God's World

Lay Women Are Also Emerging

By DENNIS J. GEANEY, class of people beneath his so-ware of them as seducers. Ter-late with them any more than cial status as a man. If we study tullian saw woman as "the gate we do people below us in social his relationship with women of hell." She is the fishing pole status. 0.S.A. against the Jewish culture, we the devil uses to cause man's

know what Christ taught, St. the Christian teaching amusing and pathetic. Paul, the fathers of the Church, on -womanhood, it is simple: gians, spiritual writers, or par-women are fully human. ish priests?"

Church who saw women as

answers.'

Let us begin with Our Blessed exercise authority over men; pedestal, we do not have to re- to each other as persons. and she is to keep quiet.' Lord. Christ came on the scene This practice contradicts the when women were human chattel, non-persons. We think of principle. What he is doing is the virgin birth against this enforcing the pre-Christian Jewbackground. ish mores or the Law. However,

This was God's dramatic and if we understand Christianity as something emerging or evolv-This was God's dramatic and mysterious way of drawing at-tention to mankind for all ages that women are persons. How could he have pointed up the issue more forcefully? It would be like the Holy Family taking up residence in a high-rise low.

This is not a hang-up for me. income housing project to draw attention to their concern for Christianity's cultural expres- from Aug. 24 to 27.) sion will always be something the poor.

ted her to lavish her affection the contradiction to pass judgeupon him. At Jacob's well, he ment on ourselves as Christians. conversed at length with the

despised Samaritan woman as They Viewed with, Alarm though she were his equal. "His The period of the fathers of disciples returned, 'What do you want from her?' Or, 'Why the Church, which reaches to gians, educators and sociologists are you talking to her?' " His the fifth century, is one of the stressed the urgent need for relationships with women are richest in theological undersummed up by John: "Jesus standing of Christianity. In with inner-city residents and oved Martha and her sister.

Christ vs. His Culture

One must read these narra- their culture. tives to catch the warmth of

human feeling he expressed in When they were not extolling Mary Michael O'Shaughnessy of Church and government toward patronization of women as a they were telling men to be-

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What does the Church teach about the status of women? Sounds like a foolish question, does it not! Multiple does the foolish question, does it not! Multiple does it not ! M A young theologian friend of does it not womanhood. The ascetics, in four longing the begin womanhood. The ascetics is to bridge than the Negrow white being the work of the second of women as he did the second of women. If we want to summarize being the world of women. St. the C h r is t i an teaching amusing and nathetic.

difference in color or culture. The same fathers of the Whether his thesis has any

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It is in the application of this temptresses extolled virginity merit or not, I do know that principle that we get hung-up in the most glowing terms. It men and women fear a rela-Another way of answering St. Paul, for example, affirms seemed that they had to put tionship with each other as the question would be: "The that, "in Christ are neither male women above them or below peers and try many devices to answer is not simple or cate- or female," and that, "neither them. They could not accept prevent confrontations. Overgorical. You must tell me what is man independent of woman them as peers as did Christ. It coming our differences and recentury or what part of the nor woman independent of man is the way we deal with lating to each other totally as world you might want to know in the Lord." But when he Negroes. We say that if they persons is the arduous work of about. This teaching, like others, translates this into cultural pat-would all become Jackie Rob-love which married people may is culturally conditioned and terns, women seem to have an insons or a Senator Edward never achieve in a life time. offers a rich variety of inferior status. He says, "I do Brooke, we would accept them. We employ all kinds of stratanot allow women to teach or to If we imprison people on a gems to avoid opening ourselves

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(Following is a rounding-up pointed out that the enemy has of the 15th Christian Family "a call upon our concern" too. Movement convention held at

"I'm related to my enemy as the University of Notre Dame <u>a m</u>an, as a fellow human being," he said. Notre Dame — (NC)

Christ taught by deed rather than from a podium. He shock-ed Simon when he welcomed in mersed in our culture that than street woman and permit. the street woman and permit we can only, with difficulty, see immediately were voiced here stead they seek to "love and to 4,500 members at the 15th serve."

Christian Family Movement convention.

dealing with women, these doc- their problems in 24 seminars on "Building Community tors of the church, in spite of their theological greatness. Through Religion and Politics" at the University of Notre were not able to emerge from Dame.

New Orleans, co-author of a social change, the very contro- lems, there was the increasing- help establish production and controversial new "Word and versial Father Camilo Torres ly great city ward movement of consumer cooperat ives. Worship" catechism some Cath- went into the mountains in No- the campesinos, industrializaolics are trying to have banned vember, 1965, where he joined tion, and the organization of

blunt appraisal of why Chris-Four months later, on Feb. Church to act. tians have failed to meet so-15, 1966, Father Torres was ciety's needs. killed in a skirmish with gov-

"Community, a never-ending ernment troops with a smoking struggle- to achieve oneness rifle in his hands. with the needs of others," said

S.J., with the help of many par with it as a means of communi-What Father Torres and per- ish priests, formed a workers' cation with the members of his HELP WANTED FEMALE that was based on Catho narish who were scattered over

lic social doctrine.

