

# Is Salvation of Cosmos Up to Man?

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The sweep of the cosmos is toward the great day when there will be a restitution of all things (Acts 3:21) and our Lord will become the heir of all things (Heb. 1:2). After the dissolution of the cosmos (2 Peter 3:10), there will follow the recreation of heaven and earth in paramount majesty (Rev. 21:1). The interdependence of all creation means that an evil in one area has repercussions everywhere. When man is emancipated, the cosmos will be liberated with "new heavens and new earth" (Is. 65:17; Rev. 21:1; 2 Peter 3:13).

I have always loved the sweep of that great poem of Laurence Housman who, in 1861, pictured all creation which had rebelled against His Lord, made persistent, and coming to heal His Scars and Wounds:

"Oh kindred Constellation of bright stars  
Ye shall not last for aye!  
Far off there dawns a comfortable day  
Of healing for those Scars.  
When, faint in glory, shall be wiped away  
Each planetary fife.

Now, all the aching way the balm of earth's desire  
So lastly to His Side,  
Stricken when from the Body that had died,  
Going down He saw sad souls being purified  
Shall rise, out of the deep no man  
Can sound or scan;  
The morning star of Heaven that once fell  
And fashioned Hell:  
Now star to star  
Mingling to meet where shadeless glories are.  
O Earth, seek deep and gather up thy soul  
And comes from and low, and near and far,  
And make Christ whole" —

*Donald Sheehan*

# St. Martin Drive Goes Over the Top

With pledges totaling more than \$115,000, campaigners for enlarged facilities for the St. Martin dePorres Center, a Rochester inner city social service agency, this week had topped the minimum \$100,000 goal.

Thomas H. Brenna, drive chairman, and John H. Coleman, chairman of the Center's board of directors, said some cards are still unreported and that solicitation continues.

Funds are being sought to purchase or construct a building in the immediate area of the present small quarters at 537 Clinton Ave. N. The Center has been serving hundreds of indigent Whites, Puerto Ricans and Negroes for nearly six years, providing food, clothing, counseling, companionship and recreation.

Coleman said a site committee is at work to select a plot or existing building.

# Prolonging Life

Not Absolute Necessity, Theologian Says

Vatican City — (NC) — A Vatican theologian has stated that one is obliged to take extraordinary measures to prolong the life of a newborn infant who is likely to go through life deformed.

Archbishop Ferdinando Lambruschini of Perugia, writing in the Vatican City weekly, "L'Osservatore della Domenica," said (Jan. 28):

"Contrary to the rather simplistic affirmation that it is better to exist deformed than not to exist at all, we prefer to rely on the principle that nothing may be done to shorten human life directly."

"But at the same time, exceptional actions can be undertaken which would prolong life in conditions of particular hardship."

The former Lateran University professor of moral theology said that "it is not a matter of cynicism but of some realism, guided by wisdom."

"The obligation to save the life of a premature infant by using an incubator," he said, "is to be affirmed when it is foreseen that these children will have normal life."

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# HINTS FOR GOOD READING

**The Disillusioned: A Novel about the New Priests**, by Peter Thomas Rohrbach, O.C.D. (Doubleday; \$5.95). A priest assigned to an upper-middle-class parish confronts the civic and ecclesiastical "establishment" and himself in a story that needs to be told with the hope that it will bring better understanding to the trials and crosses of the priest of today.

**The Catholic Left: The Crisis of Radicalism within the Church**, by James Colaninno (Chilton; \$5.95). A personal statement of the faults of the Church by a man who refuses to abandon the Church, while negative in tone, it is a book that will provoke thought, undermine Catholic complacencies, and prod some into action on the gut issues that are the basis of the crisis in the Church.

**A Time of Change: Guidelines for the Perplexed Catholic**, by Frederick E. Crowe, S.J. (Bruce; \$4.00). A call to the perplexed Catholic not to remain stagnant, but to muddle through this time of change in a defensive attitude, but to contribute to forming the guidelines, studying what is problematic, and especially witnessing to the further dimensions of being human.

**There Shall Be One Christ**, ed. by Michael D. Meilach, O.F.M. (The Franciscan Institute; \$1.50). An analysis of the Franciscan spirit in the works of Teilhard de Chardin.

**An Introduction to Pastoral Counseling**, by Rev. Michael J. O'Brien, C.S.V. (Alba House; \$4.95). Father O'Brien emphasizes the importance of attitudes and stresses that counseling is not just technical oriented.

**Camilo Torres: His Life and His Message**, ed. by John Alvarez and Christian Restrepo Calle, trans. by Virginia M. O'Grady (Templegate; \$3.95). A synthesis of the guerrilla priest's thoughts on the Christian response to social injustice in Colombia.

**The Day Kennedy Was Shot**, by Jim Bishop (Funk; \$7.95). Bishop provides little new information on the events of the tragedy with the exception of a detailed account of the questioning and treatment of Lee Harvey Os-

**AQUINAS SPEAKER WINS LEGION MEET**  
Michael Cavagrotti, an Aquinas Institute senior, took first place Sunday in the oratorical contest sponsored by the county American Legion.  
A regional competition is scheduled for Feb. 16 in Manchester.

**SCHOOL BENEFIT**  
Elmira—The Christian Mothers' Club of St. Patrick's will sponsor a card party Monday night in the school auditorium for the benefit of the school. Mrs. Donald Sheehan is chairman.

**An Encyclopedia of World History**, by William L. Langer (Houghton; \$15.00). This fourth edition said to be "completely revised," is a handy reference especially in non-Western areas of world history.

**What Do We Believe?**, by Martin E. Marty, Stuart E. Rosenberg and Andrew M. Greeley (Meredith; \$6.95). The authors investigate the Gallup polls of 1952 and 1965 on religious beliefs in America today and also look at possible future developments.

**The Department**, by Gerald Warner Brace (Norton \$4.95). This is a portrait of a professor of English as he faces his retirement and his wife's nagging. He is saved by his honesty from becoming Mr. Chips.

**The American University**, by Jacques Barzun (Harper; \$7.95). Barzun's book is a history of the administration of Columbia University from 1950 to shortly before the student uprising. It includes a plea that universities be not distracted from scholarship and scholarly teaching to incorporate "side-shows, or three-day rodeos."

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Reservations may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Grace Colarco or Mrs. Mary Cordaro at 482-2400 or by mail from: The Dedication Committee, c/o St. Philip Neri Church, 1782 Clifford Avenue.

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