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There is no escape from the turn of the seasons either in body or in spirit [p. 2].

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## We Need Winter

By JOSEPH W. ELLIOTT

th the approach of fall here on the 10rthern coast of Washington, a vinge floated into the bedroom ne morning, a reminder that sumas about to move out, making or winter.

Igely, we're seldom prepared for It always takes us sharply by e, threatens our domestic comtests the circulation of water in es and of blood in the veins, both bund wanting. Few of us but have casualty in our pipes or in our or even in our feet. For the most edo not take kindly in our urban the stern demands of winter.

ature, winter is both an adornnd a necessity. Indeed in order to
rowth, a time of winter is a necesart of the cycle of living. It is a
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called "a refusal to die," out of
comes the chance of renewal.

rhythmic cycle has been recogs the law of nature's being. It has elebrated in myths which have d man's belief in this pattern of awal and return; this journey h death into life. The story of Pere of Greece and that of Osiris in are well known.

ten have come to admit the benefiof winter in the natural order, so ave come to recognize its place in . One of the major themes of se's *Outline of History* is that as been an unerring cyclic rhythm ization which illustrates the pat-

est columnist, the Rev. Joseph W. a retired priest of the Diocese of rn California, resides in Ocean Vash.



tern of withdrawal and return. He sees it as clearly in the life of nations as of individuals.

It is no less true, too, in the life of the soul. There is no mechanical, steady progress either in the mind's grasp of ideas or the personal practice of goodness. In the life of Christian communities, and even of Christian families, there is the same ebb and flow. In all growing there is winter no less than spring. No process of growth can indeed be free from this and remain healthy. Certainly not our growing into God.

There are seasons when doubt chills and when faith burgeons. The frost is as cleansing as the spring sun is renewing.

There are few folks who do not sometimes find their loyalties burning low, their faith less sure, and even their friendships less lively. If this is recognized as a seasonal change it may well be the prelude for renewal, in love as well as in life.

There is no escape from the turn of the seasons either in body or in spirit. It is necessary for us to be docile to God's rhythm, accepting winter because it has a possibility of spring in it, and eagerly waiting for the signs of its coming. Spring will not be far behind.

There are times, however, when winter comes suddenly to the soul, as it comes in our homes. The sharpness of pain or the chill of disappointment; the keen edge of doubt or the desolation of grief. These are the times when we feel the knife in the wind, the unyielding pressure of the frost, and the ice enters the

always known such times. One has spoken of "the dark night of the soul."

It does not, alas, take some souls long to be affected; one night of hard frost is enough. One never ceases to be astonished that some can so quickly lose their trust in man or faith in their God. One failure, one thrust of ill-fortune, one unanswered question, and love for man or for God is nipped and dies.

Those who know the rhythm, however, though they are surprised sometimes when the moment comes, are never defeated by the onset of winter. They learn, as all of us may learn, from the habits of nature. In such a season it is good to close the mind around some proved simplicity and to feed on a little harbored store of truth. We can turn in upon the core of our being and hold fast - even blindly — to the things we can never deny. So, when the circle of pain seems to be closing us in, we close our minds around the invincible will to live. Inside the numbness of grief is the unquenchable hope that life is indestructible; at the center of nagging doubt we keep plucking the last string of hope. To all such refusals to die there comes the spring, and to all darkness there comes the light.

Thus, new life in winter begins — the very agencies which, keen-edged, have driven us to withdrawal are doing another work outside us. The frost, which sends life into hiding, is renewing the earth in which all things grow; it is breaking up its hardness and refreshing it, even by its power in rocky places, making new soil. Out of such frost-bitten earth comes the chance of a new life. A better season of growth will follow a hard winter, for there the new soil is ready to respond and give the plant when it comes, a refreshened environment as the spring sun warms it.

How often men have found this as they emerge from a winter withdrawal. How fresh become familiar places and how new is our joy in our friends. Never is faith so likely to break into song as when it is given back to one who has not lost hope in doubt. So God sends his winter that there may be never-failing spring.

Of this rhythm Jesus Christ is the supreme statement. Men can call him the Dayspring — the spring of day — only because he passed through a winter colder, darker and more bitter than man has ever known. More than all he has shown us that out of death comes life, out of darkness light, and out of winter the eternal spring.

It is around him the mind must close; on his assurance that the soul may feed. He is the proper "man for all seasons"; indeed every changing season of the soul's life reveals new and inexhaustible aspects of his being. There is no change in age or in fortune that the Christian need fear.



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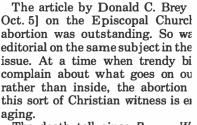
As chairman of the Joint Committee on Nominations for the 1988 General Convention. I have been much interested in the correspondence dealing with appropriate persons to serve on the various boards, and especially the Executive Council of the church.

I do hope that your readers who may have suggestions of nominations will send them to me. Appropriate nominating forms may be obtained from the bishop of your diocese or from me.

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> (The Rt. Rev.) RICHARD M. TRELEASE, JR. Bishop of the Rio Grande

There seems to be much confusi both the church and the secular over the Bishop of London's star regard to Fr. Pasco and his congres



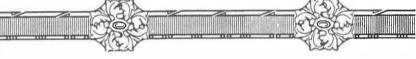
The death toll since Roe v. We now at 20 million. How many mo born children will have to die befo Episcopal Church summons the in and courage to express its formal proval?

THOMAS C. R.

Racine, Wis.

#### Bishop of London

in Oklahoma [TLC, Sept. 28]. Sin Pasco's deposition, one would as that both he and his flock are not side the jurisdiction of the Epis Church and any bishop thereof, though the Bishop of Oklahoma' concerning the property is still per At the recent synod of the Chu



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to the press, of which I was a member, that he was not prepared to interfere or even talk with anyone in ECUSA unless or until they had left that body, and had made it clear to Fr. Pasco that he could not say or do anything for him until he had ceased to be a part of it.

He had also emphasized in a public statement earlier that any such action on his part would be as a person and as a bishop "of the holy catholic and apostolic church, not as the Bishop of London," in giving pastoral care to any person or group seeking to uphold the traditional faith and order of the church.

DOROTHY MILLS PARKER

Washington, D.C.