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young Union of Colombian his people, Father Salcedo re

Workers (UTC) survived. To placed his short sermons and

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New York City — James R. Dumpson, dean of the School of Social Service, Fordham University and former New York City Commissioner of Welfare (left) and Harold F. Hamilton at Overse as Press Club, New York City, recently announced formation of CURB (Citizens United for Repeal of

Blaine). Mr. Dumpson and Mrs. Roy Wilkins are cochairmen of CURB which will work for quality education for all minority children in New York State. shingles. windstorm problems, shin-gles permanently sealed, tile and slate roofs repaired. Free estimates, fully insured. Cameron Gilbert, 254-7655. Lawmakers, authors, theolo-gians, educators and sociologists Church in Colombia

Much Done, Much to Do

Bogota - (NC) - Frustrat- 'by "homesteaders" and their ex-, counts more than 75,000 members with over \$2 million in d by what he thought was op- pulsion during the 1930s.

savings. A sister organization. In addition to these prob- UCOPAN, has been formed to



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at St. Mary's Dominican Colinaps many others "has regressed to the is that the Church is very much ghetto mentality of the Old interested in social change, the development of the masses of underprivileged and a better Augustinian Father Gregory distribution of wealth in Colom- favor of the communist labor

Baum, widely read theologian bia. Although there is still a organization, Father Andrade's at the University of Toronto great deal to be done, the Cath-(Ont.). said "The Church must olic Church is now doing much go to the world and listen, and for the socio-economic developit must listen to all people ment of this country. Ninety-eight per cent of Co "If man hasn't learned how lombia's 17 million population to listen — which means in a is Catholic, at least nominally

small way dying to self-love- The Church therefore, is an imday and nothing will happen, mendous potential for effecting been instrumental act action (UNESCO) and other institusocio-economic betterment.

Jesuit Father John L. Thomas, research associate with the ligious staff over 1,400 parishes, bers but also in agrarian re be tried in Latin America. Cambridge (Mass.) Center for two universities and 710 high form and the formation of the Social Studies, said "we must schools, as well as many other Inter-American Regional Orbe able to put ourselves in the religious institutions. shoes of others to build a bet-Great potential for bringing ter community."

about socio-economic changes White people have daily pass lies in these structures alone. influence in the socio-economic d the Negro ghettoes in large ities, he said, but have never throughout her history has inrealized the plight the Negro terested herself in the develop-

Fearing a communist feder- takes charge as a "teacher's ment of the whole man, ma-"In St. Louis rats bite chil- terial as well as spiritual. It ation in 1946, the rural pastors, helper" and a radio school is dren," he said. "I wonder if was not until 1944, however, with the guidance of the Napeople really understand what with the foundation of the Na- tional Coordinating Commission, tional Coordinating Commission hurried to transform the tradi-

for Catholic Social Action by tional village mutual help soci-U.S. Rep. John Brademas of the Bishops' Conference, that eties into agrarian syndicates. Indiana, asserted that "the the transition from a social asbreakdown of a sense of com munity is a thread running tation, which was favorable to unions and village federations. through the enormous prob the status quo, to a more dyna- FANAL today successfully replems besetting American cities mic and democratic movement of Catholic social action was made. The function of the com-

He said too many middle made. The function of the comclass Americans do not realize mission is to assist and oriencies.

tate the different organizations Through the continued efforts states as a result of the radio especially Negroes, feel locked of Catholic social action. The of FANAL, over 100,000 acres school propaganda. bishops gave the Jesuits charge have been distributed to 5,000 of that function.

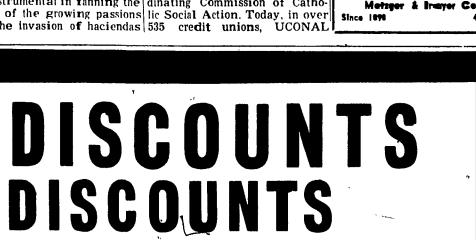
workers.

rural families for farming done admittedly, but the The bishops had reason-to be FANAL's training courses for Church in Colom bia has defi-especially concerned at that made its voice on influential

time. They could well remember the conflict in the banana zone in 1928 when 100 strikers were defined at that in a strikers were and the voice an influential fore it.

massive failure in communica tion which exists between the in 1928, when 100 strikers were The National Cooperative killed by the army. inner city and non-inner city Union (UCONAL) is another

The Colombian Communist movement that owes its origin Katherine B. Oettinger, chie: party was founded in 1930 and to the Church's National Coor of the children's bureau, U.S was instrumental in fanning the dinating Commission of Cathoflames of the growing passions lic Social Action. Today, in over tion and Welfare, stressed the after the invasion of haciendas 535 credit unions, UCONAL



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About 20,000 priests and Re- protecting the rights of its mem- adult education program ever to Today, 11 stations transmit ganization of Workers (ORIT) classes in reading, writing, arithmetic, domestic »conomics, for all of Latin America. agriculture, hygierne and other Another example of Church subjects.

The farm worker can buy a The Church in Colombia Federation (FANAL) for farm receiver synchronized with one of the ACPO stations for about \$20. One person im each village founded. The organization is done in and through the rural parishes

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