

# 'Christians Who Care' Lead Radical Church Movement

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Christians Who Care

(CWC) is the newest radical church group here, formed less than a week ago.

CWC's stated strategy was to "take over" with priests in the lead—St. John Roman Catholic Cathedral "to expose the dichotomy between the words and the actions of the churchmen of our diocese," their statement said.

Others whose religious affiliation is not known. Most of the suburban and middle-aged, their common concerns in issues of war, race and poverty and what churches can do about them.

Father Begin by phone yesterday said that CWC people came out of the Catholic Peace Movement, parishes, the Cleveland Conference of Laymen, parish councils, "and almost any of the Catholic groups formed within the last two years."

They could within the church structure, Father Begin said. He declined to list names of members.

Some, like Sister S. Roberta Steinbacker, assistant director of Project Bridge, have jobs that deal in race. John W. Lawyer of Shaker Heights conducts courses in homes on civil rights and fair housing. One of the CWC nuns, Sister Vincent de Paul, teaches at St. Dominic School in Shaker Heights.

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altar candles and continued.

Msgr. Carney walked to a side pew occupied by six Cleveland police detectives who had been alerted by him that a demonstration was expected. One of the detectives had a walkie-talkie and at the monsignor's request ordered 24 uniformed patrolmen into the building.

They walked two abreast up the aisle and cordoned the altar.

Father Begin distributed communion to the CWC members in the sanctuary, then stepped to the communion rail at the foot of the altar, asking if anyone else wanted to receive a host. He carried about 20 wafers on a gold plate, one in his hand.

A priest with the monsignor grabbed Father Begin's hands and the hosts fell to the floor.

The Rev. James A. Griffin, vice chancellor of the diocese, stepped on the fallen hosts, saying they were not consecrated because you have just been suspended by Bishop Issenmann.

Father Begin again offered to distribute communion. Mrs. Carol Lawyer, 34, of 21250 Almar Drive, Shaker Heights, said she wanted to receive, then tried to approach Father Begin from the fourth pew. Two policemen shoved her and she fell to her knees.

"YOU CAN'T do that! That's my wife!" said John W. Lawyer, 35, who lunged toward police to reach his wife.

He was taken by the jacket and struck by a detective and a patrolman. Lawyer, a corporate consultant, was lifted by three other policemen and ejected by a side door. Mrs. Lawyer ran after him.

Father Meyer—who had remained at the altar—walked off with the CWC members and was lifted by his legs and arms by six policemen, who carried him feet first up the aisle and outside, where he was put in a cruiser. Father Begin was taken by the arms.

Both were driven to Central Police Station and booked for trespassing. They were later released on personal bond.

THE PRIESTS are prohibited from administering sacraments and preaching, Bishop Cosgrove said. They may live at their parish houses.

Father Begin and Father Meyer have been involved in protests against the Selective Service System.

Last November, Father Begin and a Lutheran minister burned folders representing draft records. In September, several parishioners walked out of his church in South Euclid when he condemned U.S. policy in Vietnam from the pulpit.

Father Begin is a nephew of Auxiliary Bishop Floyd Begin of Oakland, Calif., formerly of Cleveland.

AMONG THEM were nuns, Catholic laymen and Episcopalians and a couple

persons who went as far as

## Statement Issued On Church Melee

Auxiliary Bishop William M. Cosgrove of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese yesterday issued the following statement concerning an unauthorized mass and demonstration Saturday night at St. John Cathedral.

"There is no doubt that race, poverty and peace are critical issues in our society. I believe we must speak and act strongly in these areas. I am, however, deeply distressed by the extreme and almost sacrilegious strategy which this group (Christians Who Care) has chosen to dramatize the need for action.

"I BELIEVE they have done great harm to the causes to which they are dedicated. The labors of those Christians committed to building bridges of understanding in these areas of concern will be much more difficult as a result of this irresponsible action. But I hope they will begin immediately to repair the bridges destroyed or weakened.

"I am certain that many of those who have chosen this strategy are sincerely interested in solving the problems in our society. But they are frustrated because of the absence of easy solutions.

"HOWEVER strongly we may differ with their strategy which this group (Christians Who Care) has chosen to which they address themselves.

"The great dangers I see at this moment are that some people will ignore the issues to which society must be concerned because they disagree with the extreme methods used by groups of this type.

"I pray that this does not happen in this instance."

## Grievances Listed Against Diocese

Here are excerpts from the criticism of the "leadership of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese" by Christians Who Care:

"We are continually preoccupied with its failure to implement the instructions of the Second Vatican Council concerning the restructuring of the church at each level. This failure causes the membership to be overly dependent on its leaders, causes the leaders to be authoritarian and despotic in their practices, causes Catholic Christians to be mere 'kept-Christians'...

"With respect to war, the leadership has allowed the church to become an agent of the government's propaganda, which under the guise of obedience deludes the people into supporting an immoral and unnecessary war. Though some words have been spoken about peace, nothing has been done in this area. In fact, those working for peace, apart from and in spite of the leadership have been deliberately alienated from it.

"With respect to race, the leadership is guilty not only for imposing but also of perpetuating white racism. In the suburbs economic and political power are used to support racist policies and the chief concern of Catholic leadership Catholic leadership is making token gestures, but even here is to maintain the status quo in these areas. In the city, white systems of worship and education are employed using white personnel and white cultural programming.

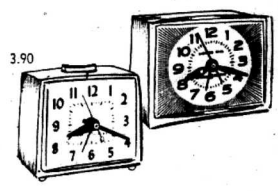
"With respect to poverty, the leadership has sought identification with the economically secure, who assist them in accumulating vast wealth, while discriminating itself from the poor except again for token gestures..."

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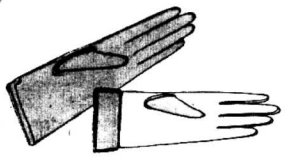
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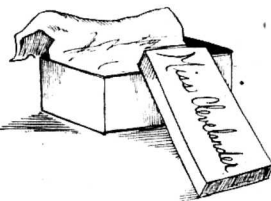
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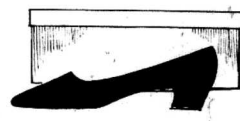
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