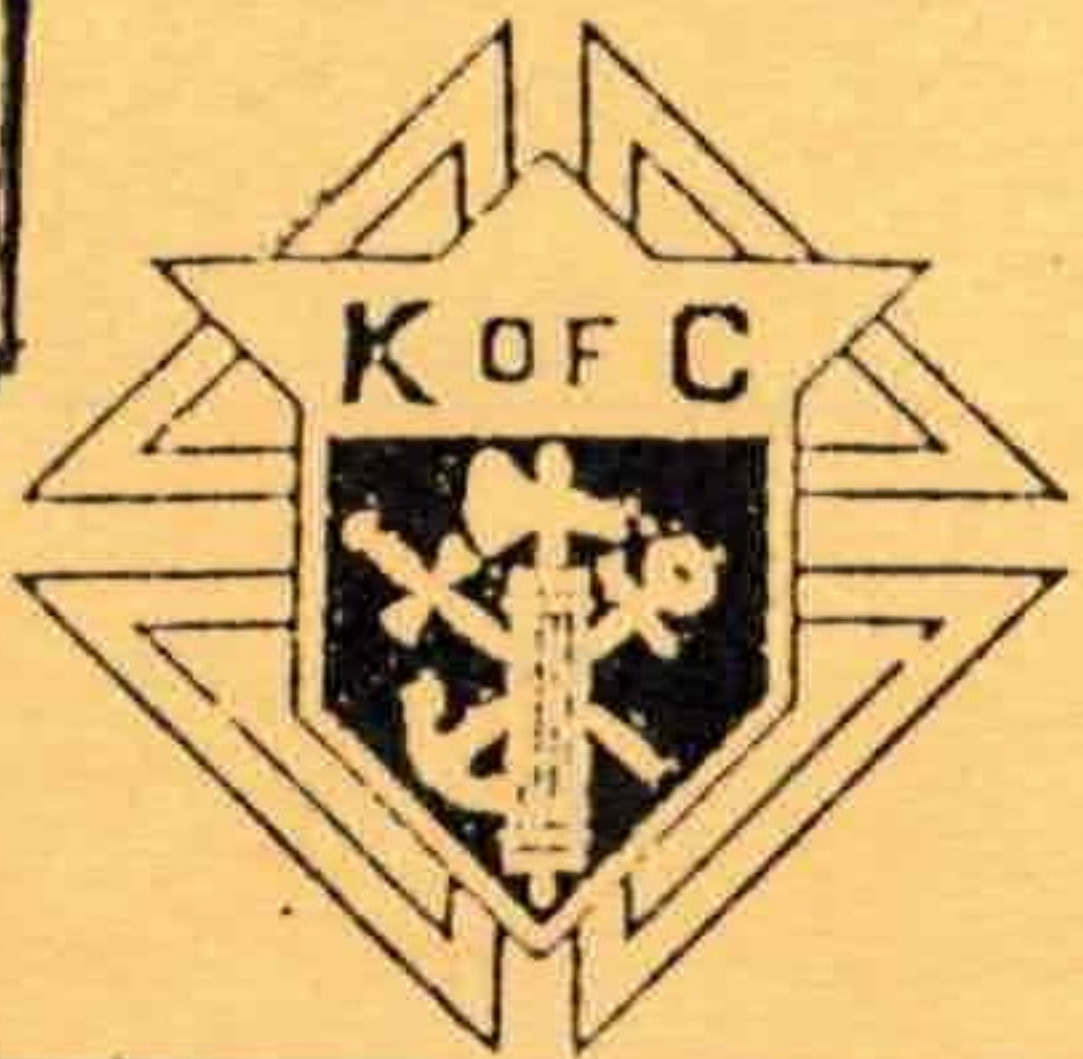




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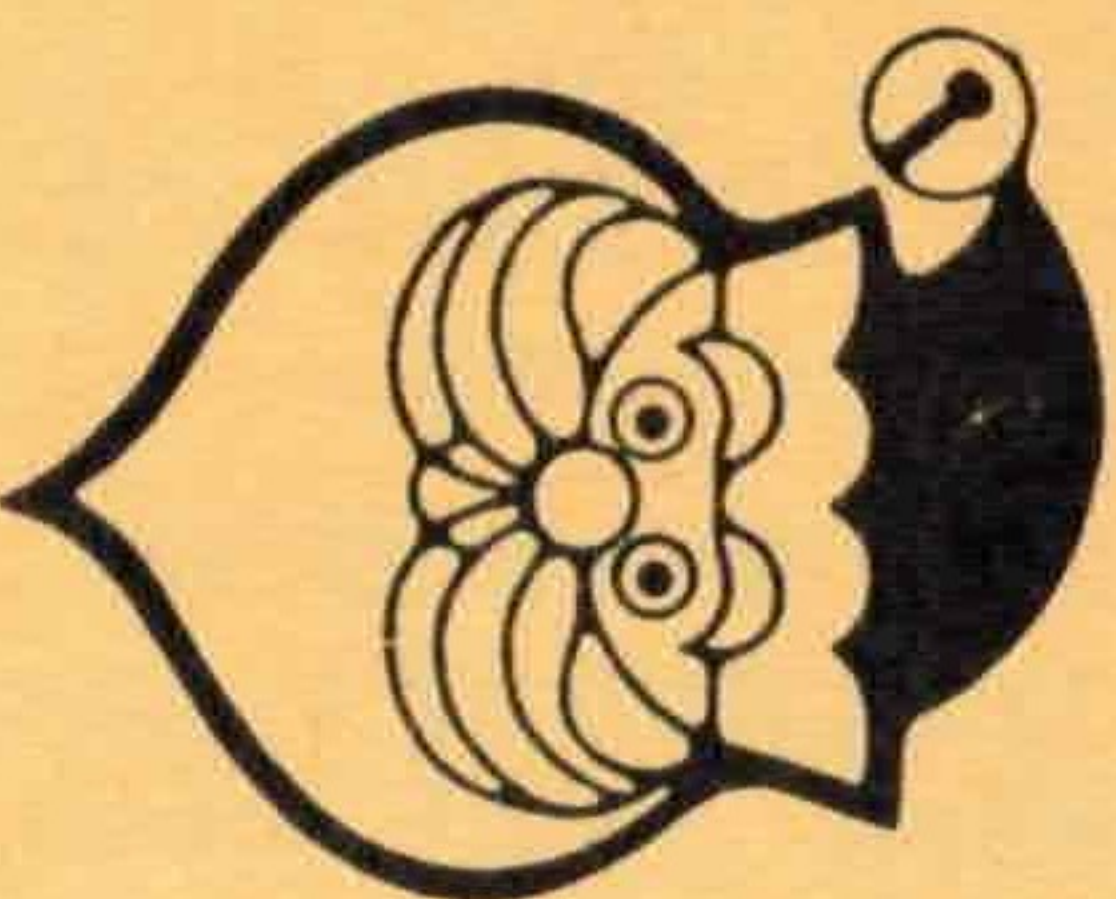
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OUR LADY OF POCHAIV.....

Our Lady of Pochaiv is coming to visit.

A favorite patroness of the Ukraine, OL of Pochaiv was selected as the KC Pilgrim Virgin of the current Columbian Year.



The Ukraine is celebrating 1000 years as a Catholic nation. In 988 Prince (now Saint) Vladimir brought his entire nation into the Catholic Church.

Ukranian Christians have produced some of the most famous icons in the world. That of Our Lady of Pochaiv is one of them.

Under that appellation, our Blessed Mother has been attrib-

uted with many miracles.

Her Icon will visit us from December 5-11. During that time, Bernie and Eleanore Clavet will be privileged to host her Icon in their home, 3442 Conrad Ave. (west end of Conrad). Come and visit her.

On December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the Icon will be on display at Our Mother of Confidence Church, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

A special prayer service booklet will be presented to those visiting the Icon.

EDITOR'S BOON.....

A good source of relevant research material is a great boon to any editor.

This editor has been very fortunate in this respect--my wife has been collecting material about our Blessed Mother for more than 30 years.