#### Fishy Smell

T.V.'s dramatists do not damage the church's image as much as do our own Christian brethren in their facile use of the medium [TLC, Sept. 28]. Script writers find a natural home on the stage, while Christians seem more authentic on the streets and in their closets.

If the public likes to see us portrayed as "weak, scheming and corrupt," I suggest we take it as a compliment. Drama in many of its forms makes much of "the fall" of the good man. T.V. at least suggests that we have something to fall from. And often do!

Please, let's not join the ranks of the righteous too soon with our protestations. Broadcast goodness smells fishy to me.

(The Rev.) PHILLIP L. THOMAS Franklin, La.

#### **Pope's Refreshing Firmness**

The September 21 letters of the Rev. Wendell Tamburro and the Rev. Peter Powell in which they condemn the Vatican's discipline of Fr. Charles Curran and the "mindset" behind it have finally prompted me to express my concern on a related point.

Fr. Curran was disciplined because what he was teaching as Roman Catholic doctrine was not that. Perhaps his views are popular, but popularity does not make them catholic, or Christian for that matter. While we can be pleased that our democratic government has succeeded in our society, we should not extend our political ideas to religion. God does not take a survey and then form his opinion on what is right and what is wrong.

God says he hates divorce (Malachi 2:16, Matthew 19:6), and says homosexuality is an abomination. As his children it is not our prerogative to tell him that we wish to practice something he has forbidden, and that he is obliged to change his mind. It also should not be our prerogative to excise specifically

from the lectionary (Romans 1:26-27).

RACHEL E. FAY

Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

The existence of the church's responsibility to teach its doctrines (i.e. the magisterium) was never, of course, called into question by the English Reformation (c.f. Article XX: "The Church hath... authority in Controversies of Faith..."), or is it questioned by modern Anglicanism. In seeming to defend Professor Curran's doctrinal subjectivism on behalf of the Anglican Church, Frs. Tamburro and Powell misrepresent the teaching of their own communion just as Professor Curran has misrepresented his communion.

Whatever our differences with Rome, let us join Dr. Ratzinger in preferring that individuals represent their own subjective religious opinions as such, and not as the teachings of Christ's Church.

MARTIN TOOR

Denver, Colo.

As a Roman Catholic, I was interested in the letters about the Curran episode. I understand the negative reactions. As Mark Russell, the political satirist said, "Father Curran is in hot holy water for trying to think without a license!" It is marvelous and fulfilling to be a Roman Catholic but also, at times, highly embarrassing.

However, in the above sentence one could substitute "Episcopalian," "Baptist" "Lutheran" "Methodist," etc. and have it make sense. Out of ecumenical charity, I will not be more specific.

JANE BRADFORD

La Jolla, Calif.

#### **Sunday Schools in Disarray**

I wish to commend you and Gretchen Pritchard for the September 14 article, "Unnurtured Nurturers." I agree with every word. I wish it could be read from every pulpit. I have often suggested people think of taking six-year-olds and giving them one hour per week of instruction in reading (with most of them missing 40 percent of the sessions) over the next 12 years. How many would be reading well by the end of 12th grade?

One symptom of the lack of interest in our church in Christian education is the lack of paid positions. It is impossible to find a living wage position in Christian education. I visit parishes to do vacation church schools and I always find cupboards of educational materials junked into boxes, tossed in disarray onto shelves, piled in corners. Half of it is

nize it; the other half needs someone with the time to throw it out. This takes time. So does fostering the spirituality of teachers, setting up workshops, lining up audio-visuals, and setting up special programs.

SISTER JULIA MARY

Catonsville, Md.

Gretchen Pritchard's article says much that needs to be said. However, I was disturbed by the closing paragraphs. Yes, children belong in church, worshiping with the family of God. Yes, the parents are the primary nurturers of their children's faith. But that does not automatically exclude a Christian education experience for everyone, in addition to the worship service, on Sunday morning.

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Helmetta, N.J.

A big thank you to Gretchen Wolff Pritchard for having the courage to point out the emporer has no clothes.

(The Rev.) JEREMY H. KNOWLES
St. Christopher's Church

Plaistow, N.H.

#### Time to Reflect

A recent article on the interim rector [TLC, Sept. 14] mentions the possibility of having a period of silence after both the gospel and the sermon. I should like to share with your readers a similar practice which has worked very well in this parish; that of having the anthem immediately after the sermon. This practice has several advantages. The preacher can sit down and relax, the congregation can reflect and meditate on the sermon, the choir can sing without the competition of clattering offering plates, and there can be a hymn at the offertory, so that the congregation stands to take part in the liturgical action, rather than sitting as passive spectators.

(The Rev.) LAWRENCE CRUMB St. Mary's Church

Eugene, Ore.

#### **Passover Bread**

Stephen R. Caldwell asks in the title of his article [TLC, Sept. 14] about communion bread: "Should we use 'real' bread in the Holy Eucharist?" He then introduces a number of arguments to elicit a "yes" as the answer. Let at least one answer be "no."

Christianity, we are often told, has its roots in Judaism, a faith which God loaded with symbolic foreshadowings of that which would replace it: the Christian faith. The business about unleavened bread accordingly goes back to the first passover in Egypt at the time of the

God to tell the people to prepare bread without yeast to be eaten with a roasted lamb, and to continue eating that special bread during the seven days that followed.

The seven days of the Israelites' eating of the same bread is a symbolic forecast of the church feeding their souls on Christ, our bread of life (John 6:35, 48), throughout the seven great periods of the church age.

Thirteen verses (Ex. 12:1-13) are used for instructions as to how to prepare and eat the lambs, and another six (vs. 15-20) detail the eating of the unleavened bread. Two dire warnings of exile are included to emphasize the importance of not using leavened bread either in the passover or during the week

So what is wrong with using bread in the Holy Eucharist? Sthat all bread used in those celebr represents our Lord. To eat ye bread in the Eucharist is to set for lie and insult, recognized or not, t is a sinner like the rest of us, wh certainly is not as both St. Paul 4:15) and St. Peter (I Pet. 1:19) ously declared, and as he himself s when he mockingly taunted his er to point to any sin in his life (John

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#### naries Question In Decision

Episcopal Divinity School in Masetts has joined the General Theo-Seminary in New York in queseg the members of the Angliman Catholic International Comn II (ARCIC) as to "whether reble Christian intellectual freedomently denied" by the actions of the Congregation for the Doctrine of ith in the case of Fr. Charles Cur-

statement released by the faculty Episcopal Divinity School, they Like the faculty of the General ary, we welcome the substantial ient already reached by Anglican oman Catholic representatives on mmission as recorded in the ARinal Report and for that very reaare their concern that the Vatican's ient of Curran raises a fresh and obstacle to the closer ecumenical in which we seek."

