

understand the Church's position reasonably well on current issues. Even those who do not fully understand them expect and want the Church to provide their guidance that they can take into consideration when making decisions.

Many Catholics want guidance on the racial question, for example. But, while one third feel that the Church needs to take a position on busing to

they felt a responsibility to express their views publicly, but also to tolerate the expression of differing opinions. Fewer than one in six felt that Catholics should support the government without question.

In general, the picture that the survey paints is one of diversity, conflicting opinions and sometimes confusion over the Church's relationship to important human issues. But it is a picture also of an intense vitality among Catholic people as they attempt to apply their faith to the problems of living in today's world.

speak about and act upon his beliefs. The struggle and confusion in doing this are reflected in the survey responses.

Racism is a problem in our country, to his Pope and his bishops—must actively resist the popular slogans which conceal hatred and racial prejudice.

A Catholic who is aware of his moral responsibility to work for peace, to fight poverty and unfair discrimination, may choose one specific method to do so. His Catholic neighbor may choose another method. Both are doing their Christian duty as

the work of the Church—members and leaders—should be that of Christ. He came into the world that men might have life, and have it to the full.

Prayer.

Time of Renewal



Andrew Goodman, 20 year old civil rights worker, murdered in Mississippi. (Religious News Service photo)

Attitudes toward birth control, too, are far from consistent. As in the case of abortion, Catholics recognize the apparent differences between the Church's viewpoint and today's society. The survey showed that half

Baptismal Ceremony. (Religious News Service photo)

