

## Cardinal Restores 'Priestly Faculty' To Three Priests

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The "priestly faculty" of hearing confessions has been fully restored to three Roman Catholic priests, among 43 disciplined by Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle a year ago.

The priests are Fathers Andre Bouchard, 31, and Raymond Kemp, 28, both serving St. Paul and Augustine parish and Father John Cunko, 31, of Holy Name Church.

They were disciplined in a dispute with the cardinal over whether Catholic couples had a right to follow their consciences on the subject of birth control.

In identical announcements printed in Sunday church bulletins at the two parishes, the agreement reached by Cardinal O'Boyle and the three priests was made known. The complete announcement follows:

"At the urging of our Holy Father in a letter dated May 15, 1968, for a speedy solution to the problem of the acceptance of the teaching contained in the encyclical, Humanae Vitae, Father Andre Bouchard, Father John Cunko and Father Raymond Kemp met with Cardinal O'Boyle.

"They have reconsidered their position and have reflected on their responsibilities. They have agreed that the bishops' pastoral letter, Human Life in Our Day, fully and completely supports the authentic teaching of the encyclical, Humanae Vitae; and further, have agreed to follow without reservation this teaching whenever they

preach, teach, counsel or hear confessions.

The agreement leading to their reinstatement was reached after four or five private meetings with Cardinal O'Boyle, who had suspended them for hearing confessions. They had been permitted to carry on all other priestly functions.

The priests had been in a group of 43 Washington archdiocesan priests who incurred the cardinal's displeasure last year when they asserted their right to dissent from Pope Paul's encyclical banning birth control for Catholic couples.

All three priests were contacted by RNS and confirmed that no public retraction had been asked by Cardinal O'Boyle. Asked if they were required to accept the prelate's interpretation, they replied that the statement of the American bishops was the basis of their agreement.

The priests said they desired to settle their differences with the cardinal so they could become involved in Church efforts in the inner city on housing and education.

Sixteen of the priests involved in the dispute with the cardinal are reportedly still working in their parishes, including one pastor, although varying restrictions have been placed on their ministries.

Twenty-three priests have either left the archdiocese to work elsewhere or have taken secular jobs in Washington. A number have left the active priesthood and some have married.

## Students' New Pastor Resumes Modern Mass

St. Louis — (RNS) — A new pastor has been named for St. Xavier (College) church here where, last month, Sunday Masses for reform-minded Catholics were ordered stopped by the pastor.

Father J. Raymond Derring, S.J., named acting pastor by John Cardinal Carberry, Archbishop of St. Louis, succeeds Father Louis J. Hanlon, S.J., who bough off the controversy Aug. 3 by announcing that the popular modern Masses could no longer be held in the underground part of the church which is near to St. Louis University.

Father Hanlon said then that he banned the services for "managerial, theological, liturgical and financial" reasons. He criticized the so-called lower church as a parish within a parish.

In recent weeks, participants in the lower church services have met for services, complete with folk singing, on the lawn of the St. Louis University campus.

Father Derring immediately announced that guitar Masses will resume in the lower church on Sept. 14. He said the Masses banned a month ago were being resumed to "better serve the students who have in-

dicated they find the liturgy attractive."

He said he viewed the parish "as a single entity. I don't see services in the lower church as competing with the upper church. I don't see that the lower church services would hurt the upper church."

In commenting on Father Derring's responsibilities, Cardinal Carberry referred to the documents of Vatican II. Specific attention was called to a paragraph of the Instruction on Eucharistic Worship: "Especially in the celebration of the Eucharist, no one, not even a priest, may on his own authority add, omit, or change anything in the liturgy."

It was known that Cardinal Carberry objected to the practice of communicants taking the hosts in their own hands instead of having it placed on the tongue, by the priests. The Vatican has not given permission for this practice in the U.S.

Lay participants at the lower church Masses also regularly received both bread and wine at communion. The "kiss of peace" had been another standard practice and generally took the form of a handshake, started by the priest at the altar.

## Court Case Hinges On When Mass Ends

Washington — (NC) — This city's chief legal authority is studying Catholic liturgical procedure in an effort to determine when a Mass is completed. Once he makes a determination regarding termination of the Church service, he then must decide whether certain statutes covering disruption of church services apply in three pending cases.

After Hubert Pair, acting Corporation Counsel, completes his study the fate of three members of the Center for Christian Renewal arrested in recent weeks at the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament here will be determined.

Pair embarked on the study at the request of Landon G. Dowdey, counsel for the center, a group of Catholics who have accused the Washington archdiocese of institutional racism.