General Theological Seminary recently issued an open letter to ers of ARCIC II in which various of concern about the Curran case iscussed. The professors said they red with the presidents of Roman ic theological societies that "the on Catholic theology in the United; and elsewhere will be dezing."

Curran was recently barred from 1g at Catholic University of Amercause of his controversial stands ual morality.

#### ous Communities Gather

30 representatives of 18 religious and Christian communities in the in Church met for a conference at irgaret's Convent in Duxbury, in September. The program was red by the Conference on the Religife in the Anglican Communion Americas (CORL), an association religious orders for men and

ram leader was the Rev. Richard usis, chaplain to the Sisters of St. et and a doctoral student at Harivinity School.

theme of the three-day gathering Life in Jesus Ministry," and Anne Marie, Superior of the So-St. Margaret, began the meeting presentation on the commonality ious life and mission. Fr. Andrew Rank, of the Society of St. Paul, and president of CORL, followed with a paper about the history of the religious life in the Anglican Church since the founding of communities in the 1840s.

Dennis and Elizabeth Kelly, who head the Community of Christian Family Ministry, a community of married and single people in Vista, Calif., shared their thoughts about the need for Jesus to be at the heart of all Christians' lives, especially those in a religious community.

Brother Tobias S. Haller, a member of the Brotherhood of St. Gregory, spoke about the canon pertaining to religious orders and Christian communities. He said there are certain changes needed in the present canon, including some pertaining to religious groups seeking national church recognition under what is now Canon III. 28.

In the final day's session it was suggested that individual religious orders and Christian communities covenant for mutual support and encouragement in prayer for each other.

#### **Brotherhood of St. Gregory**

The Brotherhood of St. Gregory's General Chapter was held in September at the College of Preachers on the grounds of the Washington Cathedral. All brothers are mandated by the rule to gather for this time of retreat, prayer and study.

The brotherhood is an association of Anglican men who live under a common rule individually, in small groups, or with their families and support the community's activities from their secular or church-related employment.

Chapter activities included a retreat conducted by Sr. Clare Fitzgerald, SSND, a former president of the Roman Catholic Leadership Conference of Women Religious. The business meeting introduced the beginning of a one-year period of study towards the development of a companion sisterhood of St. Gregory, which would be sponsored by the brotherhood until such time as it has enough members to become an independent community. A committee was appointed by the Superior General to begin this study for submission to General Chapter next year.

The chapter also elected representatives to the council, and the Rev. Glen Edward Riley, rector of All Saints' Church in Chicago, was admitted as a postulant, and Br. Michael David Elvestrom from St. Stephen's Church in Harrisburg, Ill. was clothed as a novice.

At the festival Eucharist in St. Mary's Chapel of the Washington Cathedral, four brothers from Province II made their life vows. These were Anthony Francis Tornabene and John Peter Clark from St. Augustine's Church, New York; and William Francis Jones and Stephen Storen of Trinity Church, New York.

#### **World Wildlife Fund**

Celebrations marking the 25th anniversary of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) wound up September 29 with a colorful ecumenical ceremony in the hometown of St. Francis-Assisi, Italy.

Representatives of five major world religions gathered in the St. Francis Basilica, built in honor of the 13th century saint, to give thanks and to make an act of repentance for the harm done to nature by humans.

Jewish rabbis sounded rams' horns and recited the prayers of Yom Kippur. Moslems recited from the Koran, Hindus read a prayer of forgiveness from the Bhaghavad Gita. Buddhist monks chanted a Tibetan hymn of repentance and Christians read from the New Testament and sang, while those belonging to none of these religious groups were invited to make their own acts of repentance.

At the center of the basilica, oriental dancers in gold and silk costumes performed a Hindu dance of creation. Members of the crowd carried brilliantly colored banners depicting various animals.

The religious celebration was part of four days of events in Assisi marking the WWF's 25 years of service to wildlife. The organization sponsored a two-day conference entitled "Conservation: The Need and the Message," which was attended by over 700 experts. The wildlife organization also hosted an interfaith retreat in a Franciscan convent and a festival of the performing arts dedicated to ecology, and organized marches to Assisi

Several thousand pilgrims participated in the marches, walking from four locations in Italy, and were joined by thousands more from some 50 countries. It was Britain's Prince Philip, husband of Queen Elizabeth II and WWF president, who decided to bring the world religions and conservation celebration to Assisi.

Prince Philip, speaking at the opening of the celebrations September 26, said, "Here in Assisi we must think of ways of people's hearts." Science and scientific reasoning are not enough, he said, "to continue and expand our struggle we need new motives, religious, moral and emotional."

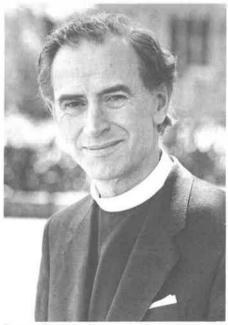
#### Ecumenical Service Sparks Hesitation

The leadership of South Africa's major white Dutch Reformed Church has expressed reluctance to cooperate with Anglicans in holding a regular ecumenical "communion service of reconciliation."

The Very Rev. Robert Briggs, newly appointed dean of St. Alban's Cathedral in Pretoria, proposed such a communion service for all churches in downtown Pretoria, and said he would make the Anglican cathedral available for it.

The Rev. Kobus Potgieter, moderator of the General Synod of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk (NGK), said his church would first have to receive an official invitation from the Anglican Church before considering any official involvement.

The Dutch Reformed leader said his church differs substantially from the Anglican Church in its view of Holy Communion, and if NGK members wanted to attend such a service, they would have to do so as individuals.



