

MOVIES

New York (NC) -- Here is a list of recent films which the U.S. Catholic Conference Department of Communication has rated on the basis of moral suitability.

The first symbol after each title is the USCC rating. The second symbol is the rating of the Motion Picture Association of America.

These are the USCC symbols and their meanings: A-I -- general patronage; A-II -- adults and adolescents; A-III -- adults; A-IV -- adults, with reservations (an A-IV classification is for certain films which, while not morally offensive in themselves, require caution and some analysis and explanation as a protection to the uninformed against wrong interpretations and false conclusions); O -- morally offensive. The word "recommended" appears behind the titles of those films that merit such a designation.

Here are the Motion Picture Association of America symbols and their meanings: G -- general audiences, all ages admitted; PG -- parental guidance suggested, some material may not be suitable for children; R -- restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian; X -- no one under 17 admitted (age limit may vary in certain areas).

- Against All Odds, O (R)
- Beyond the Limit, O (R)
- The Big Chill, A-III (R)
- Blame It on Rio, O (R)
- Broadway Danny Rose, A-III (PG)

- Crackers, A-III (PG)
- Christine, O (R)

- Cross Creek, A-II (PG) D
- D.C. Cab, O (R)
- Deep in the Heart, O (R)
- The Dresser, A-II (PG) E
- Educating Rita, A-III (PG) F
- Fanny and Alexander, A-IV (R)
- Footloose, A-III (PG) G
- Going Berserk, O (R)
- Gorky Park, A-IV (R) H
- Harry and Son, O (PG)
- Heart Like a Wheel, A-III (PG) J
- Joni, A-I (G)
- The Jupiter Menace, A-II (PG) L
- Lassiter, O (R)
- Lonely Guy, A-III (PG)
- Love Letters, O (R) M
- The Man Who Loved Women, O (R) N
- Never Cry Wolf, A-II (PG)
- Never Say Never Again, O (PG)
- A Night in Heaven, O (R)
- Night of the Shooting Stars, A-II

- The Prodigal, A-II (PG) P
- Reckless, O (R)
- The Return of Martin Guerre, A-III
- Reuben, Reuben, A-III (R)
- The Right Stuff, A-III (PG)
- Risky Business, O (R) S
- Scandalous, A-III (PG)
- Scarface, O (R)
- Silkwood, A-III (R)
- Slayground, A-III (R)
- The Star Chamber, A-III (R)
- Star 80, A-IV (R)
- Stuck on You, O (R)
- Sudden Impact, O (R) T
- Tender Mercies, A-III (PG)
- Terms of Endearment, A-III (PG)
- Testament, A-II (PG)
- To Be or Not to Be, A-III (PG) U
- Uncommon Valor, A-III (R)
- Under Fire, A-III (R)
- Unfaithfully Yours, O (PG) Y
- Yentl, A-III (PG) Z
- Zelig, A-II (PG)

Assassination Expert's Book Raises Questions for U.S.

By Thomas P. McDonnell

Twenty years ago, the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was witnessed by hundreds of on-lookers at the immediate scene in Dallas, while millions of horrified viewers saw the incredible shooting on television. Two years ago, a Turkish-born assassin attempted to murder Pope John Paul II in the midst of thousands of witnesses in St. Peter's Square, the Vatican.

Despite these two enormous public crimes having been committed virtually in front of the whole world, each case has raised countless unanswered -- and perhaps, in the end, unanswerable -- questions.

Investigative reporter and terrorist expert Claire Sterling has done everything possible to disprove this theory of the unanswerable in the case of the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul by Mehmet Ali Agca. She has investigated the case so thoroughly, in fact, that it must continue to embarrass the ineptitude (or

"The Time of the Assassins," by Claire Sterling. Holt, Rinehart and Winston (New York, 1983) 264 pp., \$14.95.

deviousness?) of several major governments -- including our own.

The hinge to Ms. Sterling's story is clearly the so-called Bulgarian connection, and on this her case either swings open or slams shut. Certainly, at this point, she has opened the door to at least a brace of shocking speculations:

- That Agca acted through Bulgarian assistance and that this was no doubt known to the KGB and therefore stamped with Soviet approval;

- That the CIA and our own government tiptoed around this crucial information for purely political reasons involving diplomatic relationships with the Soviet Union.

The lone mad gunman theory is much more plausible in the case of the Kennedy assassination than in that of the attempted murder of Pope John Paul. According to Ms. Sterling, the Agca right-wing terrorist theory is precisely the

conclusion which the international perpetrators and financiers of the crime had intended for immediate worldwide consumption. Further, she suggests evidence to support the probability that Solidarity labor leader Lech Walesa was also included on the hit list.

In the view of the convincing evidence that Ms. Sterling has produced in this case, it is disconcerting to consider the reluctance of various official sources throughout Europe and the West to believe the Bulgarian connection. Few of these official sources are anxious to question just who would be the main beneficiary of the assassination of the Polish pope. It is fairly clear, on the other hand, that Vatican officials already know the answer.

McDonnell, a veteran journalist in the church press, writes a regular column for *The Pilot*, newspaper of the Boston Archdiocese.

around the country, is doing something about world hunger, unemployment, disarmament, the handicapped. Unlike some others, it is organizationally structured to translate belief into action. It has a peace and justice commission which identifies issues, sorts out priorities, and develops action agendas.

There are other things we need to thank Father Geaney for. He recognizes that the parish is not calling individuals to be prophetic, but to become members of a prophetic community; and that to be truly a sign of God's kingdom, a parish must be involved in the work of justice; and that, while there is no true spirituality without justice, action for justice requires a strong spirituality.

