



### Nobel Peace Prize

The 1976 Nobel Peace Prize was awarded to Mairead Corrigan, left, and Betty Williams, both of Northern Ireland, shown preparing for a television appearance. The women were awarded the prize for organizing a movement to end violence between Roman Catholics and Protestants in the British province. Amnesty International was named the winner of the 1977 prize.

## Family Called 'Nerve Center' Of Church

Denver (RNS) — Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco, who heads a U.S. bishops' committee on marriage and family life, warned here that some church leaders are responsible for leading Catholics away from Church teachings on birth control and have "led the rebellion against the Church."

The archbishop, in an interview during the national meeting of diocesan family life directors, also blamed the mass-media for its "strident reaction" to the 1968 encyclical of Pope Paul, *Humanae Vitae*. He said most Catholics never read the Church's "beautiful teachings" about marriage contained in the encyclical, only that part on the Church's stand against birth control.

Confronted with figures which show that the number of Catholic women using birth control methods unauthorized by the Church is about equal to the number of non-Catholic women practicing contraception, Archbishop Quinn said he was not entirely surprised. He added, however, that the figures do not make the Church's teaching wrong.

The prelate compared the disregard of Catholic women for the Church's teaching on birth control to that of other persons who disregard health warnings against cigarettes. "People do wrong even though they are told," he said.

He stressed that "those who should be leaders in the Church and uphold its teachings (on birth control) have actually led the rebellion against the Church" in this matter.

Archbishop Quinn unveiled for family life directors a proposed three-year, Church-wide plan to strengthen the family in this country. It awaits final approval of the U.S. bishops at their general meeting in Washington, D.C., in November.

He said the plan is in response to grassroots appeals by Catholics at the

1976 Call to Action conference, and to the "hostile environment" in which Christianity finds itself in the American culture.

In past years the Church had more influence on society, he said, but now "it is difficult to sustain the Church's message." The forces against the Church include pornography which, he said, "we're accosted with everywhere." He also listed the secularization of society in which "God is no longer prominent in the lives of the people," the abuse of drugs, and women working out of the home as negative aspects in U.S. culture today.

Archbishop Quinn said that there are more than one million divorces each year, more than one million persons participating in premarital and extra-marital sexual relationships, nearly one million abortions a year and the number of venereal disease cases has "reached epidemic proportions."

The Catholic Church's response to this "profound, pervasive malaise" of the American family will seek to strengthen ministry to engaged couples, to married couples, to the separated and divorced, the developing families and "hurting" families.

The archbishop told the directors that the Church must see the family as "the nerve center of the total life of the Church."

### RIAL PROMO

The public service ads promoting Religion in American Life are being sponsored locally by the Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, the Jewish Community Federation and the Rochester Board of Rabbis. The ads have been prepared by the National Advertising Council.

This year's program focuses on the common problem of human loneliness. The fellowship which religion offers, in faith centered firmly on God, is presented as an answer to loneliness.

BY CARMEN J. VIGLUCCI

It is ridiculous to think that blacks are powerless but if they are to lead this country to reconsider its "false values" then they must stop emulating the ways of their oppressors.

This was the theme of Bishop Joseph A. Francis, the black auxiliary of Newark, N.J., who delivered the keynote address at Forum '77, sponsored by the diocesan Office of Black Ministries (OBM) Sunday at Immaculate Conception Church Hall in Rochester.

Bishop Francis was introduced by Father Jerome Robinson, OBM director, and John Holmes, chairman of the OBM board. He was formally welcomed by William Johnson, executive director of the Urban League, who told the 100 persons in attendance that they cannot depend on the conscience "so predominant" in past decades "to overcome the social malaise so prevalent" but must work against the "blasphemy" of discrimination.

Bishop Francis continued the same general theme, urging blacks to call on their inherent respect for God and family to take up leadership in an ill society.

He said he was recently asked what is the most significant example of black power and he answered, "The black family." He said the typical family image may be a pair of parents, a couple of children, a dog or cat, living in the suburbs, etc. "But a real family relationship does not necessarily exist in that family... love... is not always in that kind of family."

Referring to blacks, he said, "We may have one-parent families" but they include grandparents, other relatives and the whole neighborhood pitching in — "that's family." Because of this "we are able to face rejection" and constitute a more valid family than those "amoral, pre-fabricated families we can view on soap operas which in some instances are given to us as typical American families."

The Newark bishop talked of the heritage blacks had to draw upon and to offer the rest of society. He spoke of Alex Haley and his book *Roots* to show that the black families Haley found in his ancestry espoused a value system that was "not amoral and irreligious but very moral and religious."

### Mt. HOPE RITES

The City Department of Parks and Recreation is among those sponsoring a formal dedication and walking tour of the new crematorium and offices at Mt. Hope Cemetery on Sunday, Oct. 23. The walking tour begins at 12:30 p.m. and the dedication follows. Other groups involved in the ceremonies are the Municipal Facilities Commission, the Landmark Society and the Historical Society.

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If other blacks could trace their roots, he said, they, too, would find they came from a continent and from a people "who see human people as more valuable than things," where "the rights of individuals are seen in the light of privilege AND responsibility," who look upon sexual life as a gift not as a burden... "not involved in the tremendous controversy over abortion because birth, the birth of a child, is considered one of God's greatest gifts" to be preserved not destroyed.

If blacks are to do their part in turning this society away from its false ideals, Bishop Francis said they must return to their own values — "awareness of God, awareness of brotherhood and sisterhood, willingness to share, fierce determination never to be enslaved again but to be free."

He said Catholic educators "must be as concerned about religious instruction as we are about the other subjects taught in our schools."

He placed strong emphasis on the Church's role. "We have forgotten that the whole civil rights movement began in the Church... by a minister and his people... by people who had within themselves the power to defy physical threat."

He wished the Rochester OBM well. "My wish is that you will not necessarily be successful, but committed; not necessarily liked, but loving; not necessarily approved, but approving."

A panel of leading black citizens reacted to Bishop Francis. Judge Reuben Davis found the talk "very challenging" and spoke of a lethargy on the part of churches serving minorities. He quoted the psalmist, "Except the Lord build the Church, he that builds it builds in vain."

Attorney Lloyd Hurst offered the premise that the "real power we as blacks, we as Americans have is to be found in our homes... not those small, minute groups within those walls, but the community... the Church as a building is not the Church... the Church is the people,

you and I."

City Councilman Ronald Good urged blacks to get into the political process. Politics is as important as life and death, he said, "but blacks have not participated as much as we should."

Dr. Benjamin Richardson of the City School District said, "The Church must play a key role to reach the very young... the new generation is there now, waiting for leadership. The Church can provide leadership... but it must be willing to confront issues in becoming involved."

Auxiliary Bishop Dennis

W. Hickey represented the diocese. "The diocese is very, very grateful to have Father Robinson," he said, "but we had to go outside the diocese to get a black priest. This shows how desperate is our need for vocations in our diocese — blacks, white, any color."

Those in attendance were divided into smaller groups and led in workshops by members of the board of the Office of Black Ministries.

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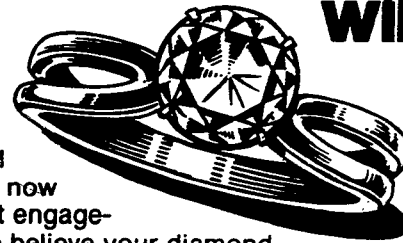
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