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The Cross

in the Life of the Disciple

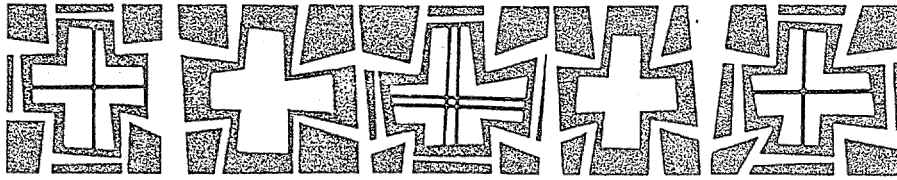
Sr. Marietta Starrie, CSJ

To echo with Peter in today's gospel, "You are the Messiah," in response to Jesus' question, "And you, who do you say that I am?", is indeed to make a real act of faith. We do this often, and with good intent.

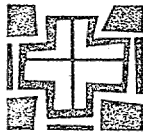
But to balk, as Peter did, at Jesus' words about the Messiah's mission is to miss the point entirely of who Jesus is, and what it means to follow Him, to be his disciple.

From the reading in Isaiah, which the early Christian community applied to Jesus, and from Jesus' words in the gospel, the message is loud and clear! The cross, with all of its attendant pain, suffering and rejection, will mark the life of the disciple, as it did the life of Jesus.

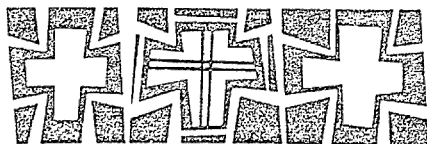




Often we somewhat naively say "yes" to this promise, and wait to endure some pain and suffering somewhere in our lives. We rest content, waiting to accept whatever will be the "cross" in our personal lives.



The letter of James, however, warns us that these protestations of faith in Jesus are not sufficient. The cross--suffering, pain, oppression, rejection--in the body of Christ is the responsibility of all the members of the body. It is not enough for some Christians to see their brothers and sisters in need, wish them well, and do nothing in response. The disciple--the follower of Jesus--must also move to share in the suffering of his or her brothers and sisters.



For 64 Notre Dame students, participation in a Summer Service Project this year was an opportunity to explore this broader dimension of the cross in the life of the disciple. These students chose to move into the activities of people for whom the cross of suffering and want is part of daily life. They worked with men and women involved in direct service to the poor and/or programs of social analysis for social change.

One of these students was Hector Munoz, who worked in a barrio in Puerto Rico. He describes the awareness and the confusion which this experience of the suffering of others brought to him this way: "It became so difficult to accept the fact that when I was dealing with alcoholics, drug addicts, child abusers, people without jobs, living in huts on the hillside, I could find the love of Christ--love so great that it was hard to talk about it. I could only receive it. I wondered how that could happen so easily there, when I sometimes have trouble finding Christ in places like church where I worship, and with people I talk to, where I expect Him."

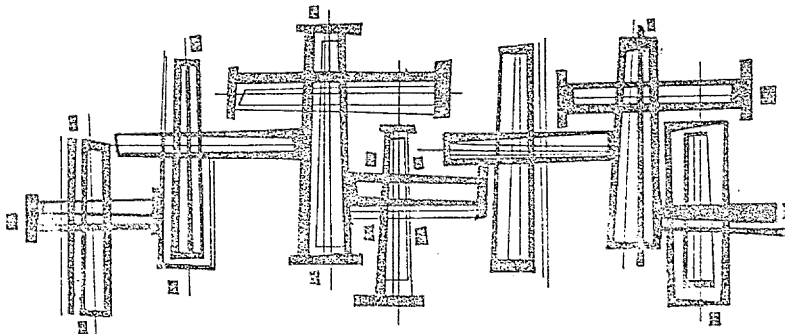
Hector has returned to student life at Notre Dame. For him and others like him who chose this experience, the question, "What next for me?", is a very real one. "How do I, here and now, live and act so that I continue to make a difference in the lives of the people I met this summer? How do the choices I make, my lifestyle, the future I plan, keep me conscious of my responsibility to share in the cross of the body of Christ? What does it mean to live simply, to express my solidarity with the poor?"

That's the way it is when we open ourselves to the cross of Christ! We can no longer think and act and live as we did before. The reason? Hector found it expressed for him in this reminder:

"The way of the cross, the downward mobility of God, becomes our way, not because we try to imitate Jesus, but because we are transformed into living Christs by His Spirit."