Perhaps what is most pleasing is that Father Geaney recognizes the importance of parish involvement in political action. But here is where he gets ambivalent. He claims that a parish needs a structure to deal with governmental legislation that affects community needs. He even cites approvingly the political actions of the parish in dealing with world hunger and disarmament.

Then he warns that the prophetic parish does not commit itself to an ideology or a political party. Well, if it is dealing with world hunger or disarmament through the political process, then it is already involved with an ideology.

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"The Prophetic Parish: a Center for Peace and Justice," by Father Dennis J. Geaney. Winston Press (Minneapolis, 1983). 128 pp., \$6.95.

Reviewed by Ronald D. Pasquariello
NC News Service

First of all, let's thank Father Geaney for creating a label, "the prophetic parish," that is badly needed. The term itself says a lot of important things about Catholic Church life in America that often is relegated to last place, and never really gotten to.

Parish is often looked on as a spiritual service center. It is where Catholics go to get the sacraments and some kind of instruction, just like the filling station is the place you go to get gas, oil, and some advice about your tires and carburetor.

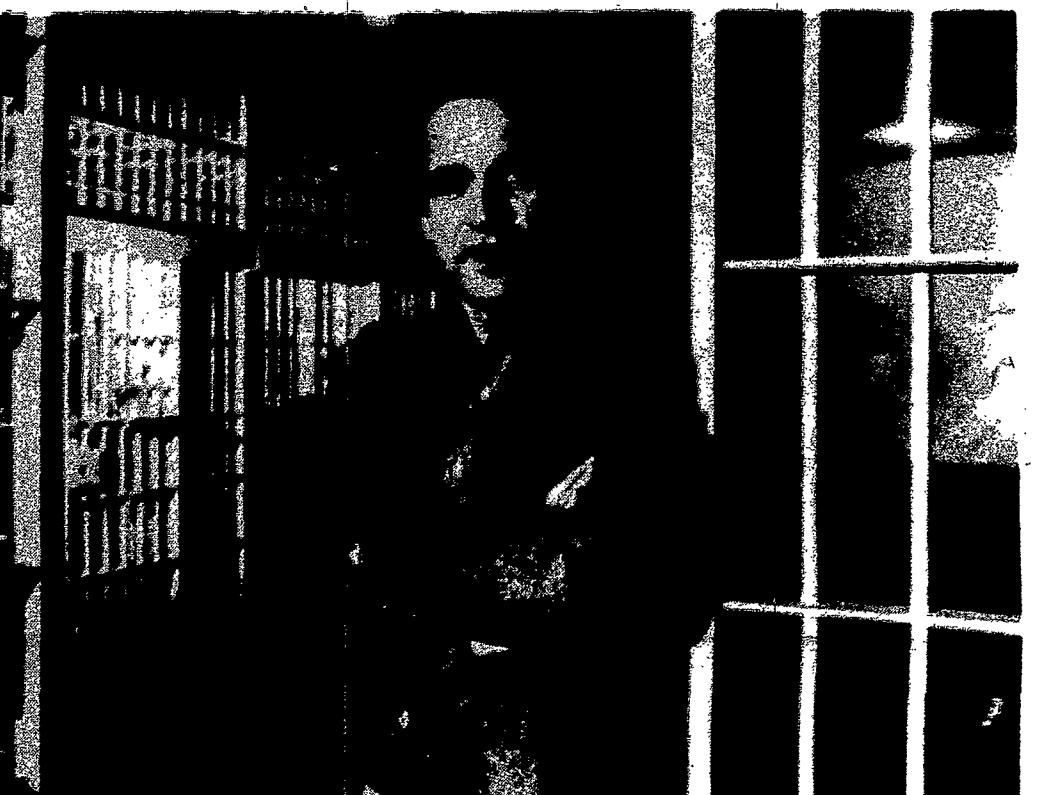
No more. The prophetic parish is active. It recognizes that it has a role to play in the society. It recognizes that it is a place of celebration, reconciliation and prayer, but it also knows that a parish cannot worship God without doing justice, as the Bible reminds us time and time again.

The prophetic parish is out there doing things that prophets do, actively relating its belief to the social order. It "writes the beatitudes into its charter and uses them as the measure of its fidelity to the demands of Jesus."

Secondly, let's thank Father Geaney for what he is doing. His book describes the activities of a parish, St. Victor's in Chicago, whose prophetic character he has been instrumental in nurturing.

This parish, like some too few others

TELEVISION



Doing Time

A 14-year-old robber is on his bunk in solitary confinement in Okechobee, one of three Florida training schools cited for inhumane treatment in "Old Enough to Do Time." The March 21 PBS documentary examines the new get-tough juvenile justice policies across America. Daniel J. Travanti of NBC's "Hill Street Blues" is host and narrator. (NC Photo)

CATHOLIC BROADCAST SCHEDULE

PROGRAM	CABLE COMPANY	CHANNEL	MON. (3/19)	TUES. (3/20)	WED. (3/21)	THURS. (3/22)	FRI. (3/23)
American Catholic with Fr. John Powell, S.J.	American Cable (Rochester)	5	2:00 PM			10:00 AM	7:00 PM
	American Cable (Webster)	5	8:00 PM				
	Peoples Cable (Subr. Rochester)	19	8:30 PM				8:00 PM
The Glory of God with Fr. John Bertolucci	Channel 12 West (Greene, Gates, Chell)	12				8:00 PM	
	American Cable (Rochester)	5	4:00 PM			12:00 Noon	9:00 PM
	Channel 12 West (Greene, Gates, Chell)	12				7:30 PM	