

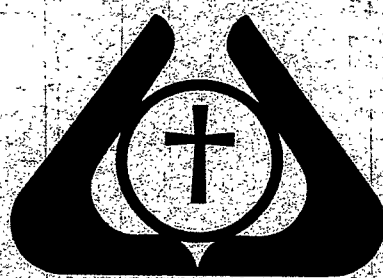
Eucharistic Gold Medal

Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia activates the Franklin Mint press which strikes a gold medal commemorating the 41st International Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia Aug. 1-8. The medal which Cardinal Krol struck will be presented to Pope Paul and other medals struck during the special ceremony will be given to President Ford, Cardinal James Knox, the papal legate to the Eucharistic Congress, and to Cardinal Krol himself. Looking on is Charles L. Andes, chairman and chief executive officer of Franklin Mint Corporation. (RNS)

Bishop Urges Parishes, Prepare for Congress

Calling the occasion of this year's Eucharistic Congress in Philadelphia "an unusual opportunity to further our efforts to understand the nature of reconciliation," Bishop Joseph L. Hogan has asked all parishes to provide liturgies on the congress theme: The Eucharist and the Hungers of the Human Family.

"The concerns for the hungers of the human family could be included in the prayers of the family," the bulletin might include the prayer for the success of the congress, and "you may wish to explore the possibility of integrating this prayer with the prayer after Communion," the Bishop suggested in a letter to pastors.



He added that it may be "spiritually beneficial to prepare a special liturgy for the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 20."

Bishop Hogan also reminded that the national collection for the Eucharist Congress is to be taken up in all the churches of the diocese at the weekend Masses of May 1-2. The congress will take place Aug. 1-8 in Philadelphia.

Farm Worker Week Scheduled May 2-8

By U.S. Catholic Conference

Washington — An information packet to assist in parish-level observance of the third annual Farm Worker Week May 2-8 is being distributed by the U.S. Catholic Conference.

Included are a Leader Handbook with suggestions for Farm Worker Week programs published in English, a poster with the week's theme — "Speak to the Earth and it Shall Teach Thee" — available in Spanish or English, bilingual liturgical and paraliturgical material, and a bilingual "Prayer for Meals" wallet-size card stressing the farm workers values of family and unity.

Participation of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and of the U.S. Catholic Conference in Farm Worker Week, Bishop James S. Rausch, NCCB/USCC general secretary, said the program "stresses that our land is a natural resource, second only to our people. If we will only listen to the earth and the people of that earth, we can reap great spiritual as well as material bounty from both."

Among significant events scheduled for this year's observance will be a May 5 liturgy in conjunction with the NCCB spring meeting in Chicago. Principal celebrant will be Bishop John J. Fitzpatrick of Brownsville, a member of the NCCB Ad Hoc Committee for the Spanish Speaking.

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Area Shrine To Become Basilica May 8

A signal honor conferred by Pope Paul VI will be celebrated May 8 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Lewiston.

The Pope has designated the shrine a minor basilica, and his order will be executed by a reading of the official document at the 7 p.m. Mass. Bishop Edward D. Head of Buffalo will be principal celebrant.

As a basilica, the shrine "is officially considered a world-wide center of prayer and devotion," according to the Barnabite Fathers who built it about 20 years ago.

They will celebrate Sunday, May 2, as "Mary's Day," with rosary, benediction and crowning of a Fatima statue, at 3 p.m. First Saturday Masses May 1 will be at 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Mother's Day Mass, May 9, is scheduled for noon.

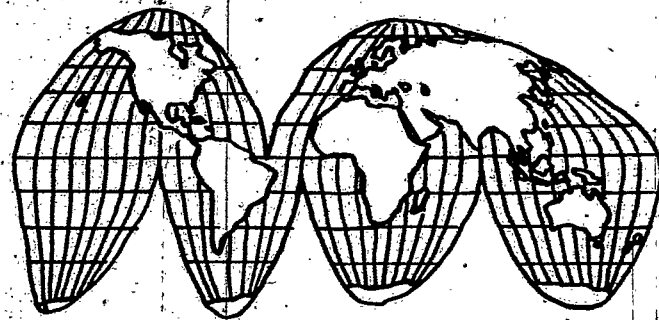
ACADEMY ALUMNAE SCHEDULE BANQUET

The Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association annual banquet, May 3 at Logan's, will honor the classes of 1916, 1921, 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966 and 1971. Chris Mysliwiec and Kathy Klein Spahn are co-chairmen. Cocktails will be served at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 6:30. The banquet is open to all alumnae. Reservations are being taken by Mrs. Rudy Zink (225-8413). Patrice Pallone, class of 1968, will be toastmistress.

VIGIL SLATED

An all-night vigil in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary is scheduled to begin Friday, April 30 at 9 p.m. in Holy Rosary Church. Father Howard Keehan will celebrate the opening Mass, and Father Robert Meng will celebrate the closing Mass the following morning at 6. Fathers William McCall and John Murphy also will take part in the rites.

The nation and ...



