

# Archdiocesan Study Says Scrap Catholic Network

Chicago (NC) — A study of the Archdiocese of Chicago's communications has recommended the virtual elimination of the Catholic Television Network of Chicago.

The television system, organized by the late Cardinal John Cody in 1972, has received more than \$9.4 million in subsidies since that time.

The network has 37 full-time staff members.

The study, which was commissioned by Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of

Chicago, also recommended major changes in the archdiocese's Department of Communications, which is responsible for media relations, and a long-term review of the structure and purpose of The Chicago Catholic, the archdiocesan newspaper.

Changes in the television network and communications department were recommended immediately. The newspaper review was targeted for completion in 1985.

"Communications is an

essential element in the ministry of the church," Cardinal Bernardin said in a statement.

"Because of technical developments, the state of the art must be reviewed at regular intervals.

"This study becomes the basis both for in-depth review and the establishment of new directions," he continued.

"It should not be seen as a reflection on individuals or individual agencies, since

some of the difficulties outlined in this report resulted from administrative decisions outside of their control," he said.

The \$35,000 study produced a report of 30 single-spaced typewritten pages and a 16-page list of individuals interviewed.

The full text of the report, which was released Aug. 24, will be published in the Sept. 2 issue of The Chicago Catholic.

The study was conducted by Robert B. Beusse, a communications consultant and former secretary of communications for the U.S. Catholic Conference; Jesuit Father Daniel L. Flaherty, director of Loyola University Press, Chicago; and Wayne C. Miller, director of telecommunications at the University of Cincinnati.

The report criticized the television system for moving away from its original function of providing technological service to Catholic schools.

"At first the reviewers were told that 80 percent of studio time was used for unrelated commercial business — a percentage indicative of an operation no longer in touch with its original mission," the report said.

"Later, evidence was presented that indicated that only 57 percent of studio time in

June 1983 was used for unrelated commercial business," the report continued.

"Actually, what the figures indicate is this: The studios, in total, were in use 57 percent of the time and all of that use was for unrelated commercial business," it said.

The report recommended the virtual closing of the television network operation and shifting broadcasting

efforts to a new and less expensive Office of Media Services.

The archdiocese's communications office was criticized for "the absence of experienced church public affairs writers."

The report recommended "no immediate changes" in The Chicago Catholic but called for a detailed professional study of its purpose and goals.

## 'Israel's Sacred Songs,' Theme of Adult Program

Sister Anne Marie adult education scripture Fahrenbach, SSS, will lead an study on the dominant

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On the Right Side

### More About The Moonies

From a Reserve Specialist: "My grandmother often sends me your column while I'm here at Ft. Bragg with the Reserve. I always enjoy your column, and the one I am reading now involves the Moonies and Steve Kemperman whom I remember from McQuaid (Class of 1974).

"Several years ago I read 'Crazy for God' about a dude who went from Yale to the Moonies. I, too, am amazed when I talk to Moonies, how they can stand the oppressive techniques used to convert them, and not realizing that desperation makes them especially vulnerable to brainwashing.

"In the Spring, I was in a coffee shop in Albany, and upon leaving I was approached by a 20-25 year old girl, conservatively dressed, who wanted to talk to me about Moon and his rubbish. I tried to show her how Moon was abusing her and using her, but she persisted until she said, 'Do you think I am so stupid that I would follow Moon for no good reason?' I said, 'Yes,' and left it at that.

"What struck me most about your column was your reference to McQuaid: 'I am wondering that nothing at McQuaid Jesuit High School seemed to confirm Steve in his Catholic Faith.' Do you know how many former McQuaid students no longer belong to a church? As far as religion goes, the Zen Master said it best: 'When the student is ready, the teacher is there.'

"The difference between 17 and 27 is dramatic: as far as religious consciousness goes. Youth (17) is a time of easy commitment, while 27 is a time of individual commitment, and this something taught prior to adulthood is often not as important.

"Will you send me several Sheen tapes. I will

send you the money for the tapes. My favorites are 'The Devil' and 'Three Kinds of Love'."

Kevin Doran of radio station WLEA, Hornell, sent me a tape of a radio interview with a former Moonie, Steve Kemperman of Rochester. I learned that Kemperman had written a book on the Moonies, "Lord of the Second Advent," an autobiography of his four years with the cult — how he got sucked into the cult; how profoundly committed the Moonies are; the vice-like mind control; the constant deceit in presenting the cult; the years of selling candy and flowers to raise money for Rev. Moon; and four hours of sleep a night.

Finally his parents kidnapped him, followed by his de-programming in New Hampshire, back to normalcy. He has recently returned from five months with Mother Teresa's missionaries in India, indicative that the idealism which impelled him into the Moonies is still alive.

I bought eight copies of the book for distribution and gifts — two to Father Glogowski at St. Ann's Home in Rochester where several Heritage residents expressed a wish to read the book, after I spoke of it at the Saturday-Sunday homily; one to Father Gene McFarland who keeps up on things.

One to Father Charles Farrell, O.P., prior of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington; one to Steve and Alice Murphy of Webster who have charge of the French students program each Summer; one to Mother Teresa's Sisters in Washington; and one to Chris Halvanic of Webster who is a student at Niagara U.

Father Bruce Ritter of Covenant House in New York had a hair-raising article in the Aug. 24 Courier-Journal about "The Church of Bible Understanding," also known as "The We People" who practically enslave gullible teenagers.

themes of "Israel's Sacred Songs," at Cardinal Mooney High School this Fall.

Sister Anne Marie teaches Theology 10 and 11 at the high school. She holds an MA in education from Brockport, and an MA in theology from St. Bernard's Seminary.

The fee for the program is \$10. Each class runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m., at the school on Maiden Lane.

Following is a list of the dates and topics of the sessions:

Sept. 21, Psalms, part one, an introduction and outline of the five books;

Sept. 28, Psalms, part two, "God as Overlord and King, the Mosaic Covenant;"

Oct. 5, Psalms, part three, "God as Savior, Lament and Deliverance;"

Oct. 12, Psalms, part four, "God as Source of Wisdom, Torah;"

Oct. 19, Psalms, part five, "Yahweh's Songs in an Alien Age, Today."

Persons wishing further information on the sessions are asked to call Mrs. Ferdinand Testa, coordinator, 254-0599.

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