The Very Rev. John Simpson was installed as Dean of Canterbury Cathedral in Kent, England, September 20. He had been archdeacon of Canterbury until his election in May [TLC, June 15]. In his sermon, Dean Simpson said, "Never have cathedrals been more important in the life of the church. People are drawn to cathedrals in their hundreds of thousands — in the case of Canterbury, in their millions — as pilgrims, as tourists, as men and women seeking, they perhaps know not what. This places cathedrals in the forefront of mission, without even asking to be so placed." Dean Simpson succeeds the Very Rev. Victor de Waal, dean from 1976 to 1986 [TLC, Feb. 23].



Restored by archaeologists, this restored baptistry of the Church of St. Mary at Ephesus, Turkey, is part of the earliest Christian churches in the world. Those to be baptized approached the baptistry from the we immersed and resurfaced facing the east and the rising sun. It is dated around 313 A.D.

# BRIEFLY...

After being published in The LIVING CHURCH, five poems by Betsy Jane Bramhall of Morristown, N.J. have been put to music by a local high school choir director, and two were recently performed by the Morristown High School choir and orchestra. The poems were "Blackbird" [TLC, Sept. 9, 1979] and "Twice Upon a Time" [TLC, June 11, 1978].

Tired of the commercialization of Christmas, a non-profit organization in Ellenwood, Ga. called Alternatives mounts a yearly campaign to encourage churches to "restore the real meaning of Christ's birth." Backed by many denominations, including the Episcopal Church, Alternatives works to encourage church members to estimate what they spend on gifts and consider channeling 25 percent of the amount to charities and people who need it. The organization also helps churches plan Sunday school classes to help members focus on the religious, rather than commercial implications of Christmas.

According to the English Tourist Board, churches and cathedrals remain Great Britain's most popular tourist attractions. Westminster Abbey heads the list with 3.5 million visitors in 1985 and second is St. Paul's Cathedral with 2.5 million. Officials in charge of the historic churches and cathedrals have expressed delight at the continuing popularity of their buildings but with a tinge of anxi-

ety. More visitors mean more wer tear, and donations don't fully cov costs of maintenance.

Headed by the Rt. Rev. John wood, a leading opponent of wome dinations in Australia, the Dioc Ballarat recently passed a resoluti recting the bishop to explore the bility of linking with other epi: churches in the event women a dained priests, Bishop Hazlewood mediate superior, the Most Rev. Penman, Archbishop of Melbourr Metropolitan of the Province of Vihas ordained several women deac move approved by the church's G Synod, and as of June 1, has allow Rev. Susan Adams, a priest ordai New Zealand, to preach and cel Holy Communion in Australia July 6].

A congregationalist minist Newcastle-Under-Lyme, Englanlieves self-control is good for the and has launched a national org tion to return good manners to I society. The Rev. Ian Gregor; formed the Polite Society to "sa country from rudeness and vulg Members will commit themselve code of conduct and pledge to "dea every situation . . . with the utmos sideration for other people's fee The minister says his campaign help reduce the number of broker riages, road accidents, incidents o abuse and general vulgarity, but a "there are lots of very courteous about."

# Close to the Lord

The following is a series of excerpts from a Requiem Eucharist homily by the Rev. Dana O. Howard, who wrote it prior to his death from "Lou Gebrig's Disease" (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) on September 7 [see page 15].

, I am "preachin' my own fural!" Those of you who have me in even a cursory fashion have guessed that I would leave ngs untied. Lord knows I am too I compulsive for that! Besides, it en a good long while since I last ed, and because I always found it fun enterprise, I thought, "What ck! Besides, it will give them ting to talk about."

call to minister, to be a priest in se of being a servant of the people, is a strong one. This call is the ing in life I loved most. The litrith its understated dignity and, its mystery and awe, and the maum of the church — to preach and h, to share the wonder of it all, the majesty of it all: these were the that I dearly loved. I strove for ion in these things and saw my to do them well as gifts which the richer the more they were

need and desire to be a priest was st important thing in my life. . . . I heard a doctor say, "You are of the most insidious of the neurolar diseases." It did not take long who wished to be "poetry in moso become weak and wasted, un-

able to walk up a chancel step or lift his arms in prayer. The graceful liturgist, the eloquent preacher, was soon choking on nearly everything, drooling and unable to lift his head.

And like millions more of fellow human beings, I, too, had to wonder, "Just what in the hell is going on here? Why me?" And "why did A.L.S. manage so astutely to rob me of that which meant the most to me?"

The good news is that I found out. And in a strange sense I am thankful to my old arch enemy, A.L.S., because it taught me that the "I" raising all these questions wasn't me at all. What A.L.S. squashed down and made so pathetic looking was but a false image of myself which I had created.

A.L.S. forced me to sit still long enough to figure out who I wasn't. It gave me the space to explore a "self" beyond wasting muscle tissue. It aided me in sorting through the truly important qualities, events, and relationships of life which are worth fussing about. In the end, however ironically, it strengthened me for my journey, a journey we must all take, a journey into death. I left with bags packed, eager to get on with it, in a world filled with people who don't even have a travel agent.

There is a joke about a fellow who, while back-packing, slipped and fell off a dangerous precipice leading to certain death. On his way down he managed to grasp a root jutting out of the hard rock. He looked heavenward and screamed, "Is there anybody up there?" And a voice from heaven replied, "Why, yes there is." The man said, "Oh, thank God! Can you help me?" And the voice from heaven said, "Yes, I can; let go of the root." The man responded, "Is there anybody else up there?"

My point is this: Most of us have arranged in our minds the when and where of our surrender to God; we survive on this fantasy. We think that by our good intention to do it *someday*, that we have done it.

But life is what happens while we are making other plans. And it is God (who is not only love but life) who chooses to teach us in his own way. Chances are you won't like it. When I used to get so angry and frustrated that God had not chosen my script for my life, I would look up at my wooden crucifix, the one which I had cremated with me, and remember that even God himself discovered the depth of his love and care for his people in his own suffering. How much there is to learn in suffering.

to mind: A man walked into a pet shop and asked for the best singing canary in the store. The proprietor gladly sold it to him, but the next day the man returned the canary demanding a refund, saying that he had noticed that the bird stood on only one leg the entire time he was perched in its cage. The pet shop owner exclaimed, "You said you wanted a 'singer,' not a 'dancer.'"

