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Continued from Page 1. accompanied his coffin to his burial on March 24. The Church hierarchy, too, has been quick to condemn his murder.

Father Joseph Reinhart, Rochester missions director, also knew Father Espinal.

"Every month I sent a letter to San Jose Obrero, to our brothers and sisters in LaPaz. The death of a brother makes our sense of community much more real and we pray for Padre Luis and all of those in Bolivia we call brother and sister."

Father McCluskey said he came across the news of Father Espinal's death while reading the National Catholic Reporter on Good Friday evening.

"Boom! It was shocking. I feel the killing is senseless," said Father McCluskey, speaking on behalf of the other Padres de Rochester who set up the parish in LaPaz.

Fr. Sundholm

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it was not the funds that concerned him so strongly but that "the directors were arranging the budget in a way that was presupposing an annual appeal. I think that that decision (establishing an annual appeal) is still open."

He states in his resignation letter to Bishop Clark, "Only one of your five Directors has had even a minimum of experience as a financial administrator. To see you rely on them and only one member of the Bishop's Financial Advisory Board would continue to create for me a sense of confusion and disappointment."

Although not included in his resignation letter, Father Sundholm also had criticism of the board for what he sees as lack of parish representation.

"Only one of them, Bishop Hickey, has had experience as a pastor," he said. "Therefore parishes are not adequately represented. When the



Theologian Speaking

Father Raymond Brown, the noted Scripture scholar, today, April 16, begins delivering the 1980 Genesee Valley Theological Lectures. He will speak tonight and tomorrow at 8 p.m. at Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer. Friday he will speak at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the University of Rochester Interfaith Chapel. That evening at 7:30 he will speak in Wadsworth Auditorium of SUC Genesee. On Saturday he will conduct a workshop from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Genesee Interfaith Center.

LUIS ESPINAL HA MUERTO:



ELLOS TE ASESINARON S I E **Aqui**

Aqui's front page devoted to Father Espinal the day of his funeral.

Aqui, the weekly newspaper Father Espinal edited, said in an editorial, "Father Lucho (nickname for Luis), your death will be paid for, not by vengeance, but by justice."

"He was always dedicated to human rights," Father McCluskey said, "and was very much a part of our parish team. I remember back in 1973 working with him to organize lay persons and

priests to take the place of political prisoners at Easter time so they could spend the holy days with their families. We were turned down by the government."

Father Espinal had dual citizenship — Spain, where he was born, and Bolivia, where he lived in a slum area. Aqui declared upon his assassination, "Even though you were not born in this country, you are more Bolivian than some who were because of your dedication to people."

"He was always a strong voice against all forms of injustice and oppression," said Father McCluskey.

And, though assassinated, it is apparent that this voice will be heard even more clearly. As his newspaper declared on the front page:

"They have killed your flesh in a torrent of fire. But never your words and even less your thoughts."

Military Blames It On Leftists

LaPaz, Bolivia — The recent torture and murder of a Jesuit priest here has given rise to widespread charges that Bolivia's armed forces are prepared to use any means to silence or intimidate its critics.

The priest, Father Luis Espinal, was kidnapped March 21. His body was found the following day in a deserted spot near the city. According to the forensic report, he had been brutally tortured before being shot 12 times in the back.

(A Jesuit priest in LaPaz told his mission council in Washington, D.C., that he officially identified the body

and that Father Espinal had been shot 14 times. He confirmed the brutal torture.)

The military high command has vehemently denied any involvement in the killing, blaming it instead on the "ultra-left" and Cuban agents.

Archbishop Hayes Dies in Philippines

Manila (RNS) — Archbishop James T.G. Hayes, a native of New York City and a Jesuit who became archbishop of Cagayan de Cro in the Philippines, died March 28 in that province. He was 91.

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structure was put together it was to make the pastoral center more efficient. Now it is used to make decisions affecting parish life. I am not saying anyone should be fired but I think it is time to surface leadership" from the parish ranks.

(Bishop Hickey served as St. Theodore's pastor from 1961-67)

He also touched on that point in his letter of resignation: "I believe we have other leadership potential that ought to be surfaced. Their style of ministry (the Board of Directors) is not the same as my concept of ministry."

Father Sundholm, who is pastor of St. Salome's parish, quoted a paragraph from "The Directory of the Pastoral Ministry of Bishops," issued by the Sacred Congregation for Bishops, under the heading, "Diocesan Curia," which says: "To bring this about (organizing a diocesan curia), the bishop first of all selects as curia personnel those who are especially

skilled in the work that has to be done, and who are outstanding in piety and pastoral zeal — having consulted his presbytery, of and in the manner that seems useful to him. Moreover, he urges those who are priests to exercise some ministry for the care of souls, lest the curia become a merely administrative and juridical staff — which certainly will happen if the officials have almost no experience or understanding of pastoral work or in the needs of the faithful and of their spiritual life."

He listed as some of the board's decisions affecting parish life, "and parishes were not consulted — a change in health insurance carrier, the sale of Becket Hall, the purchase of a printing press, the taking over of social ministry department accounts."

He also cited a 1976 Census Management survey of "pastors, parish council presidents and other laity" concerning a possible "Bishop's Special Appeal." In it, the study found, "Serious communications and management gaps seem to exist between the diocesan institution and the pastors of parishes. No diocesan wide program will have the success it might merit without the

understanding and cooperation particularly of the pastors and leading laity of the parishes. There will be difficulty constructing 'A Bridge to Tomorrow' for the diocese without, at the same time, erecting 'A Bridge to Today' to the parishes and their people"

Father Sundholm claimed that nothing has been done in the intervening years to correct that situation.

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