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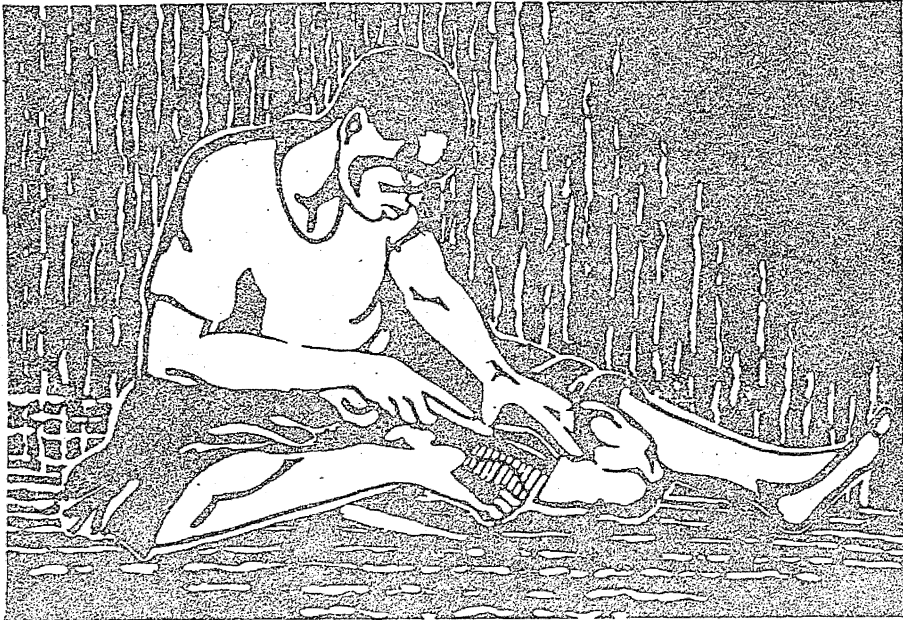
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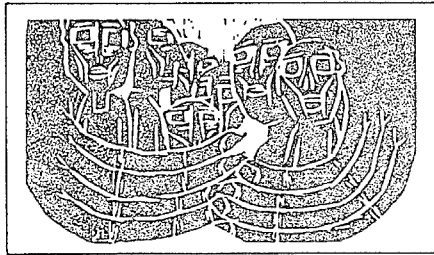
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St. Mary Low Rice, M.M.

**L**ove without justice is a Christian impossibility, and can only be practiced by those who have divorced religion from life, who dismiss a concern for justice as "politics" and who fear social change much more than they fear God. □ ALAN PATON

*..the harvest of justice is sown in peace  
'or those who cultivate peace...*



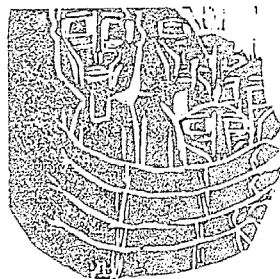
## OVERCOMING APARTHEID

by Oliver Williams C.S.C.

Jesus Christ came face to face with evil, suffered death at its hands, and finally rose again, overcoming evil once and for all. As Christians, we believe that that same pattern can be repeated in each of our lives. All of us know evil from personal experience, but seldom do we encounter evil structured in society so firmly and resolutely as it is in the apartheid laws of South Africa. This summer I was in South Africa for four weeks and the readings for today's liturgy shed much light on my experience there.

While there are more oppressive systems in the world, apartheid is the only one based on skin color. Over 300 racial laws in South Africa deny blacks many of the rights we take for granted--the right to vote, to move about freely in their own country, to attend the better white schools and to own businesses in white communities.

I met any number of blacks who had important executive positions in business firms in South Africa and yet they still had to live in a ghetto--not because they could not afford better but because, according to the Group Areas Act, land is zoned by race. South Africa's white towns and cities are generally surrounded by black townships, often bleak, dusty and despair-ridden places. Estimates are that 25% of the nine million urban blacks are unemployed. The situation of over 12 million blacks living in the so-called "homelands" is much worse. South Africa is, for the most part, a beautiful and wealthy country. It is dominated by the five million whites who control 80% of the land.



For Christians, the important question is how can we assist in overcoming this evil. The first reading from the Book of Wisdom highlights the fact that efforts to do the right thing will often entail misunderstanding and even suffering. Business corporations in South Africa have been catalysts for change in the workplace and the townships. They have actively challenged the government leaders to dismantle the whole structure of apartheid. Recently, over strong government opposition business leaders scheduled meetings with the outlawed African National Congress.

South African church leaders have provided powerful examples by speaking out boldly against injustice. Archbishop Denis Hurley, president of the Southern African Conference of Catholic Bishops, has long been an outspoken critic of government policies in the face of personal danger. In 1984, the government



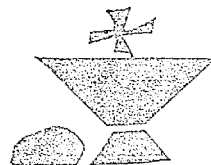
officially charged him with making false statements and, after six months of harassment, the Attorney General finally withdrew the charges admitting that they had little basis. Dr. Beyers Naude, Bishop Desmond Tutu and the Reverend Allan Boesak have also put their lives on the line any number of times. Rev. Boesak is in jail at this very moment, and like all others taken to prison, the police can detain him without charges for months on end.

Today, in Scripture and in the reality of the world around us, we are reminded that each of us, in our own way is challenged to overcome evil with good.

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### Natural Family Planning

The Natural Family Planning Program of St. Joseph County will convene two classes for engaged and married couples on Wednesday, Sept. 25th and October 2nd from 7:00-10:00 p.m. in the Hayes-Healy Auditorium. For more information call 237-7401 or 277-8807.



Eucharistic Ministers for Sacred Heart Church will be commissioned on September 28th at the 5:00 liturgy and on Sunday, September 29th at the 9:00, 10:30, and 12:15 liturgies.

## *Sacramental Preparation*

*Information Session  
Conducted by Fr. André Léveillé, C.S.C.  
Sunday, Sept. 29  
Library Lounge*

### *2:00 All about Baptism and Full Communion Preparation*

for unbaptised persons  
wishing to become a member  
of the Roman Catholic Church

for baptised persons  
wanting Full Communion  
in the Catholic Tradition

### *3:00 All about Confirmation Preparation*

for baptised Catholics  
desiring to celebrate  
the Sacrament of Confirmation

A genuine revolution of values means in the final analysis that our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Every nation must now develop an overriding loyalty to mankind as a whole in order to preserve the best in their individual societies. □  
MARTIN LUTHER KING

September 27: Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

Born 1581 in Aquitaine (South of France) of poor parents; studied for priesthood and ordained at the age of twenty. He did not at first give evidence of remarkable sanctity: he was on his own admission a bit worldly and ambitious. But he was led by God's grace. He renounced wealth and honors and vowed to consecrate his life to the service of the poor. He founded the Congregation of the Mission to preach to the poor, and with the help of St. Louise de Marillac he founded the institute of the Sisters of Charity. He died in 1660 and is venerated as the patron of all charitable societies.