During the past year, THE CONFIDER has used this outstanding source to great advantage.

Thanks, Eleanore.

PERMANENT DIACONATE.....

At our November 3rd meeting, Brother Arnold Hess discussed the permanent diaconate.

The first permanent deacon at Our Mother of Confidence Parish, Deacon Hess told us:

"A person called to the permanent diaconate is not any different from any of you in this room. We are all called to a ministry of service, each in his own way, a way that God reveals to us as we continually offer ourselves as His servant, trying to do the tasks and trying to be the person that He wants.

"But, by that public statement of commitment of service, and by the grace that comes from ordination, we are called to be an extension of the Ministry of Christ and His Church in today's world.

"Unlike those called to the priesthood, we remain in the secular world. Most permanent deacons are married, have families, and support themselves.

"There are many in the professions--doctors, lawyers, bankers. And many of us are of the age that our child-

ren have left the home, while some still have children at home and have all the responsibilities of being a father and husband."

Deacon Hess went on to explain the training required to become a permanent deacon (4 years, etc.), his duties, and the importance of the wife as a partner.

The Q&A session that followed his talk was lively, informative, and (mirabile dictu) entertaining!

DECEMBER CALENDAR.....

- 1 OMC 9776 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM
- 1 FIRST DEGREE
Bishop Buddv 6031
Info: 748-4847
- 8 OUR LADY OF POCHAIV
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- 8 FIRST DEGREE
San Miguel 3667
Info: 669-1754
- 13 FIRST DEGREE
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Info: 566-8045
- 15 OMC 9776 Business Meeting, 7:30 PM