What we really want is a God who will come and swoop us off our feet and take us away. What we get is a God who would rather be with us, in this. At Christmas, we sing about "Emmanuel," which literally means "God-with-us"; on Good Friday we discover God is a far cry from Fred Astaire, but boy can he sing! And what he sings is a love song.

Had God not also suffered there would be nothing to sing about today. But because he did, there is the hope that our suffering in this world can be our greatest teacher, not a foe or an enemy, but a friend who comes to dwell with us and teach us the most painful and yet wonderful secrets in the universe. No doubt that was why St. Paul prayed that we might come to know "the fellowship of Christ's suffering"; he prayed that after, not before, a great deal of personal suffering. It was not as if Paul or we suffer alone. We have fellowship with him who suffers with us. Because he loves us.

The real clincher for us is that wherever there is life, there is death. Few

faster than death. Yet, if we have what we call "good" there is also what we call "bad." Our "fall," as portrayed so beautifully in the Adam and Eve passage, is that we have failed to see the unity in all things, failed to see the majestic wonder of the whole picture, because we are so busy looking at our slice of the pie.

Life, Christian life, is learning to surrender this mad chase after a slice or bite of "whatever" and simply accepting the whole of it. Adam and Eve's fall resulted from their knowledge of good and evil, their ability to distinguish between them, and hence they fell into disunity, unable to interpret the universe and their God without labels and judgments. But after all, who are we to judge what is good and what is bad? Job tried the same thing and God's rebuff to him and his impertinence became some of history's finest literature. But for other than good reading few of us do anything about it or allow its truths to change us in any significant way.

The fact is simply this: that those of us who eventually become the best singers of the human story, often sit precariously perched on one leg. It is our very point of weakness that gives us our added strength to become more than we would have before. The beauty of the Christian story is that "the poet worthy that name" who comes "singing his songs," as Walt Whitman put it so well, is the Son of God, the one who

cross, and all for us, that we might to know that however tragic life ca often does appear, that it is possib us, as well, to "launch out on trac seas... caroling free, singing our of God, chanting our chant of ple exploration." This is possible for us because we have a God who is wit

It is all right there in the psalm during the mass [Psalm 139]:

"Where can I go then from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?"

Until we are able to know God as One" who suffers with us, we may want him out of our hair. But, wh come to know the sweetness of h lowship, in suffering, we also be comprehend and take comfort in the of that psalm:

"If I climb up to heaven, you are there; If I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me And your right hand hold me fast."

Arrow Prayers, Phrase Prayers, and Anglicans

# A Constant Focus

By FREDERICK QUINN

A nglicans often believe the ideal prayer was written by Thomas Cranmer and edited by T. S. Eliot. We come from a highly literate tradition with prayer forms that have emerged like other literary forms. The advan-

The Rev. Frederick Quinn of the Diocese of Washington has a longstanding interest in Eastern Orthodox history, culture and spirituality.

tages of this tradition are the accumulation of many remarkable prayers whose evolution represents the fullest realization of a literary style and an individual genius, as in Cranmer's great Litany.

Prayer life, however, is richer than the contents of any prayer book. In recent years, Western Christians have shown increasing responsiveness to Eastern Orthodoxy's tradition of phrase or arrow prayers, which were in use at least by the

fifth century. Several such praye contained in the writings of Archl George Appleton, editor of the (Anthology of Prayer.

Phrase or arrow prayers are just short, to-the-point prayers of one lines, usually focused on a single cept. They come from the words sus, psalms, hymns, longer prayer the words of the petitioner. Their type is the Jesus prayer, one for

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is "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the God, have mercy on me, a sinner." unknown early 19th century Rusthor of the devotional classic. The a Pilgrim, relates his experience 1e Jesus prayer: "Early one morn-Prayer woke me up as it were. I l to say my usual morning prayt my tongue refused to say them or exactly. My whole desire was ipon one thing only — to say the of Jesus, and as soon as I went on I was filled with joy and relief. It though my lips and my tongue inced the words entirely of themwithout any urging from me" (The of a Pilgrim, Ballantine Books, o. 11).

udent of Eastern Orthodoxy has 1 "For some there comes a time the Jesus prayer 'enters into the so that it is no longer recited by a ate effort, but recites itself sponsly, continuing even when a man r writes, present in his dreams, 5 him up in the morning" (Timoare, The Orthodox Church, Penlooks, 1963, p. 313).

uent or sustained repetition, with nic breathing, is part of Orthodox life, and differs from the stopprecision of a well-timed, carefully Anglican sung matins, or the idea

collect, once said, should be re-

or use a year later.

se prayers can be used at any specially in a sudden crisis or moof joy, when a Prayer Book is not They are excellent prayers to use raveling, or waiting in a shopping r when stuck at an interminable g; while entering a hospital corrion a neighborhood walk, while asleep, waking, or when passing a ess period. Phrase prayers can their way into our consciousness we are faced with strong emotions, ing peace, calm, and assurance in lt times.

eslie Glenn, in A Scornful Wonder

p. 208), describes a wounded soldier who asked a Red Cross volunteer to read him a single Bible verse for 45 minutes. The pain was so intense he was biting a board. He said quietly "I am still in pain, lady, but Christ helps me bear it." Phrase prayers help affirm God's presence in hospitals for both patients and pastors.

Recently, at a coffee hour in a church where I conducted a single service, a troubled person shared enough immediate grief and long-term problems to require sustained professional attention. Others wanted to talk and there was time for a single sentence. My response was "Keep saying 'Jesus, be with me' no matter how bad it gets."

It is possible that a new version of the Prayer Book, perhaps a generation from now, will contain a page of phrase prayers. In the meantime, those who employ this form of prayer can compile their own lists. Repetition and focus are more important than length and variety. Some possibilities are the following:

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner (Jesus Prayer).

Lord, make everything all right (American).

Christ is the end of my journey; Christ is the resting place on my journey (Orthodox).

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace (Luke 2:29).

Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent (Luke 24:29).

Behold my servant, whom I uphold (Isaiah 42:1).

Lord, give us this bread always (John 6:34).

Lord, he whom you love is ill (John 11:3).

My soul doth magnify the Lord (Luke 1:46).

Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus (Revelation 22:20).

