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VATICAN CITY - An American Roman Catholic nurse conducted a mock Mass in St. Peter's Babecome priests but cannot because journalists. of the church's discrimination.'

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Fla., approached the Altar of the shawl. Throne of St. Peter in the rear apse with a lighted alcohol lamp and kissed the altar. She blessed herself with a sign of the cross, then spread her arms in a priestly gesture of welcome, slowly raised a wafer, consumed it and raised a silver chalice.

"Oh, she is beautiful, just beauti- was a bronze chair that tradition

ful!" shouted her colleague, Marie-Terese Sonmoy, a former nun from Belgium. "She is finally saying mass!" Sonmoy applauded as she silica on Wednesday "to dramatize watched Burke along with several the plight of all women who want to other spectators, including four

When she entered St. Peter's, the A Vatican official called it an "act largest church in Christendom, of stupidity" that "does not prove or Burke was dressed in a flowing black dress embroidered with golden threads that resembled clerical garb, condition of anonymity. threads that resembled clerical garb,
Babi Burke of Fort Lauderdale, a knitted grayish skull cap and white

> When she appeared in the apse, behind the modern bronze altar fashioned by American sculptor Albert Friscia, she had over her neck a long off-white stole of the type normally worn by priests when celebrating Mass. On the wall behind her

holds belonged to St. Peter, considered by the church as the first pope.
On Saturday, the two women interrupted a Vatican news conference with a call on the church to end "all discrimination based on race, social class or sex.

Burke, who is 44 and has four children, drank from the chalice Wednesday and blessed the alter, then two Vatican guards rushed up and took her from the basilica to the

Holy See's security headquarters.
Guards also took Sonmoy away. Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro

said both women were released later.
"I celebrated Mass to dramatize the plight of all women who want to become priests but cannot because of the church's discrimination," Burke said as she was escorted from



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### Joe Kennedy to campaign for JFK's old seat in Congress

BOSTON - Flashing a familiar smile, Joseph P. Kennedy II made his political debut Wednes-day, declaring he will run for the seat in Congress once held by his uncle John so that he can "fight for the rights of ordinary peo-

The 33-year-old son of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy became an instant front-runner in a crowded field for the 8th District's Democratic primary next September.

The seat is now held by House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr., who is retiring after 17 terms.

This is Joe Kennedy running for office . . . and no other member of my family," he emphasized at a packed news conference.

He added that he would welcome support from his uncle, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., and his many brothers, sisters and cousins.

"I'd like to go to Washington, D.C., because I think we can use the government as a catalyst,'

He attacked President Reagan for military spending that he said has created a "huge federal defi-

"The days of taxing and spending are gone" Kennedy declared. "We need to find new ways of cre-

ating wealth."
He called for a more efficient

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He stressed his own business experience for the past six years as founder and chairman of the non-profit Citizens Energy Corp., which provides low-cost fuel to

Backed by his wife, Sheila, Kennedy tried to head off questions about his decision to run in a district 20 miles from his home

in Marshfield.
"My goodness, if there was ever a congressional race I would consider, it'd be the 8th," Kennedy said, reminding reporters that he was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in the Brighton section

of Boston, which is in the district. He also went to school in the district, married his wife, had his son baptized and founded Citi-

In addition, Kennedy said he had recently bought a house in

Brighton.

His name, wealth and experience make Kennedy the candidate to beat in the campaign to represent one of the most liberal districts in the country, say political analysts.

The primary field also includes James Roosevelt of Cambridge, a lawyer and Democratic party offi-cial who is a grandson of another famous Democratic president -Franklin D. Roosevelt

Other Democrats facing Kennedy are state Sen. George Bachrach; state Reps. Thomas Gallagher, Thomas Vallely and William Galvin; lawyer Vincent McCarthy; anti-nuclear activist Carla Johnston, and former Boston mayoral candidate Melvin

Anticipating Kennedy's decision, Galvin issued a challenge to all the candidates Tuesday asking

them to limit spending to \$500,000 per candidate. "It sounded like a very reasonable idea," Kennedy said. "If all the other candidates went along with it, I would have no

But Vallely has rejected the proposal on the grounds that can-didates who are not as well known as Kennedy must try to outspend

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Beggs has said he expects to be exonerated. General Dynamics, which was suspended from obtaining any new government contracts until the legal matters are cleared, said the individuals "were honest in their judgments and acted in complete thing."

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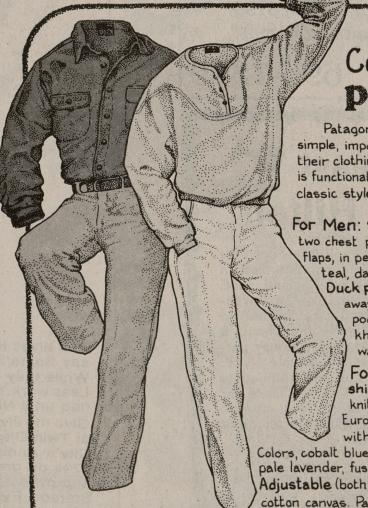
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