



Father, There's Fish in the Font

Curacao—(NC)—“There were a stream, complete with fresh fish in the River Jordan, and that's why there are fish in my baptismal font,” explained Dominican Father C. Kruidenberg, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes parish on this Caribbean island, a half hour by air from Caracas, Venezuela.

The Dutch West Indies priest has built an eye-catching modern church and runs an eye-opening modern parish.

The visitor's attention is immediately drawn to the huge baptistry at the back of the church. The baptismal font is 40 feet long, laid in a winding, ground-level trough to resemble

around the inside walls of the church, there are a series of wide concrete steps, as in a stadium, not for sitting but for standing. Wooden pews fill the shell-shaped nave of the church, but he pointed out that a lot of people like to stand. So he provides a sort of bleachers for them to see better.

A huge tabernacle, made in the Netherlands, tops the main altar. Father Kruidenberg uses thick, round, brown hosts, which the people cannot mistake for anything other than bread.

His confessional is another innovation. It consists of an air-conditioned room with two

doors. There is no place to kneel, as there are only chairs on either side of a partial partition. The Dominican priest says that the people love to be able to talk with the priest comfortably.

He is the only priest at the parish, which numbers about 6,000 people. Confessional lines get pretty long for one man, and on big occasions Father Kruidenberg gives general absolution, mentioning that the people can make individual confessions later, if they care to.

He said that this method has brought many back to an active practice of their faith.

Dutch Bishop Likes New Catechism

Rotterdam, The Netherlands—(NC)—Speaking of the controversial new Dutch catechism, Bishop Martien Antoon Jansen of Rotterdam said it is an aid to finding the right way to salvation and that “there will never again be a catechism which says that things are definitely thus and so.”

These remarks were made in tape-recorded interviews with young members of the diocese.

“Renewal must go on,” the bishop said. “We are on our way and are looking for the truth,” he added, stressing the personal responsibility of each of the faithful to find his own answer to many questions.

The bishop said also that he does not think it impossible that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass may be abolished some day. “But then,” he said, “personal responsibility comes in and exhorts us to place ourselves before God, and here holy Mass keeps its central place.”

Bishop Jansen said finally that he had not attended a so-called “beat Mass.” But, he said, “according to what I have heard about it, I can say that it must be something good. It may be a way to get young people into church.”

Yugoslav Church Plight Improves

Chicago—(NC)—Byzantine-rite Archbishop Gabriel Bukatko, apostolic administrator of Krizevci, Yugoslavia, said here that the religious situation in his communist-ruled country is steadily improving.

Relations between Yugoslavia and the Vatican have improved, although a concordat seems remote, he said in an interview with the Eastern Rite Information Service. At the present time there is an agreement which allows the apostolic delegate, Archbishop Mario Cagna, to reside in Bilorhorod. The Yugoslav government has a delegate in Vatican City. However,

certain questions have not yet been answered, he said.

When asked what these questions were, the archbishop mentioned that the Church does not have any printing presses, students of theology and priests are not considered equal with other students in regard to military service; and at present certain Church property is still occupied by people who do not belong there.

The archbishop went on to say that people attended services quite freely, although for some categories of citizens it is forbidden by law or custom.

The Church has more opportunities to publish its literature than it had just after the war, the archbishop added. He commented that conditions for religious life in Yugoslavia are much better than they are in other communist countries and that there are many priests and vocations to the religious life.

According to the archbishop, there are 63,000 Catholics and 65 priests in his See. There are also a number of Religious priests—three Basilians, three Salesians, and seven Lazarists—and 110 nuns, including Ba-

silians, Sister Servants and Eucharistines.

Archbishop Bukatko also remarked that there is a steady movement of the population from villages to cities, which requires changes in pastoral services and church organizations.

Scholar Honored

Silver Spring, Md.—(NC)—Father John L. McKenzie, S.J., prominent Scripture scholar and professor of Old Testament at the University of Notre Dame, has received the 1967 Cardinal Spellman Award of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

Helping Handicapped to Confess

Newark, N.J.—(RNS)—This demonstration shows how the booklet, “Confession Aid for Children,” may be used by the handicapped to communicate with their confessor. Helping a boy learn its uses Father Edward J. Hayes of Newark who shared in the book's preparation by the archdiocesan special education department. The illustrated, 32-page pamphlet also may be used by any child as a visual aid in learning his first confession. The book is brought by the child to the confessional box and he points to those pictures which illustrate the common sins he has committed.

Church Schools Face Closing

Dhanbad, India—(NC)—India's education minister has declared that it is not permissible for any state government to nationalize convent schools where courses are taught in the English language.

Education minister of Triguana Sen told a press conference in this Bihar town that it is not legal and constitutional for any state authority to close convent schools that use English as medium of instruction.

Bishops Support Tax Credit Plan

The statement led to speculation that Bihar's ruling United Front had approached the central government for clearance for legislative moves to close down such schools, many of which are Catholic-sponsored, in the state.

A principal constituent of the Front is the Jan Sangh party which is committed to the total replacement of English by Hindi throughout the country.

Indianapolis—(NC)—The six Catholic bishops of Indiana have issued a joint statement commending the new state law which grants tax credit for individual and corporate gifts to colleges and universities.

Earlier this year the Indiana General Assembly passed enabling legislation, which makes Indiana the first state in the nation to enact the tax-credit plan.

