

# Peanuts

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tion" in understanding the modern-day parables to be found in the works of modern-day artists.

In a well-documented tour through the world of "Peanuts" he offers sample perceptions, ranging from a chapter titled "The Wages of Sin is 'Aaugh!'" to one in which he compares the dog Snoopy to the Hound of Heaven.

SOME SAMPLE observations given by Short:

● On Original Sin: In one strip, Linus marvels at his hands, exulting that these are the hands that may one day accomplish great things: build might bridges, heal the sick, hit a home run, write soul stirring novels, change the course of destiny. His sister Lucy takes a look at Linus' hands and says only, "They've got jelly on them."

● The Spirit Is Willing, But... Charlie Brown tells Lucy that "all it would take to make me happy is to have someone say he likes me." Lucy replies, "I don't think that's asking too much... I really don't." Lines of dialogue like that go back and forth between Charlie Brown and Lucy for several panels; then, when Charlie Brown expectantly awaits Lucy's kind words, she looks at him and sighs: "I can't do it."

● The Hound of Heaven: Linus' security blanket—a symbol for man's false gods—is constantly being yanked away by Snoopy, who claims he uses his nose "to smell out faults not immediately discernible to the eye."

Far-fetched? "If the Church fails to use the divine imagination given to it to see the unseen, and see 'sermons in stone and good in everything,' to see 'that all that passes to corruption is a parable,' as Karl Barth has put it, it will constantly be embarrassed by a world capable of far more imagination than the Church itself," replies Short.

And as if to support those who see theological and spiritual dimensions behind the comic shell of "Peanuts," plans have been announced for the first feature-length movie starring Charlie Brown. Its title—inspired by the drama on St. Thomas More—will be: "A Boy for All Seasons." (Catholic Press Features)



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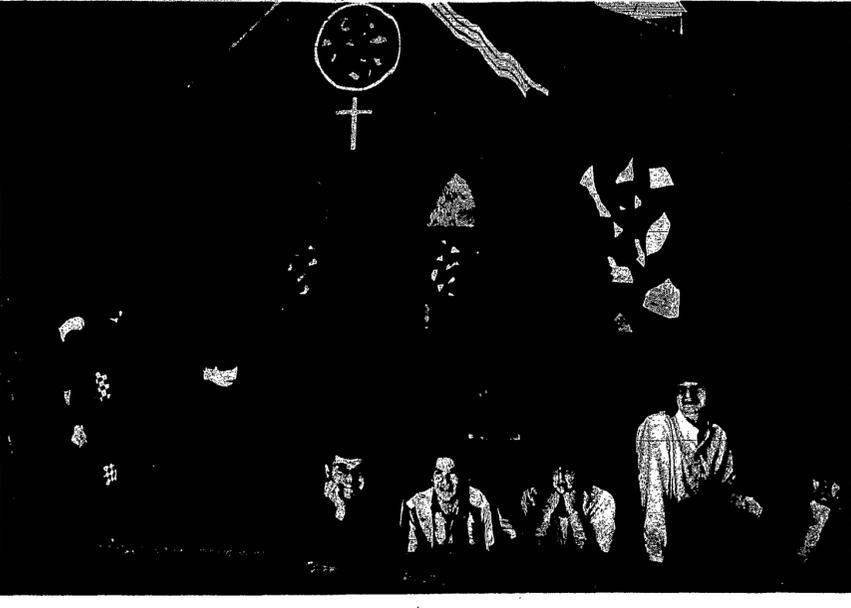
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## The Gospels by Teenagers

Here's a new way to study the Gospels. youngsters of year-old Holy Spirit parish in Penfield, the parish includes Gary Har-garther, David Hoysic, Laurie Vella, Georgina Ratkovic and Shirley Wrablewski. The parish is using Mercy High School auditorium for Sunday Mass while their church is being built. Their first presentation was held recently. The theme for this first dis-