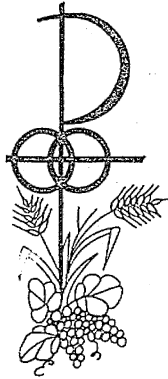
-Henri Nouwen in "A Strange and Elusive Thing"

There is no love without the cross, and no cross without a victim. And whether we be on the cross or beneath it weeping, there is Christ, and sorrow shall be turned to joy. □ WILLIAM GAUCHAT



**I WILL PRAISE YOU, LORD,
FOR YOU HAVE RESCUED ME.**

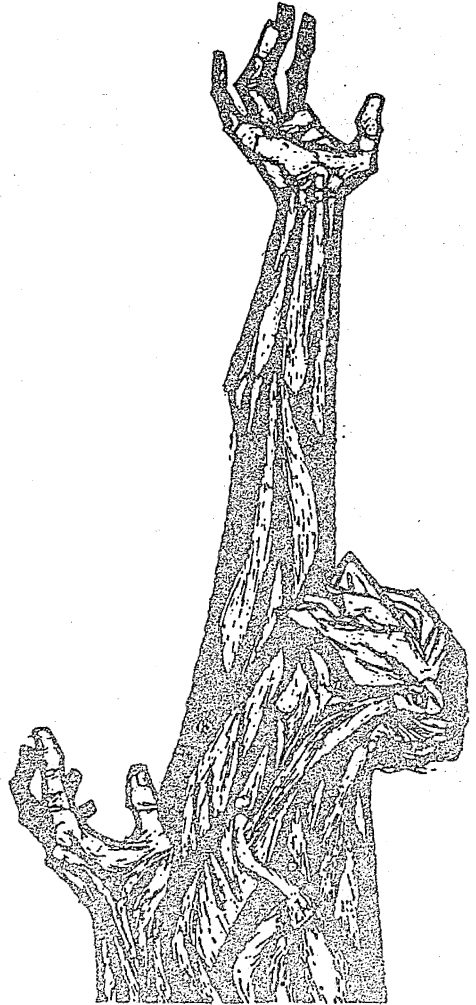
Engaged?



Pre-Cana Information Meeting
September 18th
7:30 p.m.
Library Lounge

"An Introduction to Natural Family Planning", a lecture sponsored by The Natural Family Planning Program of St. Joseph County will be held at 7:00 p.m. on September 23 in the Hayes Healy Auditorium.

A new campus prayer group, Cristo Rey will meet for the first time on Monday Sept. 16th at 7:00p.m. in the library area of the Center for Social Concerns. For more information call Father Al D'Alonzo at 239-5577 or 239-7735.



Robert Hodgell

The Cross, the Cross
Goes deeper in than we know,
Deeper into life;
Right to the marrow
And through the bone.
□ D.H. LAWRENCE

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Collection Report
January - June 1985

Sacred Heart Church, Notre Dame, Indiana

<u>Special Collections</u>		<u>Disbursement</u>	
Ethiopian	\$1,288.18	Abbey of Gethsemani	25.00
Rice Bowl (Apr. 9)	400.00	Adam Milani Fund	1,000.00
Church World Services (CROP, Apr. 15)	1,264.64	Andre House (Frs. Fitzgerald & Baxter)	800.00
Catholic Charities (May 13)	1,657.13	Bread for the World	500.00
St. Vincent De Paul (poor box)	1,001.00	Catholic Worker	500.00
	\$5,610.95	Corvilla	500.00
		Covenant House	200.00
		De Paul Center	200.00
		Earthquake Relief in Chile	2,000.00
		Holy Cross Missions	1,000.00
		Holy Cross Mission Center	500.00
		Holy Cross Justice/Peace Ctr.	3,000.00
		Hope Rescue Mission	200.00
		Dennis/Jan Horrall (for their terminally ill child)	50.00
		Mexican-American Apostolate	200.00
		Phoenix House (women's shelter)	500.00
		St. Augustine's soup kitchen	250.00
		St. Stephen's Church	975.00
		S.B. Council for the Retarded	300.00
		United Religious Community (refugee program)	400.00
		Unit 11 (job training program for refugees)	200.00
		Volunteer Services - Center for Social Concerns	3,000.00
		Women's Care Center	100.00
		St. Joseph County Right to Life	100.00
	16,500.00		\$16,500.00

July 1984 - June 1985 Summary

Special Collections	\$24,135.91
General Disbursement	\$31,625.00
Liturgical programs & church upkeeping	\$11,791.19