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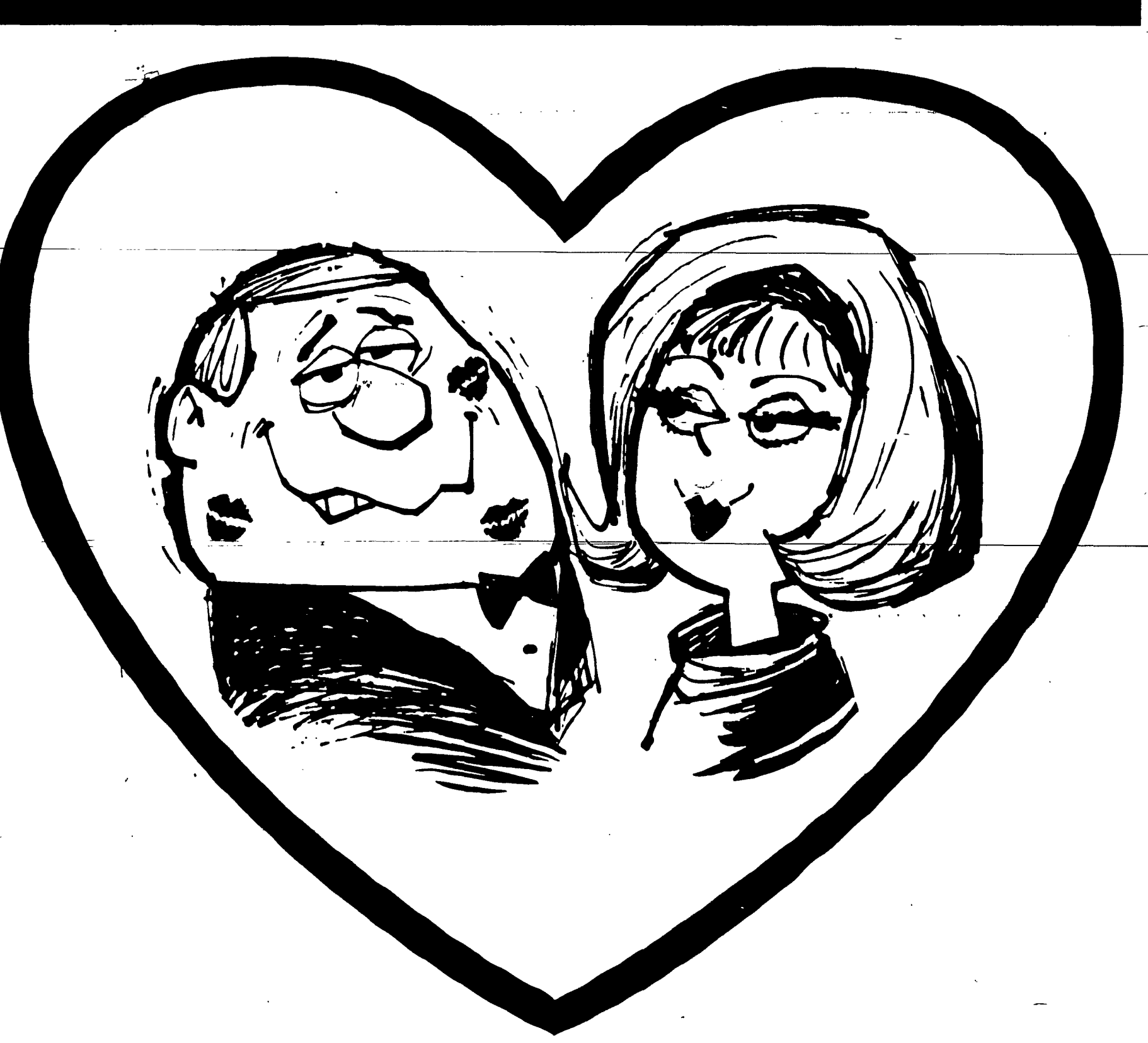
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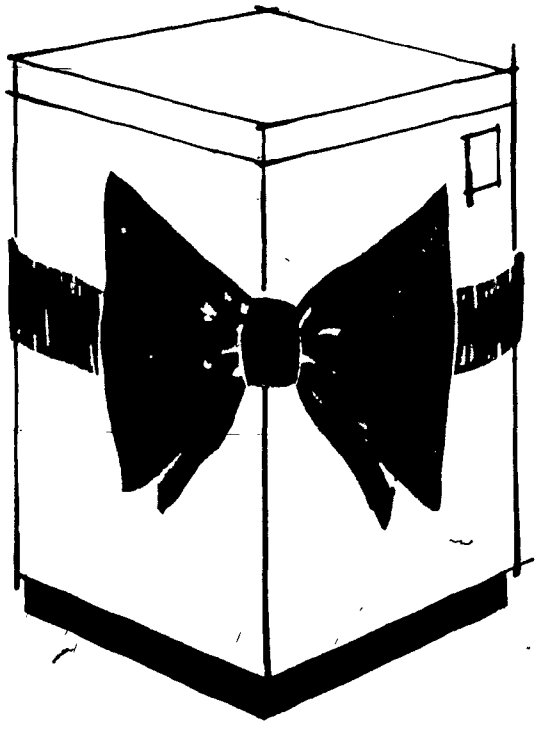
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