many factories, bridges and other structures. Damage has been placed at above \$80,000,and social problems rather 000, and about 15,000 workers were left without jobs.

Vatican Radio of Christian charity remain Chides Pravda dispensable, of course, but

they are necessarily limited in content and reach, and in Vatican City - (RNS)-The no way free us from the ob-Vatican Radio said Russia's ligation to be personally con- leading Communist newspaper cerned with the welfare of has been obliged to admit that religion continues to be a strong force in the U.S.S.R. despite Because Christ has identithe determined efforts of athefied himself with the least istic propagandists there. one among our neighbors, we

The station commented on an seek Him out in His needs, editorial in which Pravda, pubas His terrifying description lished in Moscow, stressed the of the Last Judgment reminds need for intensifying the antireligious programs.

"Involuntarily," the Vatican Radio said, "Pravda let out a triple precious admission from the bag. Its appeal, as well as its slated objective, are an admission of the irresponsible force of religious feeling and faith among the Russian people and at the same time of the racial incompatibility prevailing between communism and religion."

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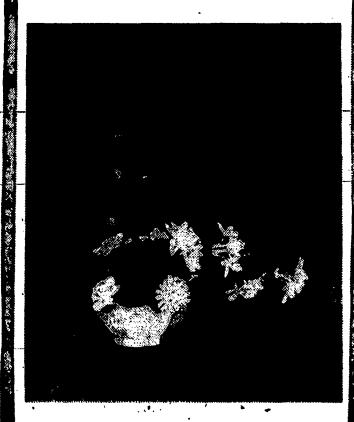
The November issue of Catholic Digest will be devoted entirely to the Ecumenical Council, and will feature views of leading Catholic, Protestant and covering the needs of our Jewish spokesmen on the worldwide assembly of the Roman Catholic hierarchy convening at the Vatican October 11.

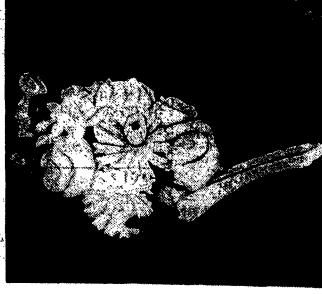
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