Clergy Called Vital to Fighting Alcoholism

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issue behind the mask of situ-

ational questions and pleas.

In his pastoral role, he has

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) - The chief clinical chaplain of the Georgian Clinic in Atlanta, famed for its work with alcoholics, said that a new breed of activist minister, instead of being just, a "largely untapped source of ancillary helpers in the field." can be the "key professional" in the treatment team to the alcoholic.

Dr. George P. Dominick told a panel on Religion and Church during the 28th International Congress on Alcohol and Alcoholism here that by virtue of their training, clergymen "are well able to tolerate and understand the ever-present death wish and self-destructive behavior of the alcoholic."

At issue for many an alcoholic, he continued, is whether he will struggle to commit his life to some constructive purpose, or if he will kill himself by drinking.

"This existential dilemma expresses the spiritual dimension of alcoholism, which The Alcoholic...Why

Dr. George P. Dominick made these observations underlying the tensions of the alcoholic, which he termed the 'ambivalence about the commitment to life." They are:

• The alcoholic very much wants to be loved and cared for, yet fears that caring means control. Unconsciously therefore, he arranges rejections.

• The alcoholic wants desperately to be strong and independent, but fears that this will cost him love and protection.

• The alcoholic wants nothing less than total success, and since anything else means total failure, he is afraid and fails to act positively.

• The alcoholic wants to change his patterns of living so life may be beautiful, but he draws back, feeling that a familiar failure is less frightening than a venture into the unknown

benefits significantly from a pastoral approach," Dr. Dominick told the panel. "The trained elergyman,"

a healing orientation." Dr. Dominick said, "brings to the field of alcoholism an But the minister's role is awareness of the person beuniquely suitable to go beyond hind the symptoms. He can

of stimulating community action, Dr. Dominick said.

Being himself a representative of morality, the minister can confront deeply-rooted moralistic prejudice against alcoholism and combat the gemeral indifference and professional pessimism about the treatment of the alcoholic. He can organize the community in order to establish treatment facilities or coordinate efforts by groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous with the work of a private and state medical facility."

The clergyman also can reexamine the resources of his church in promoting supportive groups which can mean great deal to the alcoholic or to his family. "Regularly," he said, "the minister is contacted by a family long before the alcoholic is willing to request help for himself. This suggests that the clergyman can plan a unique role in early intervention in the alcoholic process."

ships and go far into the area and theological students have participated in the clergytraining program. There are 26 the ologians engaged in full: time internship training at all times.

> "The background for this project includes the familiar statistics indicating that 42 per cent of emotionally-troubled people first turn for help to their minister or priest. Also, the clergyman is one of the few persons in any community who may approach a troubled home without first being invited," Dr. Dominick said

> The Georgian Clinic's interdisciplinary staff consists of a blending of medicine, psy-chology and theology, he told the panelists. "From the early days of staff development, the trained clergyman has been a significant member of the team. Today, clergymen constitute the majority of our group leaders. Since 1953, clergymen have played a valuable guiding role in the development of the clinic's philosophy and program.'

Return zto India

Madrid - (RNS) - Father Vincent Ferr-er, S.J., 47, internationally (a_mous missionary who was obliged to leave India last June, has been given a residence visa by the Indian Embassy here, an embassy spokes man said.

Father Ferrer

The visa will allow Father Ferrer to remain in India indefinitely, ⁹ the spokesman said. Uncomfirmed reports here and me other countries had indicated that the missionary, who had been exiled from Maharashtra State after friction with political leaders, might not be allowed to return to India.

After his expulsion from Maharashta, Father Ferrer had been in vited to work in several other Indian states. The federal government had asked him however, to leave the country for several months to le-t the controversy surrounding him die down.

The pries at, an expert on farming and irrigation, had helped thousands of farmers to improve their crops and escape from debt through cooperative action. It is widely believed in India that many of the accusations against him were inspirred by moneylenders who=se profits he reduced.

McNamara Presses Birth Control Work

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which rapid population growth slows down their po-Gandhi. tential development, and that,

He had omiginally been ordered expelLed not only from Maharashtra but from all of India. The change of policy which permitted him to plan an eventual return to another part of the country was reportedly due in large measure to the pers**-**onal intervention

Since 1964, 1,312 ministers the interpersonal relation-

MCNAMARA PRESSES BIRTH By JOHN R. SULLIVAN ment of the poor, is blowing apart the rich and the poor NC News Service

Washington-Robert S. Mc-Namara, former Secretary of Defense who now heads the World Bank, has never been one to duck a controversy.

It was therefore no surprise when McNamara used his first public address since he assumed the World Bank post six months ago to say that "the population explosion by holding back the advance-

have governments adopt for that the effects of the popula-themselves the rules laid tion explosion—brought about apart the rich and the poor and widening the already dandown for Catholics. gerous gap between them."

