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Spanish Consejo

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey congratulates Maria Sanchez, the new president of the Consejo Diocesano Hispano (Spanish Diocesan Council) prior to the installation of the new board of directors Sunday, April 3, at St. Michel's Hall. From left to right are Msgr. George Cocuzzi, Victor Figueroa, vice president; Maria Sanchez, president; Bishop Hickey, Eduardo Crespo, treasurer; and Italo Rodriguez, director of the Spanish Apostolate.

Hispanic Meeting Planned

Washington — Small group meetings at the community level are now under way in preparation for the second national pastoral meeting of U.S. Catholic Spanish-speaking citizens in five years.

Under the leadership of Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, president of the National Conference of Catholic

Bishops, the meeting will take place Aug. 18-21 here.

Officially called "Segundo Encuentro Hispano Nacional de Pastoral," this second encuentro (meeting) will continue the dialogue and reflection started with the first session in 1972, according to Archbishop Bernardin.

The central theme will be "Evangelization." Topics to be discussed will include Unity in Pluralism of Hispanics, Integral Education, Human Rights, Hispanic Church, Development of Small Christian Communities, and Political Responsibility.

These topics are now being examined at the community levels in local encuentros and input from all these will form the basis for discussion in August.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

A TV lesson in how to enjoy the Academy Awards presentation even less than usual: Watch a couple of Oscar-oriented shows the night before.

Partly out of a sense of neglect (I skipped the Oscar show entirely last year) and because for the first time in several years we had actually seen two of the top contending films we tuned in to a two-hour presentation seen over WOR in New York called the People's Choice in which the public was asked to vote for best actors, and films. Acting as hosts were a lackadaisical George Peppard and Valerie Perrine playing Debbie Reynolds, circa 1950.

If the show was an embarrassment to watch it obviously was much more so to the winners in the six categories of motion-picture achievements.

Thinking that still another show devoted to Oscar would at least furnish a little humor we soon learned how wrong we could be. Titled Hollywood Outtakes, the special hosted by syndicated columnist Marilyn Beck, promised scenes from the year's top

films that never made the finished product. There were precious few bloopers to amuse but any number of humiliating interviews between Beck and Oscar hopefuls including director Alan Pakula, actress Talia Shire and actor-writer Sylvester Stallone. Each was made to look stupid for agreeing to appear as Beck out talked them and repeatedly cut them short.

The actual awards ceremony which should have been shortened by at least two hours ran most of the same footage from nominated films the two earlier shows had. Deadly.

Cheers for Ellen Burstyn one of four emcees who proved that natural is best even if it is accompanied by a little nervousness. Boos for Richard Pryor and his Dumb Darkie act. It was beneath him and a slap to all blacks.

State Bishops Oppose Enacting Death Penalty

Albany — Following the leads of both the Vatican and the U.S. Bishops, the State Bishops Conference has voiced its opposition to enacting or restoring the death penalty in this state.

The bishops acted after

Account for Missing Chileans, Bishops Ask Gen. Pinochet

Santiago, Chile — Chile's Roman Catholic leadership has asked the nation's military government to account for hundreds of Chileans reported missing after arrest.

The Permanent Committee of the Chilean Bishops' Conference also expressed concern over restrictions of freedom of information and the "anguishing and urgent" economic plight of many Chileans.

The statement published in Santiago newspapers was signed by Cardinal Raul Silva Henriquez, archbishop of Santiago, and five other prelates.

It asked President Augusto Pinochet "to find the courts

an in-depth study of the issue, according to Charles J. Tobin, the state conference executive secretary.

Crime, punishment, sentencing, correction and rehabilitation have been the topics for the bishops, Tobin

said in a letter to all members of the State Legislature. The anti-death penalty position came from that context, he said.

The opposition is "rooted in the basic Christian value of respect for human life," Tobin said in the letter. He added that "to Christians no person is beyond the mercy of God; therefore, no person would be beyond the bounds of human mercy."

The state conference therefore adopted the position taken by the U.S. Bishops in a November 1974 resolution, which, the conference said, was endorsed by the Papal Commission for Justice and Peace.

of justice and the cooperation necessary for clearing up once and for all the whereabouts of each of the persons reported missing from Sept. 11, 1973, to the present."

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Scholarship Winners

Two full year tuition and fifteen partial tuition academic scholarships have been awarded to incoming students of Nazareth Academy's 1977-78 freshman class.

The Nazareth Academy Alumnae Association awarded its full year scholarship to Patricia Brown of Holy Apostles parish where she is an eighth grader. Patricia belongs to the school's softball team, is a cheerleader and her favorite subject is Social Studies.

The parents and teachers of Nazareth awarded a full year scholarship to Diane Hunt of St. John's parish Greece. Diane writes for her school newspaper, serves as

Vice chairman of St. John's Oral English Club, is a safety patrol guard, a cheerleader, plays the piano and tennis.

Fifteen partial tuition scholarships were awarded to Karen McCloskey, Holy Ghost School; Janet Ruscher and Kelly Chamberlain, Our Lady of Mercy; Cecilia Fiermonte and Patricia McDonald, St. Theodore's; Christine Boss, St. Lawrence; Lynn De Groot, St. Augustine's; Kimberly Fedele, Nazareth Hall; Mary Gluchowicz, Our Lady of Perpetual Help; Janet Donner, Sacred Heart; Rosa Solaun, Corpus Christi; Susan Whelan, St. Helen's; Eileen Jackson, Holy Cross; Karoline Luciano, St. Andrew's and Marcy Gertin, Holy Rosary.

HER COFFIN: THE GARBAGE CAN

THE HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID TO THE ORIENTAL CHURCH

The Sister was moving among the slums of a city in India. Unbelievably, she heard sobbing coming from a trash barrel. Brushing aside the flies and the vermin, she looked. Beneath the filth and debris was an old lady crying from tearless eyes as her life slowly ebbed away. Tenderly the Sister lifted her, placed her on her shoulders and took her to the Hospice for the Dying. Before she died, the old lady told the Sister, "I'm not crying because I was in the garbage. I'm crying because my son put me there. He had to. There was not enough food for the family." ... Tragically, this scene will be replayed many more times. But you can help to lessen it. Will you? Here is how...

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