



Teacher of teachers

An author of textbooks and self-described individualist, Harvey White outlines the joys of education and the price of revolution in Nicaragua. See page 4.



Diaconal ordinations

Eight permanent and two transitional deacons were ordained by Bishop Matthew J. Clark in a ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral last Saturday. See page 7.

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World

Politics turn deadly

Mexico City — The Mexican government has sharply criticized an Amnesty International report on human rights violations in the southern Mexican states of Oaxaca and Chiapas. The report, which describes politically motivated killings and kidnappings, parallels charges made by Mexican Catholic bishops, civil rights lawyers and human rights activists of ongoing human rights violations in the region.

Koreans decry indifference

Seoul, South Korea — A South Korean church group has criticized what it described as indifference toward recent acts of self-immolation by anti-government students and workers. In a statement, issued the same day as a newly baptized Catholic died of self-inflicted wounds, the Human Rights Commission of the Korean National Council of Churches protested the "unjust conditions" which have driven South Koreans to set themselves on fire, and called for the institution of democracy. Reports indicate that since November, 1984, 10 students and workers have set themselves on fire and seven have died.

Nation

Ruling on 'Baby Doe'

Washington, — In a 5-3 decision June 9, the Supreme Court threw out federal regulations which had demanded medical treatment for severely handicapped newborns. Withholding treatment does not violate anti-discrimination law, the court said, because parents -- not the hospitals receiving federal funds -- decide what medical care babies receive.

The regulations were developed by the Department of Health and Human Services after the 1982 death of a Bloomington, Ind., infant boy born with Down's syndrome. His case became known as "Baby Doe" after his unidentified parents denied permission for surgery to open a blocked esophagus.

Women priests favored

Washington — Nearly half of U.S. Catholics now favor women priests, according to a new survey report released June 9.

Catholic support for ordination of women hit 47 percent last year, rising "a remarkable 18 percentage points in the 11 years from 1974," said the report.

Buffalo priest arrested

Wyoming County, N.Y. — A priest from the Diocese of Buffalo was arrested over the weekend on sexual assault charges, according to a spokesman from the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department.

Father Gerald C. Jasinski, 44, a priest from Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lancaster, Erie County, was arrested and arraigned Saturday, June 7, in Wyoming County Court. He was charged with first-degree sodomy, first-degree sexual abuse and unlawfully dealing with a child.



Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal

Pent-up emotion

Nora McMillan, Torrie Compton, and Sue Kykendall cheered on their Cardinal Mooney teammates from behind the fence. As the championship game between Mooney and Hilton proceeded, it seemed the entire outcome was on the fence, until a single run was scored in the 10th inning. See page 9 for story and more pictures.

At Catholic press convention,

Courier-Journal wins top newspaper award

"A unanimous choice for first place ... Dynamic. It does everything right, from its outstanding front pages to its still-lively back pages." So stated the judges who named the Courier-Journal first-place winner for general excellence in the 40,000-and-above circulation division of the 1986 Catholic Press Association newspaper awards.

The CPA awards were announced June 7 at the association's 75th annual convention in Columbus, Ohio.

In judging the general excellence category, judges looked for the following qualities: "an appealing front page; well-chosen and well-written stories; lively headlines; professional layout ...; appealing graphics; out-of-the-ordinary photographs; balance in local, national and world news and in the proportion of news, features and commentary; youth coverage; attractive placement of advertising; effective use of color; and quality of supplements, when included."

In selecting the Courier-Journal for top honors, the judges gave high praise to the paper's "strong and imaginative graphics, to Jeff Goulding's compelling and intriguing photographs and to the high-quality writing by Karen Franz and Teresa Parsons, who provide extensive local coverage."

General excellence winners in other circulation divisions were: the National Catholic Reporter, national newspapers; The Catholic Spirit of Austin, Texas, diocesan newspapers with circulation up to 17,000; and Catholic Free Press of Worcester, Mass., 17,000-40,000.

In addition to this overall award, Courier staff members received the following honors: second-place, best human-interest feature story — Karen M. Franz, "St. Mary's Church of the Deaf Demonstrates God's Word in a World of Silence"; third-place, best news photo originating with the newspaper — Jeff Goulding, "Local trivia whiz returns victorious" (Sister Carol Cimino returning from "Jeopardy!"); third-place, best news report originating with the paper on a local matter — Karen M. Franz and

Teresa A. Parsons, "Grand Larceny Charges Dropped Against Burke" (the St. Jude incident); honorable mention, best photo story originating with the newspaper — Jeff Goulding, "Summer Camp: It's Not Just for Kids Anymore."

In judging entries in the specific categories — i.e., best news story, best feature photo, etc. — judges did not consider the circulation size of the entering publications nor whether the publications were diocesan or national. Here are some of the other 1986 first-place winners:

Best News Report Originating with the Paper on a Local Matter: The Globe, Sioux City, Iowa, for a story on local effects of the national farm crisis.

Best News Report Originating with the Paper on a National or International Event: Inland Catholic, San Bernardino, Cal., for a story on diocesan aid to the poor in Mexico.

Best Background, In-depth or Interpretive Reporting: National Catholic Reporter, for stories on priest child abuse cases.

Best Editorial Page or Section: National Catholic Reporter.

Best Human Interest Feature Story: National Catholic Reporter, for a story featuring letters-exchanged between housewife Laurie Vestal and convicted murderer Charles Rumbaugh.

Best Photo Story Originating with the Newspaper: Catholic Standard, Washington, D.C., for "Kids in Church."

Best Photograph Originating with the Newspaper — Best Feature Photo: The Bayou Catholic, Houma, La., for "The gap between generations." — **Best News Photo:** tie between two Catholic New York photos, one of then-Archbishop John O'Connor in Ethiopia, the other of Archbishop O'Connor and New York Mayor Ed Koch on St. Patrick's Day.

Gomez deportation hearing begins

By Teresa A. Parsons

What Salvadoran refugee Alejandro Gomez regards as a "stain" on his past — membership in the Salvadoran communist party — has returned to haunt him more than once.

Although he fled El Salvador with his family to escape the death sentence he feared after being labeled a "communist" and a "subversive" by Salvadoran police, those labels have followed him to the United States and now may threaten his chance for gaining asylum.

At their joint deportation hearing, which began last Wednesday, June 4, before Immigration Judge Gordon Sacks in Buffalo, both Alejandro, 46, and his wife Leticia, 43, admitted they have visited Cuba and received military training there. Leticia Gomez also testified Friday that she visited Moscow, where she attended a youth festival in 1962 and studied social sciences for 10 months.

During more than eight hours of testimony that spanned two days of the hearing, Alejandro said that when he returned to El Salvador from Cuba in 1963, he joined the communist party of El Salvador (PCS) and also sold the party's newspaper.

Finding himself increasingly at odds with the communist organization after several years, however, Gomez claimed that he permanently severed his ties with the party in 1968.

Both Alejandro and Leticia denied that they have ever used their military training or acted as agents for either the Cuban or Soviet governments.

Alejandro also denied an allegation, contained in a State Department advisory opinion on his case, that he returned to Cuba in 1972.

"No, never," he said. "I emphatically declare that is a false document."

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