Dowdey contends the Mass is completed when the priest faces the congregation and says: "The Mass is ended. Go in peace." Traditionally Catholics do not leave the church until the priest has departed from the altar. The point is important in the case of Roark Reed, a center member, who was arrested at the church on Aug. 24 when he stood up after "The Mass is ended" admonition and sought to make a statement.

## Lack of Maturity Cited In Priestly Departures

By FATHER JOHN P. FOLEY (NC News Service)

Philadelphia — John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia blamed a lack of "due human maturity" for many of the current defections from the priesthood.

Speaking at a Mass opening the academic year at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary here, the cardinal reminded the seminarians "due human maturity" is a quality called for by the Second Vatican Council candidates for the priesthood.

He told the students superficial conformism and shallow intellectualism are no substi-

tutes for the spirit of prayer and meditation which produce spiritual development.

The cardinal advised the seminarians to remember the council's description of maturity — "stability of mind, ability to make weighty decisions, and sound evaluation of men and events."

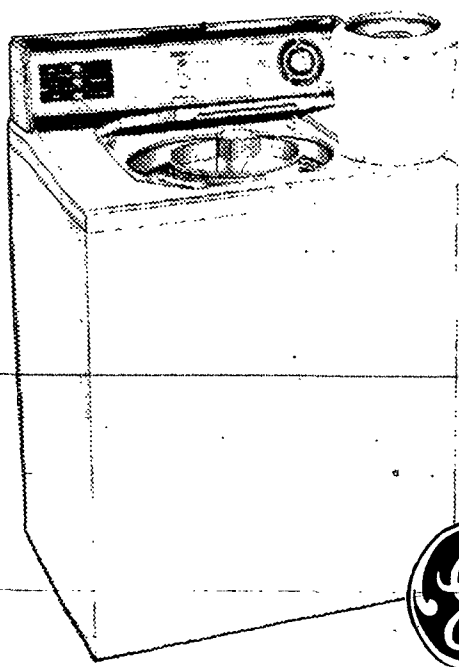
Cardinal Krol declared, "It is well to recall that no institution can exist or operate without norms; that the council clearly affirmed norms which must govern the process of priestly formation; that such norms are not subject to arbitrary change, suspension or abrogation by bishops, administrators, teachers or students."



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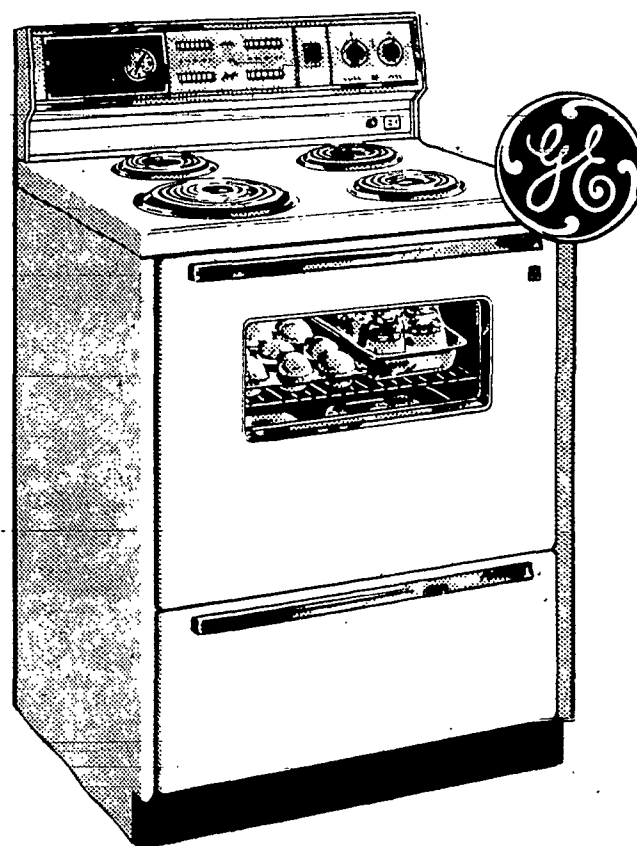


