

Arriba Juntos Helps Lads Jump Cool

Brooklyn — (NC) — Hellburners—that's a typical name for a street gang. Jump cool—that means quitting a street gang.

"Arriba Juntos" (Forward Together)—that's the name of a parish-centered program in the Williamsburgh section of Brooklyn which has helped many a teenager to jump cool.

The program, geared to approach every area of life in a tough neighborhood, is the outgrowth of ideas and efforts of Father Matthew F. Foley, assistant director in the family division of the Brooklyn diocese's Catholic Charities.

FATHER FOLEY'S program radiates from Epiphany parish, located in a largely Spanish-speaking neighborhood, where he is in residence.

Arriba Juntos, built slowly over a two-year period around a core of volunteers, has brought the following results:

- Establishment of six boys' clubs with a total membership of 125.

- Organization of a program of individual counseling.
- Establishment of a far-reaching athletic program.

Father Foley has had great success in drawing hardened teenagers to various parish-centered activities that fall under the Arriba Juntos program. For example, the parish softball team included a boy who had spent seven months in a city prison, a former leader of the Hellburners and a former president of the Young Burners (two once powerful street gangs), and boys with problems ranging from alcoholism to broken families.

The approach of Arriba Juntos, Father Foley stresses, is that the entire neighborhood must become involved in a vigorous program of social action if the residents are to be helped in a concrete way.

"It makes no sense," he states, "to help a boy stop drinking for three weeks, and then have him wind up using nar-

cotics. We can help a boy jump cool, but that does little good if we cannot give him something to fill the vacuum left in his life."

That something may be in the form of the program's social activities, athletics, organized study days, remedial reading sessions or a credit union for young men and women beginning their working careers.

The program's volunteers, most of whom come from outside the Williamsburgh neighborhood, point out that it is not easy for a youngster to become a decent human being in an area where delinquency is widespread, narcotics usage and crime rates are high, and sexual promiscuity and alcoholism are everyday problems.

BUT DESPITE the odds, Arriba Juntos has made its impression on the neighborhood. It has also widened the range of contacts within the parish and has given the already overburdened parish priests addi-

tional resources for their parishioners.

"It is only through a far-reaching approach," says Father Foley, "that we can make successful inroads in the area. There is, of course, a great number of decent people with no problems living in the area, but it is our job to make these people take an active part in helping their friends and neighbors to attack the problems that plague the area right down the line."

The program has been hampered because of a lack of financial support and of full-time workers. But a recent government grant of \$51,834 from the National Institute of Mental Health has enabled Arriba Juntos to hire a full-time secretary, a group worker, case-worker, community organizer and remedial reading supervisor. Also on the staff now is a part-time secretary of volunteer services to coordinate the activities of the many volunteers connected with the program.



Father Ray Minder's Report for October

Pledge Payments—Catholic High Schools Fund Campaign—	Cash for Month—Sacred Heart Cathedral
Highest Amount of Cash to Date—	Sacred Heart Cathedral
Highest Percentage of Total Cash to Total Pledged Amount—	St. Joseph (Rochester)
Highest Percentage of Cash for Month to Total Amount Pledged—	Assumption, Fairport

Mission Family To Help Chile's Poor

Holliston, Mass. — (NC) — To serve God "for all he has done for us," a Catholic layman has sold his home here, packed as many possessions as he could in four duffel bags and set out with his wife and six children to work among the poor in Santiago, Chile.

Kevin O'Dwyer, 36-year-old (principal) in a public school here for 10 years, will work in Chile as a Catholic lay missionary for at least three years. The family is going to South America under sponsorship of the Techno Foundation, Inc., of White Plains, N.Y., an organization of Catholic laymen formed to meet the needs of the poor in Chile.

ODWYER is paying his own fare to Chile, as well as that of his wife and children. He will receive no pay and the family will rely on the charity of friends for their subsistence.

The children range in age from 14 months to 12 years. "They will be no problem," he said confidently. "They're young. They'll bounce with it. My wife is as eager as I am to go."

Why give up a good job, home and friends for such a precarious, difficult life? "We want to help arouse the spirit of social justice and love of neighbor and to encourage Chileans of good will to shoulder the existence of sub-human

conditions in some areas there," he answered.

Mrs. O'Dwyer added: "We're thrilled that we have been blessed with the opportunity to go."

Jesuit Wins Book Award

Washington — (RNS) — Father Harold C. Gardiner, S.J., staff editor in the field of literature for the New Catholic Encyclopedia under preparation at the Catholic University of America here has been named winner of the annual Campion Award of the Catholic Book Club.

