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In the face of all the serious problems that afflict the world and in consideration of the rights of the Church which are being challenged, the Pope appealed to the Catholic world to return to the spirit of apostolic times.

"When Christians somewhere suffered special persecution, all the others, united in the bond of charity, raised their prayers and supplications to God, the Father of Mercy, with united fraternal accord, so that He might give them strength and bring about as soon as possible better times for the Church."

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Summary Of New Encyclical

Novena For Peace, Persecution's End

Vatican City—Pope Pius XII, in an encyclical issued on the eve of the new crisis in the Middle East, has called Catholics of the world to join in a novena of special prayers for peace. The Pope asked that the novena be held during the nine days before the August 15th feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Assumption into heaven.

Warning of the possible "extermination" of mankind in a war where nuclear weapons would be used, the Pontiff called the leaders of nations "to return to the precepts of Christianity."

He also asked Catholics to pray for an end of persecution currently crippling Church freedom "in several countries."

Following are highlights of the 4,000 word encyclical titled "Memissae Juvae—Mindfully Recalling," according to a N.C.W.C. News Service summary:

The encyclical instructed all bishops to bend their efforts so that "with your exhortations and your example, the faithful entrusted to you may come to the altar of the Mother of God on the nine days before her August 15th feast in as great a number and as prayerfully as possible."

It listed the following intentions for the prayers urged by the Pope:

- That youth in elementary and high schools, in workshops and fields may not be ensnared in the ideologies of materialism, atheism and hedonism;

- That the roads of truth may open everywhere and no one will place obstacles in its way;

- That missionaries may return as soon as possible to their people.

- That all faithful implore "these things of the divine Mother," the Pontiff added, "But let them not forget to ask for forgiveness for the persecutions of the Christian religion in keeping with the impulse of that charity for which the Apostle of the Gentiles did not hesitate to say 'bless those who persecute you.'"

Causes of the great dangers threatening the world, the Pope said, are refusal to accept the authority of God and the failure to give His commandments and prohibitions a proper place in society. The Pontiff added that only the Christian religion has full truth, perfect justice and divine charity. Anyone who disregards this fact or opposes it thereby weakens the very basis of society.

The Pope issued a solemn warning, backed by the full testimony of history:

"It is therefore necessary to return to the precepts of Christianity if one wishes to form a solid, just and equitable society. It is harmful and imprudent to come into conflict with the Christian religion, the eternal duration of which is guaranteed by God and proven by history."

"One should reflect that a state without religion cannot have moral rectitude or order."

"The formation of minds to justice, charity and obedience to just laws depends on it; it condemns and outlaws vice; it stimulates citizens to virtue, 'induced controlling and regulating their public and private conduct; teaches that the best distribution of riches or wealth may not be obtained with violence and revolution, but with just regulations. . . . In this way it brings a valuable contribution to good order and to justice, though it was not exclusively instituted to create an increase in the ease of life."

THE POPE singled out two facts in the world which he said have caused him great anxiety.

First, he said, there are many countries in which Christian precepts and the Catholic religion are not given due consideration.

Here he referred particularly to films, television presentations and publications which are morally damaging.

He listed the second cause for concern as the pressures brought to bear on the faithful and clergy in some countries in an attempt to break their union with Rome.

The Holy Father declared:

"Let us all remember that the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church, must be 'closely joined and knit together,'" the Pontiff said, quoting St. Paul's epistles.

To this he added words of St. Cyprian: "You can pluck a ray of the sun, but the unity of the light is not divided; you can tear a branch from a tree, but it can no longer bear fruit; you can stop up a stream from its source, but it will dry up."

"Thus also the Church, inundated by the Light of God, casts its rays throughout the whole world, but there is only one light, which spreads everywhere."

Family Aid Called For Birth Control, Segregation Rapped

(From NCWC and RNS Reports)

Buffalo — Over 1,000 delegates to the 26th annual convention of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life resolved to oppose "categorically and unequivocally" segregated housing, called for government aid for large families and urged Catholic colleges, high schools and Newman Clubs to sponsor marriage preparation courses for all their students.

The convention, held here this past weekend, also heard a talk by Bishop Joseph A. Burke of the Diocese of Buffalo in which he scored the attempts by "so-called" men of science to "frighten" humanity. He emphasized that the threat of overpopulation will fall on deaf ears as far as Roman Catholics are concerned.

The prelate stated that "if we have faith in God, He will not punish those who follow His command to be fruitful, multiply and fill the earth."

In an attack on proponents of birth control, Bishop Burke said that "if overpopulation threatens us, God helping us, we shall find a means of overcoming that challenge."

"A Christian home is primarily intended as a seminary to nourish and develop sons of God," he added. "In the measure that that goal is achieved, Christians meet the purpose of God; in the measure they fail, they offend God's Son."

HIGHLIGHTING the convention was the presentation of the conference's first awards to Catholic secondary schools for outstanding contributions in the development of a family life education program. Bishop Peter W. Bartholome of St. Cloud, Minn., episcopal moderator of the Family Life Bureau, National Catholic Welfare Conference for 14 years, presented the awards to high schools in San Francisco, Calif.; Washington, D. C., and St. Martin, Ohio.

In outlining resolutions adopted, convention delegates noted that too many youths grow up without receiving proper and adequate sex education either at home or at school, thus they felt that the sex education resolution was needed.

The delegates recommended that Nuns be given courses in marriage and the family because the Sisters "play a paramount role in the Catholic educational system and assist in forming in our children proper attitudes towards the Christian home."

Declaring that housing discrimination "is a very serious obstacle to the proper development of family life," the convention urged the state legislatures to enact laws forbidding segregation in all housing projects receiving government financial assistance of any kind.

It also called upon all Catholics to "cooperate and affiliate" with local and national organizations pledged to combat segregated housing.

In recommending to Congress that it study the possibility of a family allowance system in this country, they declared that despite the rising level of living in America, "the rearing and cri-

ucation of children in an urban society continues to impose an inequitable burden upon parents of large families."

THE CONVENTION, in other actions, also urged that:

The Catholic Family Life movement "take deliberate steps to concern itself more directly" with needs of Negroes, Mexicans and Puerto Ricans and other minority groups both at the local and national levels.

State legislatures provide "substantial numbers" of scholarship grants to be used by competent students at colleges of their own choice.

Catholics cooperate with, and participate in, urban renewal projects and city and regional planning programs.

Catholic women participate in local, state and national political affairs so as to bring "feminine insights and feminine influence to bear upon all matters pertaining to the family."

Monsignor Irving A. DeBlanc, director of the Family Life Bureau, N.C.W.C., announced that the conference would probably hold its next national convention at San Antonio, Texas.

Princeton Nun Wins Scots Award

Edinburgh — (RNS) — A Catholic nun — Sister Monica Taylor of Glasgow — was awarded the Neill Prize given annually by the Royal Society of Edinburgh to Scotland's most distinguished naturalist.

Sister Monica is a cousin of Professor Sir Hugh Stott Taylor, dean of the Graduate School at Princeton University in the United States.

Professor Norman Feather, general secretary of the Royal Society, said the 1958 Neill prize had been given to Sister Monica "in recognition of her distinguished contributions to photomicrology."

The nun is a native of Lancashire, England, and belongs to the Sisters of Notre Dame. She teaches at Downhill Training College in Glasgow and holds degrees in science and law.

Brother Jesuits Run Ohio Parish

Cleveland — (RNS) — The Rev. James T. Hussey, S.J., newly named pastor of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's churches here, has the rare distinction of having his own brother as an assistant.

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