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love (Hymn 467, Hymnal 1982).

Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not (John 4:15).

The strife is o'er, the battle done, the victory of life is won (Hymn 208, Hymnal 1982).

N.B. Minutes after reading the type-script of this article, our car was struck broadside by another vehicle. In the time we waited for the ambulance and spent the next four hours in a hospital emergency room, I said each of the above prayers several times, but felt the Jesus prayer intruding on them, much as a symphony's melody dominates excellent supporting music. Possibly because I had used the Jesus prayer for many years, and possibly because of its innate power, it was this prayer that I used most and it remained with me through a stressful time.

# Real Patriotism

By ELDRED JOHNSTON

Recently I have noticed a drive, coming from various quarters, to mandate the Pledge of Allegiance in all schools. I believe that this formality would scarcely accomplish the goal of strengthening patriotism. Real patriotism is more than a gesture — it's a wholehearted commitment.

I suggest that a patriotic pledge should include the following: Holding my country in high regard, I promise —

- Not to cheat on my Income Tax form. (This has priority because it's an acid test.)
- Never to drive while under the influence of alcohol.
- To cast my vote in all elections.
- To treat our flag with honor and respect.
- Not to litter our streets or pollute our streams and woodlands.
- To treat people of minority ethnic groups with equality and respect.
- To refuse to patronize any pornographic enterprise.
- To participate in drives aiming to assist the handicapped, the sick, the unemployed, the unfortunate.
- To support all national and international efforts to advance education and peace, and eliminate poverty, disease, and drug traffic.
- To obey all traffic laws especially speed limits.
- To uphold high standards for the family and the home.
- P.S. Are any of these superfluous?

  Has any important point been omitted?

## FDI IOKIALS

#### **Retiring Bishops**

anon law requires that retiring bishops must first I have their resignations approved by the majority of other bishops, and the House of Bishops has just approved a number of such resignations. In several dioceses such resignations mark the end of an era. Our good wishes and gratitude go with the retiring prelates.

Our church asks bishops to shoulder all sorts of burdens and to solve all sorts of problems. In a few years they, like the presidents of colleges, directors of foundations, and the deans of seminaries, feel they have done what they could and they seek relief. Yet a bishop may be only ready to come fully into his own spiritually at about the time most retire.

When he is too old to rush about to every meeting. too old to learn to use every new gadget or technique, too old to be impressed by every new development, he may bring a new dimension into his ministry. One who is too old to be tossed about by the fads, fashions. fears, and fantasies which characterize our era may, by his words, teaching, and very presence, make us aware of the eternal God we are called to serve.

We wish some did not have to retire so soon. To put it on the most pragmatic level, it would be less costly for a diocese to hire another staff member at the diocesan headquarters to assist an aging bishop with some burdensome duties, rather than to hasten the lengthy and expensive business of choosing, consecrating, and get-

ting used to a new bishop.

Some bishops happen to be in a position to exercise a valuable ministry after retirement. The church is fortunate when this occurs. In some other cases this could happen, if our church as a whole were more imaginative about utilizing the gifts and talents of older clergy. Many people today, including some young people, hunger for wise, experienced, and prayerful teachers and spiritual guides. Such gifts are most likely to be found among those who are rich in years.

We are saddened by the death of one retired bishop, announced during the meeting, the Rt. Rev. Theodore H. McCrea, retired Suffragan of Dallas, and of another who attended the meeting and died suddenly at the end, the Rt. Rev. Roger H. Cilley, retired Suffragan of

Texas.

#### The Overdosed Media

t seems to be all people are talking about these days. Both Time and Newsweek have covered it extensively and President Reagan and his wife are so concerned they recently broadcast a special news conference vowing to fight it. It has become the new "hot topic."

By all the fuss one would think drug abuse was something that had just recently struck society like some alien disease we had never experienced before. Suddenly we must all pull together, pour money on the problem, "just say no" and it will all go away.

Of course the personal and societal suffering th the result of drug abuse has been with us for cent and is not the new phenomenon the media would 1 it out to be. Though the sudden tragic deaths of star athletes and the deadly appearance of "crack the streets has made for flashy coverage, will coverage do more harm than good?

Last year's media fixation with missing chil though it did bring about the recovery of se youngsters, also raised some questions about the racy of some figures and cast a poor light on the lem as a whole. Though people are still conce somehow the overkill and its inevitable backwa complaints took the validity out of an otherwise

thy endeavor.

The backwash is just beginning to swirl aroun "sudden" crisis of drug abuse, as letters to the e and editorials in various publications show. Those labor long and hard in religious and secular so treating victims of drug abuse realize there as quick solutions to such an involved, long-star problem, and none are likely to arrive. For those live in the inner city or other areas with poverty v drug abuse is a decades-old crisis which has I many of their children, this sudden interest has b source for bitter laughter.

Will this present campaign against drugs have real impact against abuse in the long run? Or will relegated to the back pages after the media drums died out? Perhaps it is up to the church to kee issue in perspective: an ongoing battle with a

history but never without hope.

#### Invitation

Come to this table where a world becomes a Word that is first spoken and then broken spoken in a voice that shaped creation out of chaos broken on a crooked ancient tree of knowledge and of hate this only to be formed again and found of late by faith in humble bread and purple wine set out right here for you and me to then draw near and take and eat and twine into a body that is more than ours alone is life within the clear divine embrace of everyone eternally. Sheer grace!

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#### aling Presence

STIANITY AS PSYCHOLOGY lorton T. Kelsey. Augsburg. 3. \$7.95 paper.

the majority of the peoples of the n world appear to be heading ls psychological, as well as nuelf-destruction is not a statement admits of too-heated argument. the battle rages is in the area of and cure.

hristianity as Psychology. Morton produces historical as well as ophical arguments to demonstrate ne cause lies in the slow but sure need of philosophers and theoloduring the past 600 years in the need ion of people from their spiritual. This has resulted in a materialistic view which allows of no direct continuity, existentialist base of most no psychological systems, which convince us that belief in inner all realities is part of the problem than the solution.

this reviewer, the interest genery the absorbing analysis of the of man's inner dislocation was exl only by appreciation of Professor 's prescription for the most effecre, which also justifies the book's In his own words: "when the full drama of Christian faith is underaccepted, and fully lived, we find ly the most adequate religious exon available to mankind but also a nd psychological understanding nethod," for "Jesus knew and t the depth and complexity of the 1 being, the many levels and layers being.'

ould be unfair to Morton Kelsey to state the underlying *motif* imn this, as in all his other books: to out to the wounded, the lonely and at and bring them into the loving, g presence of the risen Christ.

