

New Trend in Communion

San Francisco (RNS) — More and more Roman Catholic children are receiving their First Communion long before they make their First Confession, a survey conducted by a priest-educator here has revealed.

jump since 1967," he noted, "in the number of children receiving communion in kindergarten and first grade. More and more, the reception of First Communion is being determined by the discretion of parents rather than by what grade a child happens to be in.

formal policy, although it was sometimes permitted in a limited number of parishes. Replies from 23 dioceses, according to Father Miller, indicated that the time for First Confession should be either in the third or fourth grade.

Tape Recorder Prepares Indians for Revolution

La Paz, Bolivia — At a tiny radio studio in a lower middle class section of the city, a revolution is shaping up via tape recorder.

director, "is to make the Indian aware of who he is, what he is and what he can do."

The dialect is Aymara, the Indian language of the forlorn Altiplano surrounding La Paz. The message is clear: Rise up and make yourselves heard.

Radio San Gabriel operates 10 1/2 hours a day, offering four hours of direct instruction.

From the La Paz studio and several others like it spring the elements of a rudimentary education for Bolivia's adult Indian population, which for centuries has eked out the barest existence.

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The tapes are broadcast over radio San Gabriel, the country's pioneer radio school of the air, 50 miles outside La Paz.

The station is semi-commercial for two reasons: To help pay expenses and to acquaint the Bolivian Indian with modern civilization.

Radio San Gabriel is operated by the Marjonnell Fathers. It is one of 10 radio schools in Bolivia. The majority are under the auspices of religious orders, but the emphasis is on functional literacy.

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