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From Courier-Journal Services

ERA: A group of Catholic groups, attacking what it calls "misguided opposition to the ERA because of the spread of misinformation and confusion throughout the Catholic community" has formed a coalition to work for passage of ERA. The groups are the Christian Feminists of Wheaton, Md.; the Grail Movement of Loveland, Ohio; Institute of Women Today, Chicago; National Assembly of Women Religious of Chicago; National Coalition of American Nuns of Chicago; Priests for Equality, Mt. Ranier, Md., and the Sister Formation Conference of Washington, D.C. ... Diametrically opposite was a statement by the Twin Cities' Association of Baptist Churches of Minneapolis which urged the Minnesota Legislature to rescind its ratification of the proposed equal rights amendment. It says ERA "poses a serious threat to God's divinely instituted family unit" and would destroy laws which protect women.

A married man who was ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Joseph Slipyi, major archbishop of the Ukrainian Rite Catholic Church, without special approval of the Vatican, has been suspended from priestly functions pending a Vatican investigation. Father Zenone Chruszcz is a Venezuelan citizen of Ukrainian extraction who was ordained "near Rome." A Vatican spokesman said members of the Eastern Catholic Churches may not be licitly ordained "outside their own territories." Cardinal Slipyi has been living in exile in Rome since 1963. ... Pope Paul VI has named two auxiliaries to Cleveland Bishop James A. Hickey, one of whom is Msgr. Michael J. Murphy who studied at Niagara University. The other is Father Gilbert I. Sheldon.

Total circulation of Catholic publications in North America and the West Indies increased by more than 220,000 in the past year, according to the 1976 Catholic press directory just issued. Largest circulation increase took place among diocesan newspapers where a jump of more than 120,000 occurred. ... Minnesota legislation that requires a second physician to be "readily accessible" if a fetus is born alive during an abortion has been signed into law by Gov. Wendell Anderson. The bill drew little discussion or opposition. ... Meanwhile, Minn. Sen. Hubert Humphrey has told a Catholic priest that he supports a Senate subcommittee's contention that anti-abortion amendments to the Constitution "would create more problems than they would solve." He suggested "a more timely effective and constructive course to follow lies in litigation now pending in courts." ... Would you believe there are now 7 million Catholic stories in the naked city, if New York can be so characterized. The 1976 Catholic Telephone Guide, published by the Catholic News Publishing Co. lists 7.2 million Catholics in the New York metropolitan area.

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Fr. Andrew Greeley

The book is not of the same monumental importance as Baum's earlier "Man Becoming," not because of any inherent deficiencies of the analysis, but rather because there is much more ground work to do in the dialogue between religion and psychology.

"Man Becoming" was a synthesis; "Religion and Alienation" is an exploration.

But it is an insightful, well-balanced, and indispensable exploration. Perhaps the most useful theme is Baum's insistence on the essentially ambiguous nature of religion's impact on society. Most American intellectuals take it for granted that religion, by its very nature, is conservative — reinforcing and validating the status quo.

A few years ago the distinguished Canadian theologian, Gregory Baum, went off to New York to study sociology. I got a little uneasy. You give someone like Gregory empirical evidence and with his intelligence and imagination there's a new boy in the neighborhood who can make real trouble. Since the Catholic church and the Catholic universities in the United States have turned away from empirical research in the sociology of religion, a few of us have pretty much had the neighborhood to ourselves. No one likes to have a talented "reality check" move in.

Fortunately for us, Gregory did not soil his hands with such dirty grubby things as data, but turned to social theory and began to explore the relationship between theology and sociology. His new book, "Religion and Alienation," is the result of this exploration and is must reading for anyone interested in the complex relationship between human religion and human society.

Empiricism's loss has been theory's gain.

This assumption may tell us more about the childhood of the intellectuals than it does about the facts of American life, but it is nonetheless a critical assumption in American thinking. Baum, however, shows very skillfully in his analysis of Max Weber and Emile Durkheim (the two founders of modern sociology) that religion can just as readily play a radicalizing and destabilizing role. He writes, "Religion, we have seen, is a complex, ambiguous reality with many trends, some of which may even be contradictory. Because of this complexity, religion is able to blind some people and make others see; it produces sickness in some and leads to health in others; it acts as legitimation for the status quo and as catalyst for social change. It appears that religion is capable of generating its own critique."

Let's Hear It For U.S. Catholics

New York [RNS] — U.S. Catholics in 109 dioceses have contributed more than \$3 million to an earthquake fund for Guatemala set up by Catholic Relief Services here, bringing to \$4.2 million the total amount in gifts received by CRS for its Guatemala effort.

Bishop Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director of the U.S. bishops' overseas aid and development agency, said that donated supplies from CRS stocks or contributed by others, plus foodstuffs received from the U.S. government had a value of over \$4 million.

"Thus, total receipts for the CRS emergency program in the 56 days since the disaster itself, in cash or kind, totaled in value \$8,490,071," the prelate said. Of the \$8.4 million, all but \$200,000 has already been spent or committed to relief or reconstruction programs.

Bishop Swannstrom described the earthquake response as "another tribute to the compassion and concern of American Catholics." The current effort is helping an estimated 235,000 earthquake victims.

"According to a CRS report from Guatemala, there are about 25,000 dead, 90,000 injured, and 1.25 million homeless as a result of the natural disaster. Surveys have indicated that over 1,000 primary school buildings were destroyed, leaving about 94,000 children without classrooms; 300 clinics and hospitals were damaged and a wide variety of other buildings and institutions destroyed."