

## Youth Seeking Life's Meaning

Thibodaux, La. — (NC) — American youth has an increasing hunger for a sense of belonging and a meaning in life that religion must satisfy, declared Father Andrew Greeley.

Father Greeley, University of Chicago sociologist, gave the keynote address before some 1,000 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine workers of the New Orleans archdiocese at their annual conference on the Nicholls State College campus.

A youth cannot "explain the chaotic phenomena he sees in this world," Father Greeley said. "He cannot see who he is.

"His vocation is to make the world a better place, only he does not know how."

In recent years youth has been given almost limitless choices of what to do in life, he said, "but we have failed to provide norms and values for our young people to find out who they are and to find an explanation... for today's world."

There are four directions, Father Greeley said, that religious education should follow—education of the whole family, of the whole person, for community services, and a connection between education and community development.

Religious instruction in Catholic schools has no effect on

## Theology of Fund Raising Said Needed

Kansas City, Mo. — (NC) — Too much emphasis on church law was cited here by Father Roderick Hindery, O.S.B., as a prime reason for the failure of theologians to develop a satisfactory theology of church support.

Father Hindery, a professor of moral theology at Immaculate Conception Seminary in Conception, Mo., addressed the convention of the National Council for Diocesan Support Programs.

The Catholic Church has "appealed to mere law rather than the Gospel, sanction rather than value," he said.

Calling church support a "definite moral responsibility," Father Hindery stated:

"Christ, if He were active as a theologian in 1967, might not be popular because he spoke of money and the obligation to give money quite often. He might say about debts, taxes, estimates, affluence, capital gains, profits, security, financial worry, sacrifice and motives for giving."

Church support, Father Hindery said, is "one necessary phase of the whole Christian life. The Christian needs to give to be a more thorough Christian—to be a Christian in the image of Christ, His Father."

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## Nazareth Singers Listed For Products Concert

The Choral-Belles, a 16 member group from the 70 young ladies of the Perosian Choir of Nazareth Academy, will present their 9th annual Christmas concert at Rochester Products Division of General Motors on Thursday, Dec. 21. The songsters are from left top row — Irene Wowk, Christine My-

slivic, Sharlene Caiazza, Suzanne Parisi, Marie Villone, Gail Wumkes, Bonnie Huether, Margaret DiPonzio, Marjorie Merkle. Front row — L. to R. Patrice Pallone, Cynthia Northrup, Marie Rizzo, Mary Frances Camelio, Angela Miele, Jean Camelio, Jane Kowaleski.

## Rabbi Says

### Mid-East War No Dialogue Bar

New York—(RNS)—A leading Conservative rabbi has termed "narcissistic nonsense and malicious distortion" the claim that the Arab-Israeli war in June had an adverse effect on the Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Rabbi Wolfe Kelman, executive vice-president of The Rabbinical Assembly, international association of Conservative rabbis, said that the June conflict did not demonstrate the "failure and futility" of the dialogue as has been claimed by some Jewish leaders.

At about the same time, the American Jewish Congress announced the availability of a booklet entitled "Hard Questions and Answers on the Middle East."

In answering the charge that the Jewish-Christian dialogue is a failure, Rabbi Kelman said: "The fact is that the whole enterprise of Jewish-Christian dialogue on the basis of a reciprocally respectful relationship is a relatively recent phenomenon. Dialogue means reverence for diversity, not tolerance or condescension."

"It means," he continued, "repudiating the desire to proselytize each other and accept that the adherents of each tradition are motivated by a quest for holiness despite their differing theological beliefs, each of which must be respected for its integrity."

Consequently, the rabbi said, it was "dangerous and erroneous" to proclaim as a failure a dialogue "which has just begun."

Rabbi Kelman claimed that it was not true that there was an "inadequate response" from the Christians during the Middle East crisis.

"To begin with," he said, "most Christians in the United States and indeed all Europe, both East and West, sided with Israel's cause in May and June."

"There were also thousands of individual Christian clergymen, many of great distinction, who took forthright and unequivocal positions demanding that commitments to Israel be honored and that all necessary action be taken to thwart the conspiracy to destroy Israel," Rabbi Kelman noted.

He named Dr. Martin Luther King, Dr. John C. Bennett, president of Union Theological Seminary; Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr; Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston; and Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta.

However, Rabbi Kelman said that many Jews were "perplexed and even dismayed" by the failure of international Christian bodies such as the Vatican "to speak clearly and courageously about the threats to Israel's existence."

On the question of the validity of Israel as a Jewish state, the AJC booklet maintained:

"The only ultimate justification for Israel in its own eyes and in the eyes of the Jewish communities of the world is that the Jewish state is an indispensable factor in preserving and continuing the Jewish presence in history. This presence would be gravely jeopardized if Israel were reduced to a place of refuge or become merely another nation-state—a political system which, however free and democratic, is culturally and ethnically neutral."

## Xmas Concert At Kearney

Members of the Bishop Kearney Glee Club will present their Christmas Concert, Sunday, Dec. 17. The two sections of the glee club, under the direction of Mr. Thomas Donohue, will participate.

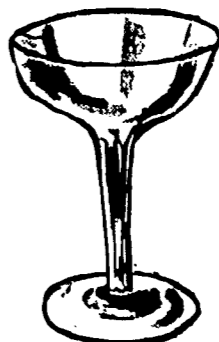
Freshman chorus will sing a medley of Yuletide carols. To preside a varied and entertaining program, the Senior Glee Club will break with the traditional concert form and present a Christmas narration in words, songs, and music.

In addition to the conventional songs on the program, the chorus will sing "For Unto Us a Child Is Born" from Handel's "The Messiah," "The Drummer Boy" and "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

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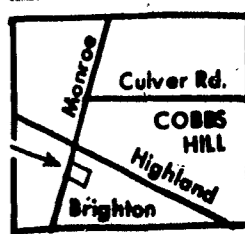
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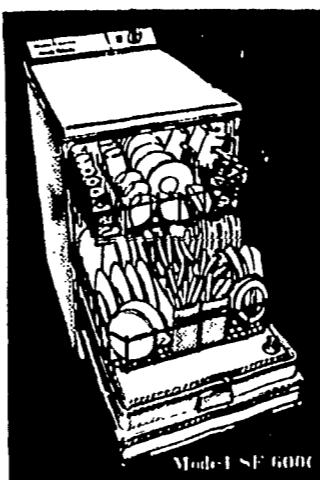
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