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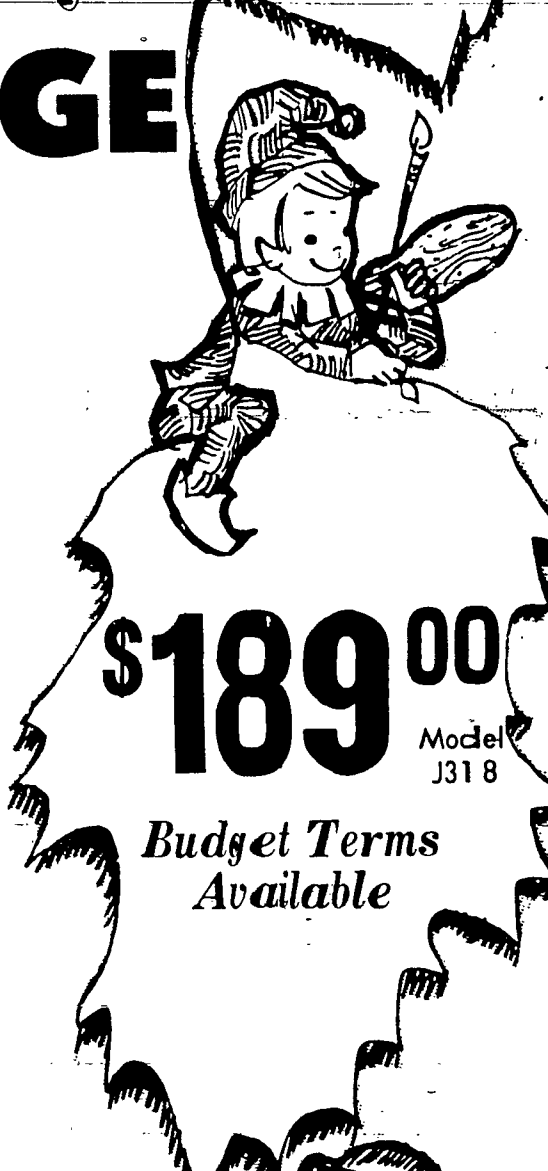
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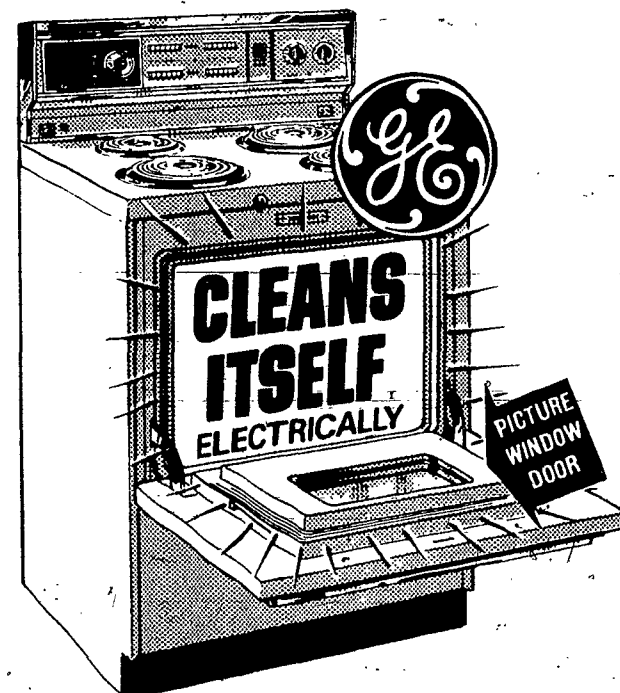


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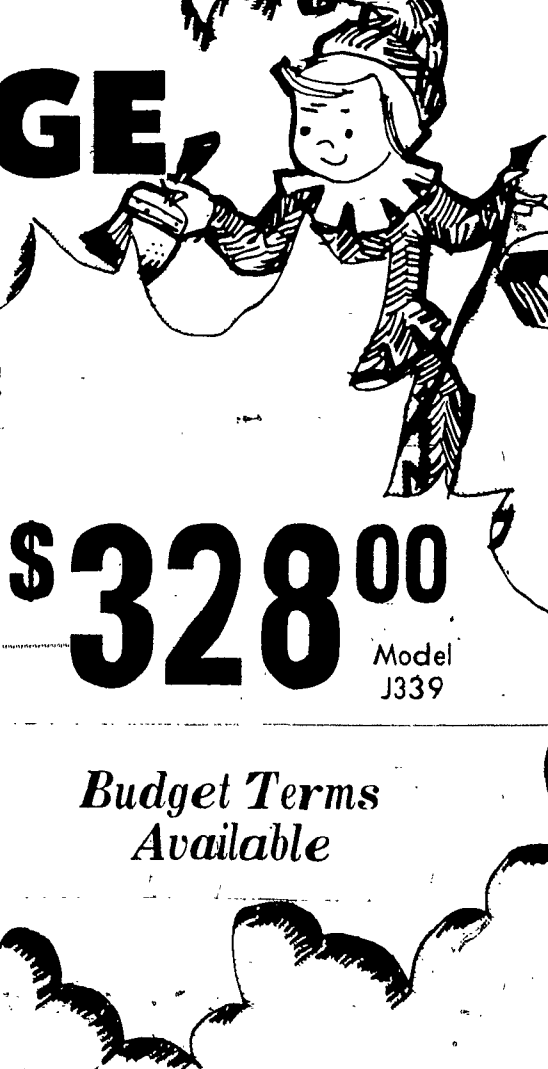
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