

# Typical Seminarian... What Makes Him Tick

Washington — (NC) — Vatican's to the Catholic priest-hood begin in solidly religious families and continue in persons who have strong appreciation of the priest's sacred duties, according to results of a three-year study of U.S. seminarians issued here by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA).

The report also revealed that nearly 90 per cent of the U.S. Catholic seminarians accept celibacy as a necessary condition for ordination. A majority of theology students regard it as a positive commitment to Christ.

Contrary to a common assumption, the study also revealed that dogmatic, authoritarian personalities tend to withdraw from the seminary.

The CARA study, conducted by Dr. Raymond A. Potvin and Antonas Suziedelis of Catholic University of America in Washington, is titled "Seminarians in the Sixties: A National Survey."

The majority of U.S. seminarians have fathers who did not obtain a college degree. Most come from suburbs and small cities; less than 20 per cent live in rural areas or large metropolitan centers.

An overwhelming majority have had some previous training in a Catholic school.

Ninety-three per cent of the fathers and 96 per cent of the mothers of the seminarians attend Mass weekly or more often, and 53 per cent of the fathers and 70 per cent of the mothers receive Communion weekly or more often.

The CARA study included seminarians at all levels: high school, college and theological studies. Twenty percent of the U.S. seminarians took part in a random selection was taken in proportion to the number of diocesan, religious or mixed seminarians, and in proportion to the size, location and academic standing of seminaries.

Among the CARA study's major findings:

- Seminarians at every level who emphasize the sacred functions and characteristics of the priesthood tend to persevere. The withdrawal rate for those who stress the secular functions and characteristics of the priesthood is from two to three times higher.
- Ninety per cent of all seminarians are willing to accept celibacy. Only 10 per cent regard it as "intolerable" or "irrelevant."
- Among diocesan theological students (those nearest ordination) only 8.7 per cent regard celibacy as "intolerable" or "irrelevant." Fifty-one per cent consider it as an expression of genuine dedication to Christ, 20 per cent see it as a useful or practical requirement, and 20 per cent view it as an acceptable law.
- Theology students in religious order seminaries showed an even higher support for celibacy or acceptance of it than did the general group of theologians, 65 per cent considering it an expression of dedication to Christ.
- At the same time, 43.6 per cent of diocesan theological students said they would definitely or probably consider marriage if the Church would permit it, and 33.2 per cent said they would not. The rest did not know.
- Good seminaries tend to retain their students better than those of lower quality. Generally, seminarians said they were satisfied with the quality of their training.
- Sixty per cent of all seminarians (75 per cent of the theological students) stressed the sacred, sacramental aspects of the priesthood, rather than the secular.
- While many factors seemed to be related to a seminarian's decision to withdraw from the seminary — quality of the institution, his view of the priesthood, view of celibacy — family religious background and the amount of previous Catholic education did not, although both factors influence decisions to enter.

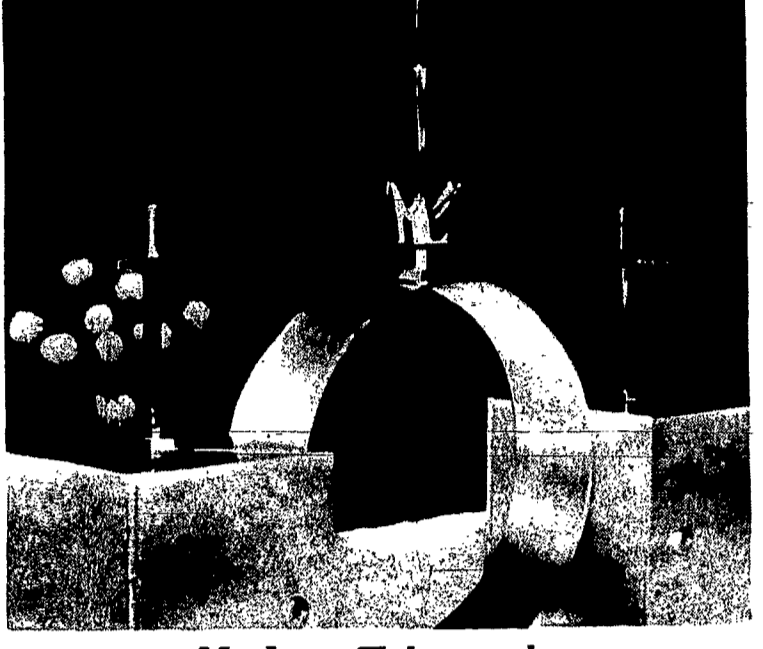
## 'Cultural Segregation' Assailed by Priest

Hartford, Conn. — (4NC) — The "cultural segregation" practiced by the Catholic Church in this country is frustrating the intent of the Second Vatican Council to open the Church up to all men, Father Clarence J. Rivers charged here.

The Cincinnati composer and authority on contemporary Church music said that black men deeply resent being asked to practice to "leave a part of themselves at the church door."

