

#### Fr. Peyton in Guatemala

Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., founder and director of the Family Rosary Crusade, addresses more than 100,000 persons who turned out in Guatemala City's spacious Campo de Marte for a Family Prayer Rally. The rally climaxed a five-month crusade by the famed Rosary priest which reached all 12 dioceses and three ecclesiastical territories in Guatemala. (Religious News Service)

## World Synod Rated Top Religious Story

(NC News Service)

Washington — The second World Synod of Bishops which met in Rome during October was rated first among the top ten stories of 1969, according to a survey of editors conducted by NC News

The Synod was unique in that only one topic-collegiality, or the relationship between the pope and the bishops-was on the agenda. Yet, the event provoked news long before it took place because of the controversy and speculation preceding the actual

U.S. and Canada, was the financial crisis in Catholic schools. Many stories in 1969 were concerned with mergers, closings, and state "aid—"con." sidered "crucial to continued operations."

Voted No. 3 story was Bish-op James P. Shannon's resignation as auxiliary of St. Paul and Minmeapolis and his subsequent marriage.

The next seven top stories chosen by the editors were:

4: U.S. Bishops' fall meeting in Washington.

5: New Mass Order promulgated and U.S. Bishops' approval of the English trans-

6: Pope Paul VI's visit to World Council of Churches and International Labor Organization in Geneva, Switzer-

7: U.S. astronaut's moon landing (Apollo 11) and the Pope's comment on the event. 8: Continuation of anti-Catholic violence in Northern

9: Pope Paul's motu proprio on the liturgical year and new universal Roman calen-

dar. Some popular saints, like St. Christopher, were not included. 10: Vietnam Moratorium

Peace demonstrations in Washington.

#### Detroit Mayor In second place, according the Catholic editors in the Inaugurated in Ecumenical Rite

.. Detroit — (NC) — An une usual ecumenical service was held in an innercity Catholic church in conjunction with the inauguration ceremonies of Mayor Roman S. Gribbs of

Leaders of major religious faiths took part in the (Jan. 6) service, which was described as the first of its kind for a mayor's instantiation. for a mayor's inauguration in this city. The services was in St. Mary's Church,

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### Answers to Welfare Questions

both unjust and insensitive."

Q. What else did they say?

A. They particuly f noted

the growing enigma: our af-

fluent society has within its

very midst a shocking evi-

dence of poverty." They said some 30 million poor are

finding themselves the object of society's hate because they are poor. "What is most

disturbing to us is that rath-

er than address ourselves to

and equitable distribution of

the goods of creation, we tend

to engage in invectives about

the poor and the maligning

Q. What about President

A. Nixon's proposals for

Nixon's new welfare plan?

welfare reform first need

widespread public scrutiny in

public hearings across the na-

tion before anything else is

Q. Why such hearings?

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of their moral character."

the root causes of poverty, to direct our energies to a just

Q. Is it true that Gov. Rockefeller has endorsed increased payments in welfare?

A. He has endorsed the recommendation of the State Board of Social Welfare for an upgrade in public assistance payments to reflect the increased cost of living and also to establish a statewide level rather than the various levels now effecive.

Q. Isn't this an outrageously high grant?

A. The proposed grant would give a family of four \$230 per month for everything except rent and heat. That's food, clothes, soap, entertainment, pencils, books, magazines, newspapers, toys, etc. If they used the entire grant for food alone that would wook out to about 65 cents per meal per person.

Why the increase? What's

A. The Board of Social Welfare notes that from May 1968 to May 1970 there'll be a 10 per cent increase in the cost of living. The upgrade is to maintain a minimum subsistence level.

Q. Who gets this money?

A. Families who for various reasons must rely on full or partial assistance to get them through the week. Q. You mean people get

money just because they're

A, Right. The basic human dignity of the person is what's involved. No one should be forced to live below a certain level of existence just because he's a child or disabled or old or sick. Society has a responsibility to every member . . net just the healthy, well adjusted

Q. What did the New York State Bishops say about this?

A. They made several points in a pastoral released before Christmas. One point aimed at the legislative cutbacks in welfare assistance bulled through the 1969 session and signed by Gov. Rockefeller. "The decision to make the poor suffer the cost of a balanced budget seems



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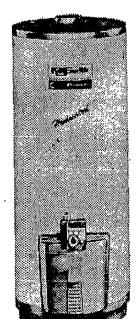
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A. Because the proposals are so sweeping. They expect every mother whose youngest

child is over 6 to go to work

without thousands of day

care centers to watch their

children after school and be-fore they return from work
... such centers do not now

exist. The people should be

Q. What is there to ap-

A. Some obviously good

parts of the proposal's in-

clude: provision for a national

minimum income level aim-

ing to alleviate imbalance be-

tween states; including the

"working poor", families who

do not earn enough to raise

themselves above the poverty

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asked their views.

. an impossible proposal

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"legal protection for the fetus is being ignored." He asked physicians to "live up to the highest ideals of their profession: to heal, to cure, to save life-not to destroy life."

"This is nothing less than

The statement made no statement added. "The conspecific mention of any institution, but it was indicated science of modern man is that one hospital with a newsaid to be tending more and more to decisions in favor of life and against violence. ly adopted liberalized abortion policy was a principal cause for issuing the state-The growing practice of abortion-and especially abortion on demand—makes a mock-ery of this." Some local hospitals reportly justify their position on

The statement said pro-abortionists "speak of a woman's right over her own body, overlooking the obvious fact that the fetus is destined to enjoy its own life independent of the mother."

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Curb Abortions, Hospitals Asked

the grounds that abortion should be accepted by society

and that no one should be

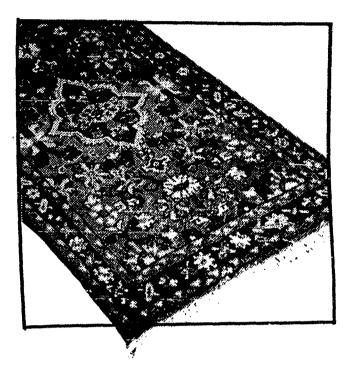
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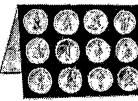
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