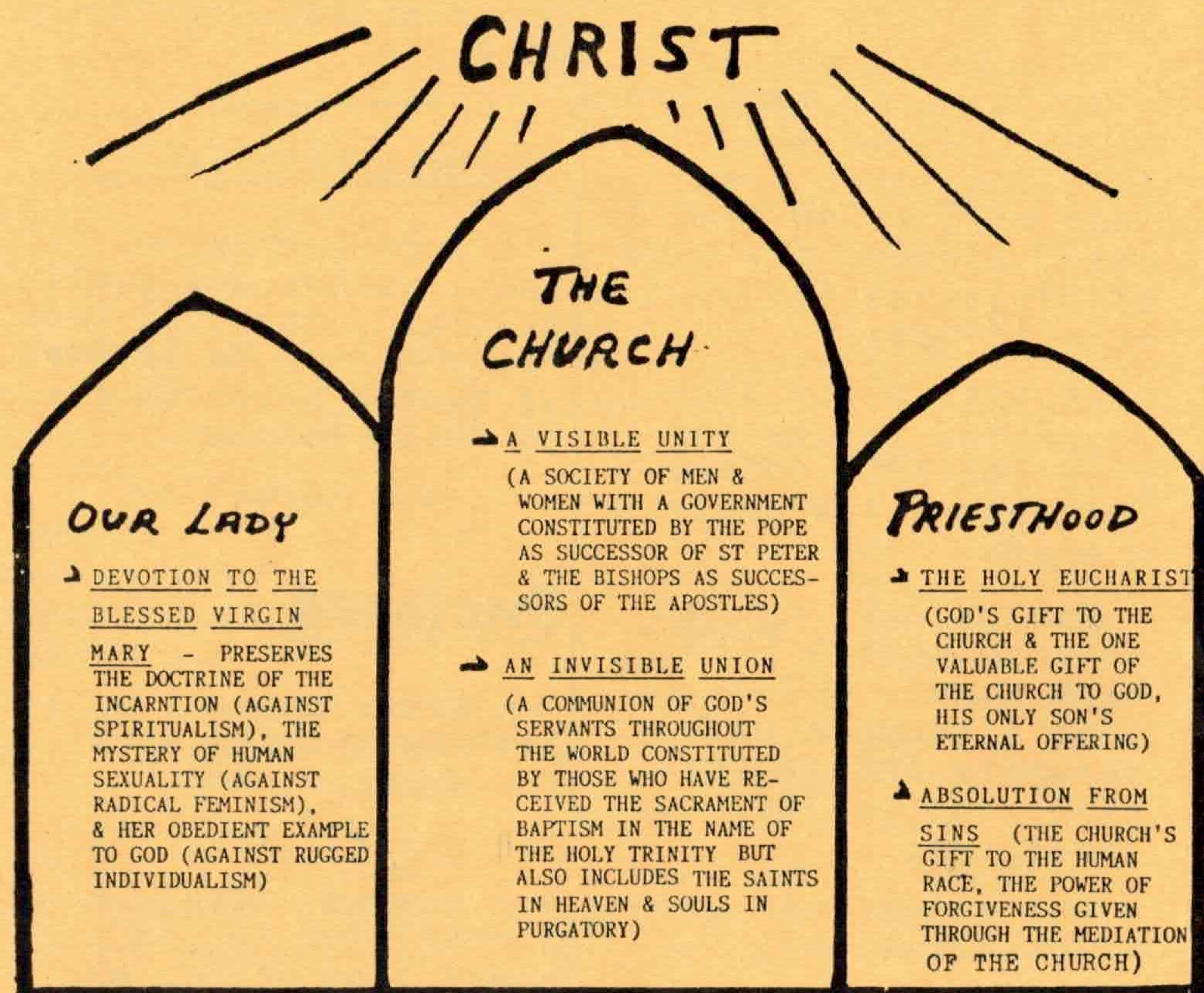
ON BEING UNIQUE

Did you ever consider yourself unique? Well, to a certain extent, every Catholic is just that.

Just ask Fr. Burt Boudoin, our Assistant Pastor and our Council's Assistant Chaplain.

At our October 6th meeting, Fr. Burt presented an unusual type of talk: "The Uniqueness of the Catholic Faith".

At least, it seemed unusual to this seminary-trained septuagenarian, in that he had never seen it explained in such a fashion, using the following triptych:



THE UNIQUENESS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH IS EXPRESSED ABOVE IN THE FORM OF A TRIPTYCH. THE CENTRAL PANEL IS THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH. BORN OUT OF THE INCREDIBLE PERSONAL SUFFERING OF JESUS CHRIST, THE CHURCH IS THE MYSTICAL BODY OF THE LORD CONTINUING & EXTENDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THE SIDE PANELS REPRESENT THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY RELATED TO THE OFFICE OF PRIESTHOOD (THE SACRAMENTS) & MARIAN DEVOTION (HER MATERNAL INFLUENCE).

LORETO (Dec. 10).....

The Sanctuary of Loreto resulted from a tradition--a story that was handed down in oral form for two centuries. It goes as follows:

In 1291, Mary's house in Nazareth was carried by "angelic mission" to Tersatto in Dalmatia.

Then, on the night of 10 December 1294, it was taken to the "Hill of Laurels" in the Province of Recanati.

In Nazareth, it had been located in front of or slightly above a grotto. The grotto is still visible today, in the great Basilica of Nazareth. Archaeologists maintain that it represents the basement of the House of the Holy Family--the same House that now stands at Loreto.

Since the 15th century, the Holy House of Loreto has been one of the most famous shrines in Italy.

On December 10th, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfer of the Holy House of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**KEEP CHRIST
IN CHRISTMAS**

CONFIDER STAFF UPPED...

This month, THE CONFIDER staff has increased twofold.

Does this mean that the contents of THE CONFIDER will (Heaven forbid!) double? Will it improve by a factor of 2? Will it be published twice as fast?

The answer to all 3 questions is an unqualified NYET! The only improvement that we can guarantee is that there will be fewer tipograficle errors.

You see, Tom Walters volunteered to proof-read the final drafts from now on--ever since he found an error in his phone number.

Welcome aboard, Tom.

SPACED OUT EDITOR?.....

From the erratic spacing between the lines in this issue, you just might wonder: Is the decrepit old editor pie-eyed?

No, but the decrepit old Brothers typewriter (bought in 1974 for \$45) types pi-ied.

(Wonder how many of today's "printers" can tell us what "pi" means. You tell 'em, Lee H.)