Father Rivers gave the keynote address at the 23rd annual New England Congress of Religious Education held at the University of Hartford. Some 5,000 priests, religious and lay people and approximately a dozen bishops from New England's Catholic dioceses attended the three-day meeting.

Father Rivers conceded that the Catholic Church in this country has made increased efforts in recent years to eliminate segregation. But he said black men



are no longer interested in superficial integration, that merely brings them physically closer to white men.

"What black men are seeking is radical integration, a mutual acceptance of one another," he said. "The black man seeks not so much to receive goods from the rest of society as he does to receive acknowledgement of his 'power' to give to society."

Father Rivers cited church music as an example. "Not since the psalms of Israel," he said, "has such a unique body of music been developed as was developed within the black Protestant churches in the United States, a body of music so dynamic that it has exerted more influence on worldwide contemporary music than any other musical tradition."

"And yet it was only within the last five or six years that the slightest black contribution has been permitted within the American church that calls itself Catholic."

### Modern Tabernacle

Father Thomas Murphy, pastor of Resurrection church in West Milford, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, believes he has solved a problem that has perplexed priests since the introduction of Mass facing the people. He has designed a tabernacle that keeps the divine Presence still on the altar, the preferred position, yet leaves an open expanse in the middle of the altar in order that the congregation may see the consecration of the Mass. Father Murphy explains "With the empty encircled space concentrating attention on the chalice, paten and hands of the celebrant, the best of the old and the best of the new in devotional attitudes are preserved."

## Better Pay Urged For Anglican Workers, Clergy

Sudbury, Ont. — (RNS) — The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada here has urged diocesan bishops to make the salaries of their priests comparable to those of other professional people.

Bishop G.N. Luxton of Huron, Ontario, told the Synod that salary raises for the clergy and other church personnel were vital if the families of these people are to enjoy the accepted amenities of life.

Some delegates voiced objections to the salary resolution on the grounds that world poverty did not justify increases for church workers. Others, however, said that without salary increases many of the clergy would have to seek a living in other professions.

Church officials told newsmen that there is no uniform minimum standard for the 28 dioceses and that lay and clerical church workers' salaries are set by the local diocese.

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## Democratic Norms Urged for Church

St. Louis — (RNS) — The Catholic Church was urged here to encourage implementation of "democratic principles of government and administration at all levels within the institutional Church."

The recommendation was made in the form of a resolution approved at the convention of the National Federation of Christian Life Communities, formerly known as the National Federation of Sodality of Our Lady.

More than 400 delegates from units throughout the country attended the convention here. They represented high school and college students, married couples, and professional people.

In the resolution urging use of democratic principles, the federation's members were asked to encourage "open and constructive dialogue and loving criticism as a sign of vitality and strength in the Church today."

The theme of the convention was "Christian Life Communities, Builders of the Human Community." Discussions at the convention's workshops centered around Pope Paul's encyclical "On the Development of Peoples."

## 'Racism a Plain Sin,' Cardinal Wright Says

Pittsburgh — "Plain, common, ordinary sin" is at the root of Pittsburgh's racial turmoil, John Cardinal Wright declared at a Labor Day Mass here.

"No one seems willing to brave the spirit of the times — our present sophistication — by pronouncing the word that sums it up and explains it," he said.

Cardinal Wright, former bishop of Pittsburgh, made his first visit here since his appointment to the Vatican's Congregation of the Clergy last May. He returned to accept the St. Joseph the Worker award Labor Day at St. Paul's Cathedral.

At a press conference later the cardinal had no comment on a walkout from the Mass staged by some Catholic priests, nuns and Black Coalition leaders who thought his sermon was "too vague" on the question of blacks being barred from construction jobs here.

The cardinal denied that the protesters had asked him to refuse the award as the year's "outstanding man in labor." But he said "last week's demonstrations by blacks was a long time coming to Pittsburgh."

He had told 1,500 persons — many being members of Black Coalition groups and representatives of construction firms involved in 10 days of explosive demonstrations — that the source of Pittsburgh's confusion and disorder is sin — plain, common, ordinary sin, of which Satan is the originator and which constitutes his very essence.

"The vicious thing that turns men against men and stirs racism in all its ugly forms is that old-fashioned thing called sin," he reiterated.

One black leader, Nate Smith, refused to march out or criticize the cardinal.

He said he was glad Cardinal Wright "called it like it is — racism is really a sin."

"This rap against a good man of God is also a sin. He (Cardinal Wright) has done more for the laboring man — black or white — than most of the leaders of labor and protest groups," Smith said.

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## Whites Accused Of Razing Mission

Quito, Ecuador — (NC) — White settlers were accused by Salesian missionaries in Amazonia of burning their mission at Sacua in the territory of the Shuara Indians.

Father Luis Carollo said that the missionaries have proof that white settlers under the leadership of a man named A. Luna were the arsonists who burned down the mission in early July. The church, a residence, radio and movie equipment and files, recording 75 years of mission work at the post, were destroyed in the fire.

Father Carollo said that an investigation showed that white settlers seeking to invade Indian lands "took revenge on the missionaries for their role in protecting the Shuaras" against a takeover of their property.

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