### New Parish

## No Church or Boundaries

Oklahoma City — (NC) — A parish without territorial boundaries or property has been established in the diocese of Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Bishop Victor J. Reed has appointed Father William F. Nerin of Edmond, Okla., as spiritual leader for the "parish," to be known as the Community of John XXIII. It will be created largely from membership of existing parishes in northwest Oklahoma City. But members will be accepted from any area, according to Paul F. Sprehe, a spokesman for the group which sought Bishop Reed's permission for the experiment. Sprehe said that Father Nerin will have the use of a rented office and will receive a salary and car expenses. The priest will be expected to supplement his income with a part-time job, Sprehe added, since his parish salary will be quite low. The Community of John XXIII was conceived to offset the large size and consequent anonymous character of life in existing parishes, Sprehe said. Mass will be celebrated in a rented room at Bishop McGuinn High School, with three-hour services. Included in the worship will be a homily, group discussions, committee reports and discussions of Catholic action. It was understood that the parish will operate by vote. Actions to be taken by the community will be subject to a vote during the Sunday meetings, and majority opinion will rule. Emphasis will be divided between Christian effort by the community as a whole and individual participation in various civic activities. It was emphasized by the group that it has no plans to incur debt for a permanent structure of its own. Instead, it plans to use only rental property. Fifty are involved thus far in the parish experiment. It is planned to have membership to 75 families.

### Memorial Rite Held for Slain Clergyman

New York — (RNS)—About 600 friends, co-workers and associates of Dr. Robert W. Spike attended a simple, moving service in Riverside church here to honor the memory of the clergyman and prominent civil rights leader slain in Columbus, Ohio, on Oct. 17.

Sponsored by the National Council of Churches, which Dr. Spike served as the first director of the Commission on Religion and Race, the service was attended by several government officials and leaders of Roman Catholic, Jewish and secular civil rights groups as well as top NCC Protestant, Anglican and Orthodox figures.

The late United Church of Christ clergyman's accomplishments in social action areas, particularly the civil rights struggle, were underscored throughout the service and highlighted in a eulogy offered by Dr. Truman B. Douglass of New York, executive vice-president of the United Church's Board for Homeland Ministries.

Emphasizing Dr. Spike's conviction that the church must play a vital role in the world, Dr. Douglass said that at one of their last conversations — during the Church and Society conference in Geneva, Switzerland, last Summer — there was "an exhilaration about Bob."

"You could see," he said, "that he had caught a fresh glimpse of the church of his dreams."

### Jews Honor Belgian Priest

Jerusalem — (RNS) — A Cypress tree was planted on a memorial mountain near Jerusalem in honor of a Belgian Roman Catholic priest who saved many Jews, predominantly children, from falling into the hands of the Nazis during World War II.

Msgr. Andre Meunier, in Israel as the guest of the Israel-Belgium Friendship Association, was also given a medal as a "Just of the Nations" by the Yadashem Holocaust Memorial Foundation.

Msgr. Meunier was rector of the Liege diocesan seminary when he risked his life to help Jewish victims of persecution during the Nazi occupation. Later, when he was made parish priest in Malmédy, he continued to give help to the persecuted.

In acknowledging the tributes paid him, Msgr. Meunier, who is now vicar general of the Liege diocese, stressed he had only tried to do his Christian duty and felt he had not done enough.

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JAMES A. FARLEY  
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October 25, 1966

Dear Friend:

In this rather confused political year in which many traditional loyalties have been shattered, there is one candidate as to whom there can be no confusion or doubt - New York State Comptroller Arthur Levitt.

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I strongly feel that all of us should vigorously support this outstanding human being who has served as the people's independent auditor in both Republican and Democratic administrations since 1954.

Sincerely,  
James A. Farley

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## Women to Clergy Adv

West Paterson — (NC) —  
Lawrence B. Casey of P.  
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Speaking at the annu-  
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The bishop said it v  
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