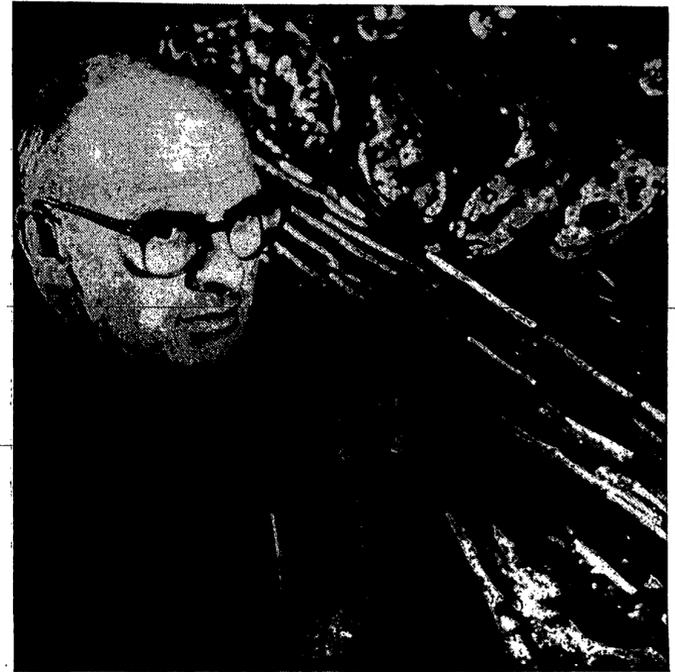
Courts Hear Battle On Pupils' Busses

Oklahoma City — (RNS) — A counter brief was filed with the Oklahoma Supreme Court here asking that it uphold a lower court order prohibiting Midwest City Catholic school children from riding on local public school busses.

The brief, filed by Oklahoma City lawyers on behalf of John L. Antone, a Midwest City resident, was in reply to one filed with the court last July 31 by attorneys for 10 parents whose children attend St. Philip Neri School in Midwest City.

The Catholic parents are seeking reversal of the order prohibiting public transportation of their children to parochial schools. They have argued that the parochial school performs a public function and that the bus rides are not for the benefit of the school or the church, but for the children, their parents and the community.

In reply, Mr. Antone's brief stated that providing public bus transportation to private school students violates the state constitution. It opposed the public welfare arguments of the parents, contending instead that the Midwest City case was part of an alleged "world-wide policy" and "national campaign" to "gain more than \$35,000,000 a year" from tax funds for the Catholic Church.



Human Ear and Man's Telephone

John C. Menihan, creator of the Rochester Telephone mural, is shown in his studio working on one of the eight components which comprise his tribute to man's ability to hear. The mural is in the new business office of the phone company in Rochester's Midtown Plaza area. Menihan dramatizes, in abstract forms, a microscopic element of the human ear — Corti's organ. This minute organ is contained in the cochlea of the ear. Its function is to sort sound waves according to frequency. Menihan then incorporated the telephone theme by actually constructing the mosaic with many materials and parts used in telephone equipment — plastic dials, symbolic telephone wire, phone speakers, etc.

Cure At Irish Shrine Studied

Knock, Ireland — (NC) — Eighteen doctors at Ireland's national Marian shrine here have examined the case of a cancer cure which reportedly is beyond scientific explanation.

The team of doctors, headed by Dr. George Maguire of Claremorris, chief medical officer at the shrine of Our Lady of Knock, studied the case of John Smith, 43, of Cavan. Smith, a cancer victim, made a pilgrimage (June 17) to the shrine and is now reportedly well.

The doctors said that the extraordinary degree of improvement justifies further examination into the possibility that it was a miracle.

Mrs. J. C. Coyne, who is in charge of the Handmaids of the Knock shrine, said that Smith "was staying at St. Joseph's Rest House, (run by the Handmaids), and it was after the blessing of the sick that his amazing recovery started."

"The pain and soreness of his face disappeared," she said, "and on the following day it began to heal up and he was completely cured."

Dutch Give To Missions

Utrecht — (NC) — Catholics gave \$864,365 in the Dutch Bishops' Lenten Campaign for Underdeveloped Countries. The money is being used for hospitals, seminaries, teachers colleges and the Catholic press in the missions of Latin America, Africa, the Near East and Asia.

Vatican Raps Mercy Killing

Vatican City — (RNS) — An official Vatican comment condemned as morally unjustifiable the "mercy killing" of a deformed baby by her mother. The woman was acquitted in a trial in Liege, Belgium, along with her own mother, her husband and a doctor.

The case was that of Mrs. Suzanne Vandepot, whose baby was born without arms after the mother took Thalidomide, the tranquilizer which had been blamed for other cases of deformities in babies. She was reported as having admitted feeding poisoned milk to the eight-day-old child after having held conferences with members of her family.

The Vatican statement, broadcast later by the Vatican Radio in many languages, said it was "impossible to understand the subjective folly of a mother who kills."

'Nuremberg' Wins Award

Assisi — (NC) — The International Catholic Film Office has given its grand prize for 1962 to an American film, "Judgment at Nuremberg."

An office's jury selected the picture from a group of nine films during a session here. Films which have received a festival prize during the current year and films proposed by international film commissions are considered for the award.

The jury said that "Judgment at Nuremberg" attempts to discover individual responsibility in the framework of collective guilt and that it advocates a society which guarantees human dignity and freedom of conscience.

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