

# Puerto Rico



**Impoverished** . . . This lone, smiling girl, sitting in a discarded school chair on the barren ground where she daily plays is dressed in her Sunday best and has just come from Sunday School. The cross in the foreground was erected on the site where one resident murdered another. This child is one of 3,400 people who live, as if exiled, in the community of poverty known as La Perla which lies outside the walled city of Old San Juan, P.R. La Perla means, paradoxically, "The Pearl." Known for its extreme toughness, the area has found a quieting influence in the personal interests and assistance given to their spiritual and economic life by local churches and the Office of Economic Opportunity. (Religious News Service)



**. . . and Religious**  
Religion is important to the Puerto Rican and the market place supplies him well with whatever he needs. Catholics can purchase almost any kind of religious object; Protestants can find Bibles and other religious materials. But beyond these (and most interesting) there is also a large stock of equipment for the Spiritualists who abound in Puerto Rico, especially in rural areas. They hold seances to communicate with the spirits of the dead and prescribe for physical ills a variety of roots and herbs and bottles of special medicine which can be purchased in market places such as this one in Ponce. Beads and an array of religious objects are also used by believers in Spiritism. Even the island greens (usually growing wild) shown here in the foreground are used in their worship. (RNS)

## 2 P.C. of Priests Seek Laicization

By JAMES C. O'NEILL  
NC News Service

Vatican City — A survey prepared by the offices of the Vatican reveals that in the six-year period beginning 1963 and ending 1968 a total of 7,137 priests have petitioned to be dispensed from their ordination vows. This is only 2 per cent of the 424,883 priests in the world.

The survey also disclosed that 5,652 of these priests have been granted their requests.

The survey was not made public by the Vatican offices involved. Instead, it was published in Turin's respected daily newspaper La Stampa. However, Msgr. Fausto Vallina, head of the Vatican press office, confirmed that the figures reported are "exact" and that the survey had been carried out by the competent offices of the Curia.

The statistics as revealed by the report were the first factual summary of the world.

wide picture of the numbers of priests who have asked for "reduction to the lay state" with the freedom to marry. The survey shows a general increase from year to year in requests for dispensations.

In the six-year period, the survey reports that 3,330 diocesan priests asked for dispensations from their vows. This represents 1.28 per cent of the 260,051 Catholic diocesan priests of the world. Of the total number of cases presented, 2,949 were granted by the competent offices of the Curia.

The report said that only 1.9 per cent of Jesuits had requested permission to marry, as opposed to 2.23 per cent among Capuchins, 2.58 per cent among Benedictines and 3.86 per cent among Dominicans.

It is said that the highest percentage of priests applying for the right to marry was found among the clergy in the Netherlands.

The data, according to the report, has shown that the rate of applications grew steadily in the most recent years covered.

## Two Catholic Units Oppose ABM Plan

New York — (RNS) — Resolutions opposing the Anti-Ballistic Missile System (ABM) passed by two national Catholic organizations have been sent to every U.S. senator by officials of the American Pax Association.

The association, composed of Catholics and others who seek to promote peace, told the senators that the resolutions expressed the "moral revulsion" which is growing in the Catholic community against the ABM system.

Pax and the National Association of Laymen condemned the "development and deployment" of the missiles and cited a similar statement by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the pastoral letter entitled "Human Life in Our Day."

"There is certainly a moral dimension to the question of huge and open-ended costs of the ABM in the face of the poverty and exploding needs of the cities," the Pax letter noted.

"There is a moral dimension," it added, "to escalating the arms race when experts question the workability of the ABM and point out that its only actual effect might be to provoke the disaster it is supposed to prevent."

In resolutions passed at their conventions, both Pax and the National Association of Laymen called on President Nixon to terminate the ABM program. "Falling this," the resolutions said, "we call upon the nation's legislators to refuse to provide the necessary funds" for its development.

## New Bishop

Pittsburgh — (RNS) — A native of Pittsburgh hailed as "a priest's priest," Bishop Vincent M. Leonard was installed here as the Pittsburgh Catholic diocese's ninth spiritual leader. The see has more than 900,000 members.

Successor to John Cardinal Wright — now serving in Vatican City as prefect of the Congregation of the Clergy — Bishop Leonard was greeted in an unprecedented manner when he was enthroned as Bishop of Pittsburgh.

For the first time, the audience broke out in spontaneous applause when Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S., led Bishop Leonard to the episcopal chair.

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U. S. Government and Federal Agency Securities . . . . . 6,253,891.00	Other Liabilities . . . . . 3,294,231.31
Municipal Securities . . . . . 10,638,804.34	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES . . . . . \$61,526,656.42</b>
Other Bonds and Investments . . . . . 546,627.29	
Real Estate Mortgages . . . . . 11,219,675.36	
Loans and Discounts . . . . . 30,187,632.17	
Bank Premises and Equipment . . . . . 1,458,110.65	
Other Assets . . . . . 636,425.58	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS . . . . . \$68,759,334.06</b>	

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Capital Stock . . . . . \$ 2,500,000.00
Surplus . . . . . 2,500,000.00
Undivided Profits . . . . . 2,232,677.64
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