



Bishop Hickey with award-winning Scouts.

## Scout, Explorer Awards Presented

Fifty-four Scouts and Explorers were presented the Ad Altare Dei and Pius XII religious awards at Christ the King Church recently by Auxiliary Bishop Dennis W. Hickey.

Receiving the Ad Altare Dei award were Burke Barrett, John Beback, James Bergeron, Paul Besch, Leonard Brezinski, Christopher Bush, Scott Ciccari, Thomas Collins, Chris Corona, Edward Dougherty, Todd Ellis, Charles Fitzpatrick, Michael Frey, Edward Gala, Martin

Gmelin, Christopher Hale, Daniel Halpin, Terry Hancock, David Hauer, George Herbert, John Kalb, Joseph Kalb, Timothy Krist, Kevin Lyons, Matthew Maguire, Donald McBride, William McLaen, Vincent Parks, James Reynolds, James Riley, Sean Riley, Frank Rinere, Richard Rizzo, Charles Saia, Michael Saia, Jeffrey Schmitt, Daniel Scramek, Kevin Spang, Lawrence Staub, Martin Stokes, James Vazzana, Matthew White, Andrew Wigg, Mark Winkelbauer, Patrick Wright and Steven Wright.

Receiving the Pius XII award were Anthony Brach, Richard Uudeck, Thomas Koebel, Michele Reeder, Stephen Reeder, James Schaffer, Thomas Schaffer and Charles Zlotkus.

Sub Scouts of Pack 233 of the host parish who received the Parvuli Dei award were Louis Alaimo, James Chodak, Tom Farman, Michael Johnson, George Logemann, Michael Modrhead, Jeffrey Rahn, Christopher Staub, John Sullivan and Steven Zlotkus.

## ... At Your Parish St. Thomas the Apostle

The St. Thomas the Apostle Liturgy Committee is sponsoring a "Sedar" supper on April 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the school hall, 41 Colebrook Dr. off St. Paul Blvd.

committee member.

Bishop Hogan will attend and will speak on how the symbols of the Seder Supper relate to the Eucharist. Adults, and junior and senior

high schools students are invited.

For those who wish to attend reservations may be made by calling Joan Schaffer 544-0378, or Dolores Clarke 342-7984.

## St. Joseph's, Penfield

The celebration, presided over by Rabbi Aaron Solomon, will include lighting of the Festive Candles, blessing of the food, songs, Story of Freedom, and the Paschal Supper, according to Evelyn Mack, a liturgy

Tickets for Spring Fling II, a fashion show to be held Saturday, March 31 at Oak Hill Country Club are on sale at St. Joseph's School Hall Penfield after all Masses. Luncheon which begins at noon will be followed by a

parade of styles from Jennel's Women's Apparel, Brown-croft Boulevard at 1 p.m.

Chairpersons for the event sponsored by the Parish Life Committee are Mrs. Edwin Mench and Mrs. Ronald Brone. Tickets are \$6.

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## The Church 1979

By Father Andrew Greeley

### Response To The Root Of Problems

The election of a non-Italian pope underlined sharply the perennial issue of how Rome gets its information about churches in the rest of the world. The new pope, shocked by the number of applications for dispensation from priestly vows on his desk, has decided to re-evaluate and perhaps tighten up the norms for dispensation. Presumably Cardinal Felici is renewing his vendetta against the simplified annulment process operating in North America.



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In both cases the temptation for the new pope will be to deal with resignations from the priesthood and divorce by simply tightening up rules which had been "too liberalized."

One can understand John Paul II's shock. In the garrison church of Poland resignations are few and far between. There is little pressure to change the annulment process. Rules which are imposed by ecclesiastical authority are obeyed. Such a situation may or may not be more desirable than that which exists in other parts of the world. The critical issue, however, is whether the tactics that work in Poland can be expected to work elsewhere.

The problem has to do neither with the intelligence nor the good will of the new pope. It has to do rather with the quality of the information that gets to him personally.

All top executives, be they from government or business, have the same

problem. The American government was caught flat-footed by the unrest in Iran because the CIA simply did not provide it with information about the religious situation in that country - probably because the CIA intellectuals didn't think that religion was all that important. A corporation executive told me that in most of the major decisions he has to make, he has only about 5 percent of the information available that he needs to make the right choice.

The pope only gets good information when 1) those responsible in the various countries for communicating with him shout at the top of their lungs, and 2) he goes out of his way to break through the barriers that tend to isolate him and cut him off from good information.

Pope John Paul II would be well-advised if he is told - and I hope the leadership of the American church so advises him - that if the church wishes to deal with divorce and resignation from the priesthood, it must first of all, find the root causes of these two phenomena and respond to them. Such a search for explanation and response will be difficult, complicated and involved. Making rules is easy; but making rules doesn't work. Response to the root of problems might work.

In a recent column, I referred to the American Jewish Committee as sponsoring an ad in which Catholic schools were described as "rich men's segregated enclaves". In fact, it was not the American Jewish Committee but the American Jewish Congress, a completely different organization, which sponsored the ad. I regret this mistake and apologize to the American Jewish Committee for the confusion.

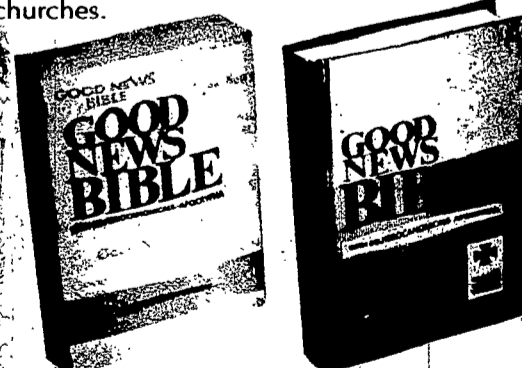
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