



**Delegates**

Martin and Sally Lynch of Rochester, executive directors of the Association of Christian Therapists, were among 30 American delegates to the Fourth International Leaders' Conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, in Rome, May 4-9. The Lynch's organization is described as "an international organization of health care professionals in the charismatic renewal." In Rome, they were among delegates at a private audience with the pontiff.

**Bishops Tackle Energy Policy**

There is more to the "energy crisis" than the drudgery of gas lines and there is more to the Catholic Church than strictly teaching biblical doctrines when it comes to the welfare of people, The United States Catholic Conference (USCC) intimated in a statement it released on energy use and manufacture.

Drafted by the USCC Committee on Social Development and World Peace, the statement said the Church is interested in "uses of energy" because "it is necessary for human life and health."

Officials said it is because of this vital interest in human life that the Church must defend the poor against those institutions and energy politics that fail to take in consideration of human needs.

The 10,000-word statement, titled "Reflections on the Energy Crises," predicted energy problems will get worse. America must expect a series of spot shortages and/or price increases in the future due to

the vulnerability of the American oil supply, the statement said.

Officials said the result of these shortages will cause an increase in oil-related products such as construction costs, high interest rates and general inflation.

"These conditions, devastating to the poor, will progressively squeeze other groups of Americans as well," the statement warned.

The USCC has recommended two methods of allocating energy needs during shortages, the first being a reliance on the marketplace and the second by issuing a government fiat. Conference officials believe public servants are a necessary tool to insure that every citizen will receive help in obtaining energy.

Though Christians will differ on how to justly distribute energy supplies, USCC officials believe all Christians will support public energy assistance for low-income people.

"It is manifestly unfair that

the poor should have to spend an ever greater percentage of their meager income on necessary power as a result of measures aimed at cutting excess consumption," the statement added.

As a means of assisting the poor, other than providing direct financial aid, the statement recommended that the government consider "weatherizing the homes of low-income people and, where feasible, in installing solar heating equipment. Further, government should work with utility companies to bring about the adoption of rate structures that protect the interests of the poor."

Officials explained in the statement that the fundamental energy problem is not gas lines but "the need to effect a transition from primary dependence on oil and natural gas to primary dependence on something else in the fairly near future."

The USCC also expressed its views on some of the leading fuel alternatives.

Coal, cited as the "leading

alternative" to oil, offers enormous benefits, though the Church cannot ignore the dangers coal presents to "human health and the environment."

If America does make a commitment to coal use "it should be balanced by a simultaneous commitment to improved mine safety," the statement said.

On other alternatives, the statement said the largest problem with nuclear fission as an energy choice is the "many uncertainties surrounding this complex technology."

The statement encouraged further study of synthetic fuel production and had special praise for solar power, calling the sun "an inexhaustible fount of energy for a variety of purposes."

"Its effects on people and the environment are relatively benign." The statement added, "Most importantly, solar power can help open the way to permanent energy security, pointing beyond the end of fossil fuels."

**Sisters Offer Tutoring**

The Sisters of St. Joseph will offer a summer program of tutoring in reading and mathematics for students in grades two through eight, July 6-17, and July 20-31 at both the congregational motherhouse on East Avenue and at Nazareth Hall on Raines Park.

The program is open to students of all area schools, and registration will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Registration and further information is obtained by calling Tutorial Program, 586-1000, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 8 p.m.

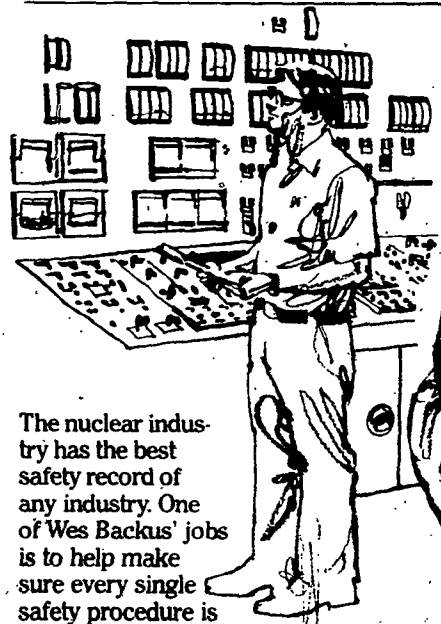
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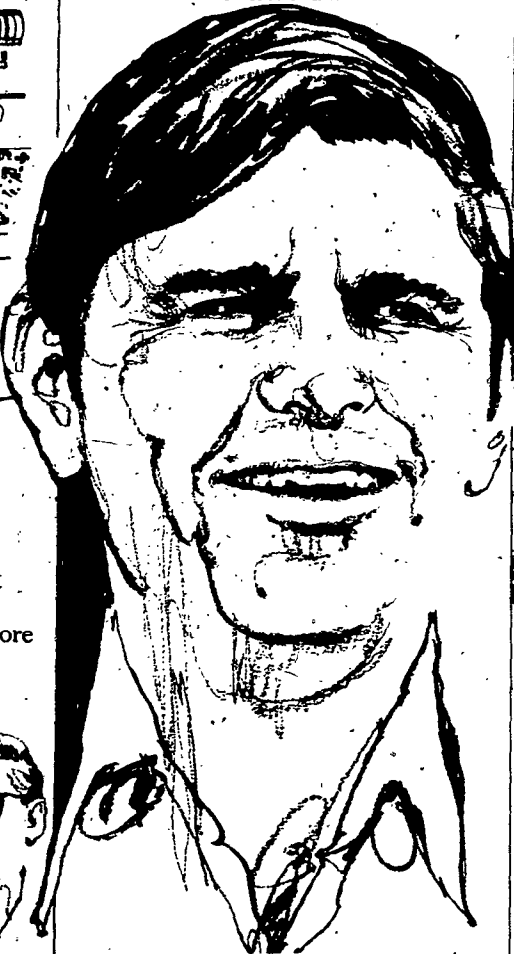
Richard F. Snell has joined the Nothnagle Gallery of Homes as a sales associate. The Snells, members of the Cathedral parish, have lived in the Tenth Ward for more than 60 years. Snell, a graduate of Aquinas Institute and St. John Fisher College, is a former teacher and for eight years was owner/manager of Snell Paint and Wallpaper Co. on West Ridge Road.

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