



### Bishop Celebrates Thanksgiving Mass at Cathedral

Bishop Hogan was principal concelebrant of a Mass of Thanksgiving at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Nov. 26, which also marked the First Holy Communion of Lenore Carol Reid, shown presenting paten to Bishop during Offertory procession. With her are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Reid, Mosley Road, Fairport. Flanking the Bishop are the Rev. Mr. Robert Rice, Msgr. William H. Shannon and Father John S. Hayes. In rear is Father Albert P. Bartlett, SJ.

## TV Treatment of Church Issues Posing Problem, Vatican Feels

New York — (RNS) — Vatican officials feel that television's treatment of birth control and other papal issues is posing "grave problems" for Pope Paul VI.

This view was developed in TV Guide by Irving A. Levine, a veteran network reporter long based in Rome.

He said Vatican authorities believe the international attention given by television to papal problems "has sharpened criticism of Pope Paul VI and helped bring about his crisis of authority."

The birth control issue was called "The Pope's Vietnam" in Levine's article. Next to birth control, the Vatican's wealth is the topic that appears most on international television, he said.

"Programs which deal with priests and nuns who have left the Church are not particularly worrisome," the writer noted, adding that "the Vatican is a great deal more sensitive to programs on divorce and on abortion."

Father Edward Heston, secretary of the Congregation for Religious and a Vatican authority on information media, told Levine that "for the most part, television treatment of Church problems only makes objective discussion more difficult."

"Very often program participants who are not fully qualified claim for themselves an infallibility that the Pope would not claim for himself," the priest was quoted in the TV Guide article.

An official of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications states that discussion programs are usually the most objectionable from the Church's point of view.

"The atmosphere is seldom objective and critics of the Church are able to make irresponsible statements that go uncorrected," the official said. "We find that news reports on

Vatican affairs are factual and that most special programs give a fairly balanced picture—but not the debate programs."

Mr. Levine said the Vatican had considered turning out its own TV programs for international distribution. The plan was discarded because of high costs and a lack of qualified personnel.

The world's bishops, during the Second Vatican Council, approved the establishment of a communication office of radio and TV in every country where TV exists.

These National Catholic Offices for Radio and TV were designed "like salt and light, (to) give savor to the earth and brighten the world."

Mr. Levine indicated that the offices have been most successful in countries "where there is only one state-run, noncommercial network, and especially where the Catholic population is in a majority."

In Holland, he noted, the Church has one full-time channel for its own use. In Italy a daily 15-minute religious program, with 90 minutes or more provided on Sunday, plus extensive coverage of religious events, including Vatican ceremonies. In France, a 90-minute Sunday program includes a Mass and religious instruction.

### The Slot Man

## Prizefighting On Way Out?

By Carmen Viglucci



With Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Forman, et al, prizefighting seems to be enjoying a resurgence in America. I must admit, however, that I no longer consider myself a fan and perhaps should be numbered among those that would abolish the sport for humane reasons.

That is not easy for me to say because at one time boxing was king of sports for me.

Long ago, when I was about 5, we lived in the south end of a city and my grandfather resided five or six miles cross-town. Just about every Friday night he would walk down, pick up two or three of us boys (depending on who got the best report card from our parents) and together we would trek back to Pop's house.

There, after gorging ourselves on his weekly special — fish cakes and tomato sauce, we would argue about boxing, amid copies of Nat Fleischer's Ring record books, until the Friday night fights started at 10 p.m. (on radio, that is).

Friday night was a brash and colorful world, peopled by such luminaries as announcers Don Dunphy and Bill Corum, ring announcer Harry Balogh (later succeeded by Johnny Addie — and which one used to say, "May the more worthy adversary emerge victorious?") and such unforgettable battlers as Fritzie Zivic, Billy Soose, Fred Apostoli, Beau Jack, Bill Conn, the great Sugar Ray Robinson and the Brown Bomber himself, Joe Louis.

As years went by they were replaced by Tony Zale, Rocky Graziano, Joey Maxim, Gus Lesnevich, Jersey Joe Wolcott, Rocky Marciano and Archie Moore — although there was a great deal of overlapping.

Many of our Friday night discussions centered on who was the greatest fighter "pound for pound" of all time. My brothers, cousins and I generally opted for Robinson or Willie Pep (although for the sake of discussion you could change your choices from week to week). Pop, if I remember correctly, liked Stanley Ketchel, who even then was from another era.

Pop would enchant us with stories of the early days of professional pugilism. Strange ly enough, John L. Sullivan got little praise — "a barroom brawler," Pop said. "Ah, but he got his come-uppance at the hands of James Corbett."

There was a short time when I considered trying boxing and was supposed to get my first lesson from a retired local boxer of some renown, Young Maxwell, but I never kept the date.

I never met a successful prizefighter until years later when I had the pleasure of spending some time at a State Fair in Syracuse with Gene Fullmer and Carmen Basilio. Fullmer, a Mormon, tithed his earnings to his church, and Basilio was noted for kneeling in the ring to make "the Sign" at the start of each bout.

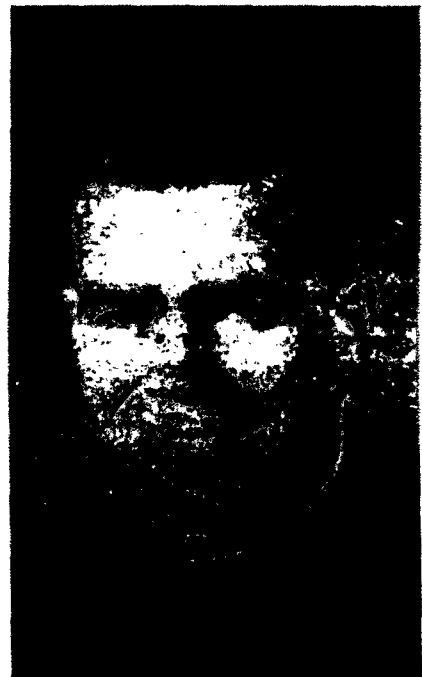
Both are sensitive and articulate men and I found myself wondering why they chose such a dubious endeavor as prizefighting for a career. Then it occurred to me how lucky I was that I never made that meeting with Young Maxwell.

A gentleman in Corning is looking for a copy of a 32-page booklet called "How to Converse with God, Words of Encouragement", by the Rev. M. Boutault, SJ.

He has checked with the publisher and found there are no more copies available. So if anyone reading this has a copy of same please send it to me and I'll send it along to our Corning subscriber.

In a recent column we speculated as to Christ's physical appearance and in turn received a very poetic and pleasant note on the subject from Mrs. Owen Dolan of Plymouth Gardens.

I have added it to a poignant piece of work sent in by Peter Steiger of Milford Street called "Stage of Life."



Father Joseph Knoebel, SVD., anthropologist from Rochester, N.Y., is serving as assistant director for the new Melanesian Pastoral Institute in New Guinea. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Knoebel, 30 Austin St., was ordained in 1961 at the Divine Word Seminary in Techny, Ill., and missioned to New Guinea in 1964.

### Auburn Doctor Named to Post

Dr. David M. McQueeney has been named a staff psychologist at the Convalescent Home for Children, 2075 Scottsville Road.

Dr. McQueeney, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McQueeney of 39 Walnut St., Auburn, studied at LeMoyne College and Syracuse University, and received a doctorate in counseling and psychology from the University of Missouri.

The Convalescent Hospital is a community mental health center for children and their families which provides residential and day treatment and has a child guidance clinic.

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Father Walter Hanss, assistant pastor of St. Monica's Church, celebrates Sunday evening Folk Mass for youth of parish in rector's basement hall.