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#### Niebuhr

ES FROM THE NOTEBOOK OF MED CYNIC. By Reinhold hr. Harper and Row. Pp. vii and 7.95 paper.

slender volume, first published in records Niebuhr's youthful and astoral experience from 1915-1928 istrial Detroit. It still compels our st to see the foundations for his "Christian realism" emerging in increte experiences of parish life. ning knowledge of individuals led a exclaim by age 28 that despite in pettiness there is "something

But it was his formidable critical powers which clearly identified the direct conflict between Christian ideals and "the dominant interests and prejudices of contemporary civilization." He very early perceived that "Christianity is very much of a minority movement in a pagan world." The nagging problem was — and still is today — how to engage this wider society with the Christian ethic of love. The blindness of men in the mass "to the larger moral problems of society" led him by 1928 to conclude that "society as such is brutal, and that the Christian principle may never be more than a leaven in it."

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#### **Challenging the Stereotypes**

PROTESTANT SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS. Edited by Frank C. Senn. Paulist. Pp. 273. \$9.95 paper.

Though many scholars have investigated Protestant theology, relatively few have examined Protestant devotional life. Indeed, "spirituality" is not a typical word in Protestant vocabulary, though it is quite familiar to Roman Catholics and to the Eastern Orthodox. Many Protestants still mistrust liturgical forms of worship, believing that once absolute dependence upon the Word of God is abandoned, the Gospel itself is betrayed.

Yet spirituality has long held an honored place in Protestant thought. Frank C. Senn, pastor of Christ the Mediator Lutheran Church in Chicago, has gathered seven scholars, each of whom contributes an essay on some form of Protestant devotion. Lutherans, Calvinists, Anabaptists, Anglicans, Puritans, Pietists, Methodists — all are covered in this splendid and succinct volume.

Anglicanism is discussed by Dr. Paul V. Marshall, rector of Christ Church, Babylon, N.Y. Marshall asserts that the genius of Anglicanism lies not in denominational doctrine nor in ecstatic experience. Rather Anglicans are bound by "a commitment to being the church, and striving to do what the church is called to do in the world." Hence the Anglican Middle Way, the famous via media, is not indifference to issues, but an apprehension of the complexity and richness possible in dealing with them. Anglicanism is no crazy quilt of high, low, and broad church theologies, but people intending to live together as "catholic protestants and protestant catholics." A serious Anglican does not shun private prayer, but one who assumes that private and corporate prayer need each

Perhaps most impressive is the variety of spirituality that Marshall finds within Anglicanism, and he goes into a Herbert to Evelyn Underhill. And if one is curious about one strain of Anglicanism, the 18th century evangelical one, the article on Methodism, contributed by David Lowes Watson of the church's board of discipleship, offers rich detail on John Wesley and his early followers.

Equally interesting is Senn's own article on Lutheranism. Senn carefully explains Luther concept of God as a being who reveals himself "not in manifestations of power and glory but in the midst of peril and suffering." God is not the omnipotent monarch whose glory should be reflected by his devotees, but the One who divests himself of power and is revealed as "the crucified God." Moreover, the true Christian life, as Luther saw it. was not a life of security, where the triumph of good is assured. Rather it is the security of "a beggar," a person who relies not on his own works but who trusts the promises of God. Justified by faith and saved by God's grace, the Christian is free to serve his neighbor without thought of reward or penalty, in other words as a sheer act of devotion.

Also revealing is Howard G. Hageman's essay on Reformed spirituality. Hageman, past president of New Brunswick (N.J.) Theological Seminary and well known authority on Reformed liturgy, suggests that the real center of Calvinism as a living faith is not predestination, those eternal decrees of God. Rather it is unio mystica, the union of Christ with the believer. The reading and the preaching of the word is not mere commentary on the gospel; it is "the way in which Christ comes to us and shares himself with us, enlarging our understanding, strengthening our commitment, deepening our assurance." Unfortunately, because Calvin's followers downplayed the Eucharist, we have forgotten that the Geneva reformer staunchly affirmed his belief in the real presence and the necessity of frequent communion.

The articles dealing with other forms of spirituality are also helpful. Even if one runs the danger of becoming overwhelmed by the sheer variety of Pietists, Puritans, and Anabaptists presented in these essays, there is not an article that does not challenge old stereotypes.

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#### **Books Received**

CRITICIZING. By William J. Diehm. Augsburg. Pp. 126. No price given, paper.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL: Preaching in 1987. By Jim and Doris Morentz. Abingdon. Pp. 444. \$9.95.

ANSWERING LOVE'S CALL: Christian Love and a Life of Prayer. By Stepehn V. Doughty. Ave Maria Press. Pp. 127. \$4.95 paper. Continued from page 5

the Holy Eucharist where "real" bread is used.

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We respectfully point out, as part of the background to this discussion, that in the New Testament, the references to the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26, Mark 14:22, etc.), to miraculous feedings (Luke 9:13, John 6:9, etc.), and to postresurrection meals (Luke 24:30, John 21:9, etc.) always designate "bread" or "loaves" by the Greek word for leavened bread (artos), not by the quite different Greek word for unleavened bread (azymos). Ed.

#### **Distinguishing Marks**

An observation on the "Statement of Witness" recently issued by sixteen of our bishops [TLC, Sept. 7].

In saying that Jesus called "only males" to be apostles, the bishops mean of course that he called no women to that ministry. Though this is true, it must be remembered that truth does not necessarily denote significance. I would suggest that those who think otherwise remember one more "important" distinguishing mark of the apostles — that none of them was a priest before being called by our Lord.

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I was glad to see the "Statement of Witness" which was drawn up and signed by Episcopal bishops at Fond du Lac last May. I understand that more bishops have added their signatures, and it is my fervent prayer that those bishops who have not signed the statement will do so soon, thus adhering both to Anglican tradition and to the holy scriptures. The alternative would split the church in two — permanently.

