



Priests place their hands on heads of young candidates during ordination ceremony at Cathedral. Ten young men were ordained.



Bishop Sheen and ten new priests say Mass together at Cathedral altar.



Bishop Sheen anoints hands of young priests at Cathedral rite last Saturday morning.

So Many Distractions! Pope Speaks 'To The Wind'

Vatican City. — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, addressing thousands of pilgrims at his weekly general audience, bewailed the fact that often he feels he has preached "to the wind."

To many people, too often, ignore religious instruction, he told the pilgrims.

"We see your great sorrow," he said, "in seeing that people today do not listen to us, and frequently ignore religious instruction to the point that we sometimes feel we are talking to the wind."

"The vortex of modern life so attracts and overwhelms the men of our times with conflicting passions, thoughts, images and desires that it seems that they have no time for the announcements of Christ."

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Priests for Tomorrow

Seminarians Are Dynamic

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This will be the final article in the series, Priests for Tomorrow. I write on the subject indicated because it will sort of summarize the total outlook and hopefully answer some of the questions expressed about seminarians of today.

There is at least a tendency today to judge 97% of teenagers by the bad publicity received by the other three percent. I suspect that the same thing is at least somewhat true of seminarians. When we read about protests and rebellions around the country we tend to think that all seminarians are disobedient, arrogant, undisciplined and overly critical of their elders.

This judgment is no doubt true of a small percentage of seminarians but even these tend by their actions to move themselves inexorably toward the door.

What is the seminarian of today really like? Perhaps he could be accused of prejudice, but I like what I see very much. In fact there are many times when I sincerely wish that I could have been like them.

The first word that comes to my mind about seminarians of today is dynamism. They are very much alive to themselves, to the mission of the Church, to the world, to people. Some old-timers complain about the fact that they are too interested in this business of "finding their identity" of being individuals, of seeking to exercise initiative. Apart from the fact that they are the children of their time when existential philosophy has had a very practical and powerful impact on our society, I think these characteristics are wonderful if channeled and guided to their proper ends. In fact, I think they are nothing short of the operation of the Spirit in the Church.

The more individual we are, the more we seek to be creative, the more we reflect the image of God in ourselves. The fear, of course, is that this individuality will develop and be exercised outside the context of society, particularly that of the Church, and with little or no regard for other persons. This, I feel, is a groundless fear, because while concerned about their individuality, these seminarians also know that "no man is an island" and that it is only within the context of society with its rules and restrictions that they can be truly effective. It is the arbitrary and useless restrictions which they chafe against.

If there is one thing the seminarian of today is, he is concerned for the other. He is concerned about the problems of individual persons, of communities, as well as personal world problems: peace, hunger, disease, and poverty. This is proven very conclusively by the eagerness of seminarians to help — in "big brother" programs, in tutoring, in inner city work, in catechizing, in any program which can help underprivileged or handicapped persons. He will willingly surrender huge portions of his free time to participate in these programs, not just on a one shot basis, but rather week after week and month after month.

In Becket Hall there are only a few seminarians who have not taken on at least one major project of this type. He is, gen-

above represents an accurate picture of the general directions our seminarians are taking and I am frankly optimistic. Individual incidents or cases could be cited to prove me wrong, but such have no probative value relative to the over-all picture.

To sum it all up, I think the priesthood of the future will be in good hands, that the true aggiornamento in the Church will really begin with them, that the Church will have a new vigor and openness stemming from Pope John's opening the door to them. In saying all this I do not depreciate my own priesthood or that of any of my contemporaries. It is simply that each of us has his own time and place and I think there will simply be the rocketing of the New Pentecost.

A by-product of this is that the average seminarian is a very open young man, sincerely interested in people and what concerns them. Contrary to past times, it is the very shy seminarian who has the biggest problem adjusting to the program, and even he sees the necessity and makes the effort to "go out to others."

Another facet of the seminarian today is his feverish search for truth. He will not simply accept preconceived formulae as final, but must search until the truth becomes a very part of himself.

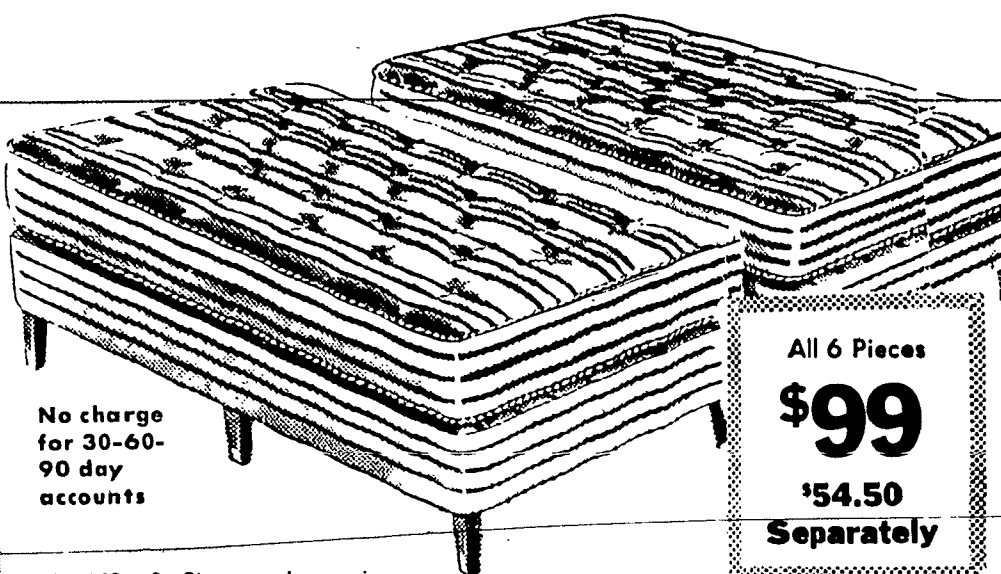
He is taught to do this in all humility, not saying, "I don't know the answer so there couldn't be one" but rather "There's an answer some place and I'm not going to give up until I find it." In terms of developing understanding, depth, an appreciation of other people's difficulties, I think this is invaluable. It is a wonderful antidote for smugness, narrowness, arrogance, and bigotry.

Most of the above must sound very polyanna, overly-optimistic, if not just terribly one-sided. I am well aware, probably more than most, of the weaknesses of seminarians. They are for one thing, terribly impatient to get to the job, which tends at times to make them intolerant of mistakes in those who are now carrying the ball. They have more chances to make mistakes and so probably do make more than we ever did. Their assets have corresponding dangers, but isn't every advance accompanied by some risk?

In any case, I think that the

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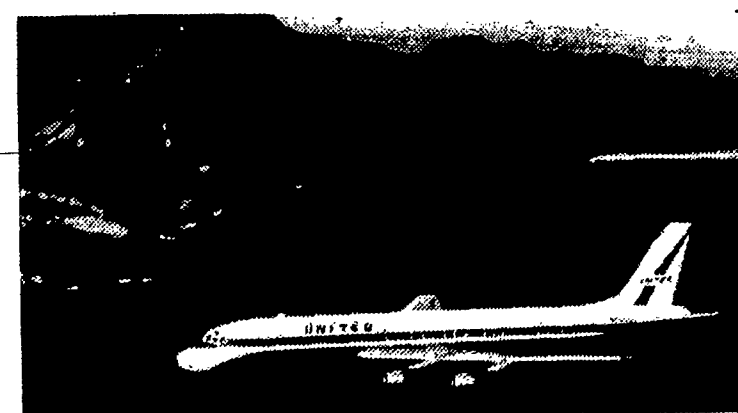
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