Instead of controversy, how-This plea for increased inever, McNamara's speech ternational family planning could well provide a vehicle efforts came at the 23rd joint for expanding international annual meeting of the boards discussion of means to cope of the World Bank and the with the population explosion International Monetary Fund. which are acceptable to all.

The speech could have McNamara, who earned a sparked a bitter controversy, -reputation for bluntness and in the light of the Pope's enimpeccable fact-gathering durcyclical, since the document. ing his seven years as defense was taken as an attempt to secretary, told the meeting

bv "impossible for any of us production facilities. it. (at the World Bank) to brush the subject aside.

declines in death rates."

"The underdeveloped countries generally confront problems posed by presently rapid rates of population growth, resulting, from overdue, essen-

tion is. Instead, he outlined what he felt the World Bank should do: -"Let the developing nations know the extent to

Credibility Gap Among Religious?

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River Forest, Ill. -- (NC) The provincial of the New York province of the Dominican Order said "there is a serious credibility gap that needs to be closed" between older and younger members of religious orders.

Father Kenneth Sullivan, O.P., and more than 40 other Dominican provincials includ-

Cardinal Felici

ing Father Aniceto Fernandez, O.P., master general of the Order, were concluding the second month of meetings of the order's general chapter at the Aquinas Institute of Philosophy here. Father Georges Perrault,

ment. 0.P., provincial of the 600-• A diffidence toward inmember Caradian province, stitutions. The necessity of summarizing the results of a recent study of 70,000 men structures is acknowledged but it is felt their role should and women Religious in his country, cited these . "new not to suffocate freedom and and for traditions. tendencies" in the religious spontaneity.

communities the things we would have a right to in marriage — a shared life and an velopment of the person. affectionate life."

Father Sullivan acknowledged there is dissatisfaction among Religious with laws tions should promote and not suppress personal developand regulations which seem unrelated to contemporary conditions. He said young priests in his province "are zealous and want to do great things, but they often have be kept to a minimum so as little appreciation for the past

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in consequence, the optimum employment of the world's scarce development funds requires attention to this prob--"Seek opportunities to finance facilities required by our member countries to carry ternative is seen as hypoout family planning programs. •The importance and de-

-"Join with others in programs of research to determine the most effective methods of family planning and of national administration of population control programs."

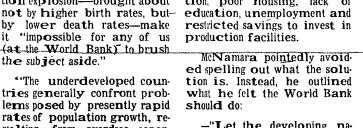




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Hits Dissenters

From Encyclical

Vatican City - Pericle Cardinal Felice, president of the Pontifical Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law, has reprimanded theologians and individual bishops who continued to express their own evaluations and guidance on birth control and contradict Pope Paul VI's teachings.

Writing in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican City newspaper, Cardinal Felici said: Let us point out that 'some' bishops are not the episcopate,' which, together with the Pope. and never without him. and under his guidance and authority, has the complete and universal magisterium," he said

"Conscience, according to the clear teaching of ecclesiastical tradition and of the Second Vatican Council itself, must be illumined and formed according to the remote objective norm, which is the law of God interpreted where necessary by the magisterium of the Church.

Cardinal Heenan

Denies 'Revolt'

London — (RNS) — John Cardinal Heenan denied here that there is "a revolt" by Roman Catholic clergy in England and Wales over the papal encyclical on birth control.

Acknowled ging that the document has caused a great deal of disappointment because it has made no change in traditional teaching, the Archbishop of Westminster conceded that there had been a "certain disturbance" in the ranks of the clergy, which was "understandable.'

"For one priest who has pro-claimed dissent there are 50 content to accept the Pope's decision. There are other priests who were disappointed by the decision.

"The reactions of millions of Catholics who expected no change and would have been scandalized by a change have not been very widely reported. The critics of the Pope have been given exclusive publicity. The result is a misleading picespecially ture of disunity, among the clergy."

Cardinal Heenan stressed that a priest had the right to speak what he believes but that "no priest has the right to go into the pulpit and denounce the Pope's encyclical."

"A priest is not at liberty to contradict the Holy Father in his public teaching," the cardi-nal said. "There is a difference

"Community life The search for authenticity. There is an increasing insistence that people and institutions really become what difficulties of cellbacy, be values in a contemporary they profess to be. The al- cause we derive from our light," he claimed.

is our asking fundamental salvation," Father Sullivan tions, which will lead them said. "It is our answer to the to rediscover some traditional

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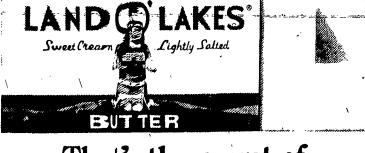
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