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#### Albatross for Church

Leslie J. Francis ["The Anglican Church in Rural England," TLC, Aug. 31] well describes the decline of the church in rural England, but without putting one finger on two of the prime causes for such blight, not only in rural areas, but across England generally.

First, the state-church tradition with which England and many nations on the continent are cursed. In any country in which citizenship through birth conveys baptism and membership in an established church, you can expect a whole-sale falling away from church once one has been confirmed. It is just as bad in the Lutheran countries, e.g., Denmark

attend church on any given Sunday. Or consider Roman Catholic France, one of the most anticlerical countries on earth yet nominally one of the most Roman Catholic. Unfortunately, as rooted in British tradition and law as this setup is, the Church of England has to live on with this albatross, much as a handicapped individual finds ways to live above and in spite of his limitations.

Second, a radical liberalism which denies the truths of the faith will never provide the basis for church renewal. The fruits of wholesale disbelief are seen in such bishops as John A. T. Robinson of *Honest to God* fame or David Jenkins who was recently consecrated in spite of his widely publicized denial of the virgin birth and the resurrection. The pewsitters in such churches may not always be able to state what's wrong, but they definitely know something is terribly wrong, and they are voting at the offering plate and with their feet.

Something could be done about this

second condition if a strong confessional movement, e.g., like the Evangelical and Catholic Mission in this country, were to make inroads into English church life. Perhaps England is ripe for such a movement as that of the Wesleys and George Whitefield in the 1700s, which confronted a church as ossified and fruitless as the present-day state church and reinvigorated English national life with the spiritual disciplines now known as Methodism.

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#### **Led into Temptation**

Several weeks ago I wrote some comments on "Our Father in Heaven" by the made myself clear, so neglected to them. However, the response to theme by Nancy H. Tier among the gust 17 letters has prompted me t write my ideas and offer them for they may be worth.

The implication from "lead us not temptation" that God might be wi enough to tempt us has probably lered a lot of people. But is it nit-pic to observe that the Lord's Prayer not ask the Father to refrain from teing us? Rather God is asked to "leanot into temptation." Is there a posity that any aspect of God's right ness might lead us erring mortals temptation?

suppose you go out of your was praise the successes, excuse the form and generally favor some friend of worker with whom you desire good tions. This friend or partner may be demonstrative, never thanks you, praises your success, and perhaps gloats at your failures. How's you tience doing with this lack of apption? Are you tempted to wrest very ance out of God's hand with well-aimed insult?

Jesus knew the righteous God c law. Could he have thought that le righteousness might tempt impe humans to wrong and even evil ac judgment when he rescued the ultress from her accusers?

For years I've been inclined to with the viewpoint of Fr. Wolff and reluctant about praying "lead us into temptation." But unfolding keeps alerting me that my unders ing of some Christian sayings is far adequate. Perhaps it is safer to let ture be.

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#### Hidden

Black in a bank of green, opening just enough to scare the runner who would appear — an egg in a tent of vines. Shards of bark, a pine cone's decay and something grows red for squirrels to eat.

Back bent to knee in prayer: "Alone in life and for what reason?

To hide and watch in place of dark, to know no more than moss and less alive than slugs or snails? Hard Source, break the egg again and pour the truth in light. Hold me in the dark and warn me when the runner comes."

J. Pittman McGehee



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The Rev. Shawn A. Armington is deacon assistant at Christ Church, South Amboy, N.J. Add: 257 4th St., South Amboy, N.J. 08879.

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The Rev. John H. Coleman, Jr., has been appointed assistant to the bishop for social and urban ministries and Richmond city missioner for the Diocese of Virginia, 110 W. Franklin St., Richmond, Va. 23220.

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The Rev. Robert F. Gabler is rector of Trinity Church, 20 Brookdale Rd., Stamford, Conn. 06903.

Canon M.A. Garrison has an interim appointment as lecturer at St. Paul's United Theological College, P.O. Limuru, Kenya, East Africa.

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The Rev. Ron Satterfield, as rector of St. Christopher's, Midwest City, Okla.

The Rev. William Spaine, as vicar of St. James' Mission, Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Rev. George W. Brandt, Jr., provincial secretary since 1983 of the Church of the Province of Central Africa, is returning to the U.S. Fr. Brandt is succeeded by Canon Theolphilus Naledi who was recently appointed by the Most Rev. W. P. Khotso Makhulu, Archbishop of Central Africa.

The Rev. Clark Hyde, formerly rector of St. Peter's, Delaware, Ohio, is now doing graduate study; add: 710 Edgewood Ave., Madison, Wis.

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#### **Deaths**

The Rev. Lionel Theodore DeForest, retired priest of the Diocese of Texas, died August 23 at the age of 81 in Beaufort, S.C.

educated at St. John's Conege, Greeley, Co Sam Houston State University in Huntsville. he received his LL.B. degree from East Tex lege of Law and his B.D. from the Episcopa logical School. Fr. DeForest served ch throughout his ordained ministry in LaJunt and Houston, Lufkin, Galveston, and Marlin, From 1944 to 1947 he was assistant city attor Beaumont, Texas. He is survived by his wife, B. Bonell DeForest and two daughters, th Alice Klatt of Sandy Run, S.C. and Dr. Ambe of Corpus Christi, Texas.

The Rev. Dana Oran Howard, a priest Diocese of San Joaquin, died on Septer at the age of 38 of amyotrophic lateral sis or "Lou Gehrig's disease" [see page

Fr. Howard received his B.A. degree fro Diego State University and his M.Div. fre Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Be Calif. In 1974 he was appointed vicar of St. 1 Shafter, Calif. where he served until 1979 w entered the Order of the Holy Cross. He retu the Diocese of San Joaquin when he was dia as having "Lou Gehrig's disease," and was dis from his vows. He served as vicar of the Ch the Epiphany, Corcoran, Calif. until being fo suspend his priestly duties in 1984, from whi his health steadily declined.

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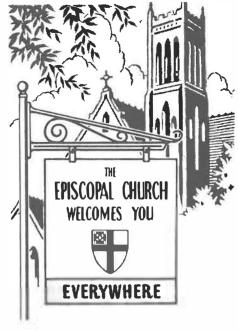
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