



Turnabout Fair Play

There's no way you can skirt the issue of changing fashions, as this nun and senior at Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, Pa., are discovering. The nuns who once rustled along in floor-length skirts are now skimming into class with much-shortened hems, while the teen-aged girls could well be seeking some Sister-lay advice on how to manage with the "maxi"—a style the fashion-conscious nun knows is definitely passe.

Jewish Scholar to Teach At Pontifical University

Boston — (RNS) — The first Jewish scholar named to teach at the renowned Catholic Pontifical Gregorian

University in Rome described the appointment as a "very important" step towards continuing improvement in Judeo-Catholic relations, as well as a "very exciting prospect" personally.

Catholic Senior Heads Science Contest Winners

Washington — (NC) — An Allentown, Pa., high school senior who hopes to become a nuclear physicist has been awarded a \$10,000 four-year scholarship as top winner in the 29th annual Westinghouse Science Talent Search competition.

Kirk Alfred Shinsky, 17, a member of Our Lady Help of Christians Parish in Allentown, did a project on the interactions between two colliding beams of high-energy protons. He built his own equipment used in the study.

Shinsky was one of 40 finalists chosen from among almost 20,000. The 40 were sent to Washington for the end of the competition. Ten of them were Catholic students. Two attend Catholic high schools.

Manoug Ansour, 15, of Forest Hills, N.Y., and Christine Anne Padesky, 16, of Marshalltown, Iowa, were the other Catholic students among the top 12 winners.

Cardinal Contrasts Pastoral, Lay Roles

Milwaukee — (NC) — The leader of this country's Catholic bishops believes the role of pastors is perhaps the most important factor in shaping the future of the American Church.

John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit, addressed more than 300 priests at the Albert Cardinal Meyer Institute on "Toward a Working Relationship — Clergy, Lay, Bishop." He stressed the leadership, diplomacy and good judgment which a pastor must exercise.

In his lecture, Cardinal Dearden said the notion of all people of the Church working together, laity, Religious and clergy, is not an "option or choice open for acceptance or rejection," but a mandate of Vatican Council II.

Vocations Dip, Spain Reports

Madrid — (RNS) — Reports from Spain disclose a sharp falling off in vocations to the Catholic priesthood, plus "radical aspirations for reform" among seminarians.

Data published in "Vocations," the organ of the Spanish bishops' "Seminary Commission," reflect "a notable decrease of vocations during the past six years." This finding confirms that the worldwide vocation crisis is "seriously affecting Spain," it said.

The "radical" concern for reform is revealed in recent opinion polls of young men studying for the priesthood:

- 80 per cent dissent from the image of the priest as "a different human being," sociologically separated from the community.
- 50 per cent think the priest should have some professional or other occupation along with his ministry.
- 62 per cent consider that the seminary envelops them in a "fictitious atmosphere."
- 68 per cent reject the way in which seminaries are now organized.

FEATURED SPEAKER
Geneva — (RNS) — Roman Catholic Archbishop Helder Pessoa Camara of Olinda and Recife, Brazil, will be a featured speaker at an international meeting of Lutheran young people in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in July.

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"But if a layman starts to exercise what to him is a new role in the mission of the Church, is the 'old man' (pastor) relinquishing some of his power?" the cardinal asked.

In striving toward a working relationship, Cardinal Dearden said, the key word is "toward" because it connotes motion or movement, and all notions of the Church and Church mission should include this concept, rather than that of terminals.

The layman is interested, he said, but he doesn't know his role. "Should he keep the financial records, give technical advice to the pastor on building or fund-raising projects? Because he is groping, I find there have been many mistakes," the cardinal said.

While the layman can indeed bring his own "secular expertise" to the parish, "we make a mistake if we begin with that," the cardinal warned.

"What must bring him in first is his Christian competence. This is his 'title' to serve—not his expertise," he said.

A problem arises when the layman sees his role as a power struggle or as a power-grabbing success, the cardinal said.

"Tensions are created. This kind of exercise of power has the same shortcomings of the old ways—but on the other side. The old way, when the pastor more or less omnisciently ruled by consulting only with God, is no longer sound. But if we move to the other extreme—the laymen have no experience in leading the Church," Cardinal declared.



12-year-old Ralph de Jesus tells a New York State legislative inquiry into drug addiction that he had been using narcotics for almost a year. The frail 60-pound youth, about four feet tall, told the lawmakers, "I started maintaining about six months ago. I learned how to do it in the street—in my neighborhood... I used to see my friends doing it and I didn't want to be left out. I started sniffing heroin, then skin-popping, then skin-popping, the heroin is placed just under the surface of the skin, in maintaining it is shot directly into a vein. The youngster is now receiving treatment at Odyssey House, a private rehabilitation center for addicts in New York.

New Deadline!

When the Courier-Journal shifts to a tabloid section April 8 its delivery date will be advanced two days from Friday to Wednesday.

Because of the increased production problems caused by these two factors, our deadlines also must be advanced. All articles must be at the Courier news desk no later than the Thursday morning mail.

Pastoral Council Studied in P.R.

San Juan, P.R.—(NC)—The Catholic bishops of Puerto Rico have moved toward establishment of an islandwide pastoral institute to help coordinate the work of the hierarchy and of diocesan councils. Bishop Rafael Grovas of Caguas is chairman of a study committee. The move is similar to action taken by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C.

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Acting co-directors are Father who is on leave of absence from a Congressional seat, and Dr. Mu the Tufts Medical School's Center and Birth Defects Evaluation. It indicated that recent medical reevaluation of "present moral concepts."

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the March 4 issue of The Luth
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America publication.

"In fact," says author Ver
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Bishop Shannon To

Minneapolis — (RNS) — Dr.
James P. Shannon, once aux
iliary bishop of the Roman
Catholic Archdiocese of St.
Paul-Minneapolis, will write
a weekly religious column for
the Minneapolis Sunday Trib
une.

The column will be entitled,
"The Pilgrim Column," the
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