

# Pope's Concern: Needy Families

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope John urged public authorities not to rest until they have ended the shortages of food and jobs that threaten many homes.

The Pope made his appeal in a speech to a crowd in St. Peter's square on the feast of the Holy Family, Jan. 7. The speech, delivered from the window of his library, was broadcast by Vatican Radio and the Italian national radio and television networks.

When the Wise Men visited the Holy Family, the Pope said, they found a home filled with "docility and obedience, simplicity and humility, resignation and sacrifice." Such a home, he continued, is the model for the Christian family.

"May married couples be generous and exemplary. May children be obedient and willing. As Jesus lived in Nazareth, so may He live in every Christian family. May He keep it united through His charity in unflinching unity in every hour of time and for eternity. It is He who will protect that peace which alone can mitigate the bitterness of life."

THE POPE said he wanted to enter all homes through his words, including the "home of large families which are a visible testimony of fidelity to God and positive proof of submission to His good Providence, and those homes which silently hold infirmity, physical and moral pain and perhaps confusion."

He said he also wanted to enter homes "visited by overwhelming poverty, which are tried not only by lack of bread, but also by lack of work." He added:

"We wish to assure everyone that we do not cease to exert humbly but firmly, those responsible parties in public positions and all men of good will not to rest in peace until they have found urgent solutions for those who are in need."



## Prelate Aids Govt. Transfer

Santo Domingo — (RNS) — Msgr. Eliseo Perez-Sanchez, vicar general of the Santo Domingo Catholic archdiocese, signs the documents creating the Dominican Republic's ruling Council of State. The Monsignor is one of seven men who will govern the country until Feb., 1963, when an elected government will succeed them. The Council, which is slated to replace the unpopular President Blaguer, pledged to restore all civil liberties at its inauguration. Although President Balaguer, an appointee of the late Generalissimo Rafael Trujillo, heads the Council, he is expected to step down shortly. The Dominican Republic has been plunged into chaos since Trujillo was assassinated last May.

## Eight Days

# Prayers for Unity

Monday, Jan. 22 — Rev. Benedict Ehmann. Wednesday, Jan. 24 — Rev. Joseph Brennan.  
Tuesday, Jan. 23 — Rev. Theophane Murphy. Thursday, Jan. 25 — Bible Vigil.

Services each night will be held at 7:30 p.m.  
The series will include an Eastern rite Mass celebrated in English and a Bible Vigil rite. On other evenings, prayers for unity, sermon and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are scheduled.

THE EIGHT days' program is part of a worldwide time of prayer known as the Chair of Unity Octave observed by Catholics, Protestants and Orthodox groups.

Rev. Benedict Ehmann, pastor at St. Michael's, announced this schedule at his parish:

Thursday, Jan. 18 — Rev. Theophane Murphy, a member of the Society of the Atonement, which originated the Octave, will give the sermon.

Friday, Jan. 19 — Rt. Rev. Msgr. Andrew Hallak and Rev. James Sarkis will celebrate Mass in the Greek Melkite rite of the Catholic Church.

Saturday, Jan. 20 — Rev. Henry Atwell, speaker.

Sunday, Jan. 21 — Rev. Dr. Charles Curran.

# Laymen's Role In Unity Work

Garrison — (RNS) — This year's observance of the Chair of Unity Octave (Jan. 18-25) will emphasize the role of the laity in praying and working for Christian unity.

In announcing the 1962 theme, Father Titus Cranny, S.A., assistant director of the Octave, pointed out that "too often it has been thought that the Unity apostolate is for the select few — for the clergy and religious."

He stressed that the purpose and scope of the Octave "are not limited to the hierarchy, clergy or religious. As a devotion it belongs to the Church and the Church includes the laity in every part of the world."

"The Holy Father," he said, "has often asked for prayers for unity and it is to all the members of the Church that he appeals. The primary means of effecting unity is prayer and that is the apostolate of all Catholics."

During the eight-day period Catholics around the world pray at special Masses, devotions and other services for Christian union. The observance

was started in 1908 by Father Paul James Francis, S.A., who founded the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Garrison, which has sponsored the Octave since then.

Every year the observance opens on the Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome and closes on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, and on each day prayers are said for different intentions.

Speaking of Christian unity, Father Cranny said it "is not a matter of organization. It springs from the deepest need of man, the yearning for oneness with God."

"On the social level, unity is a desperate necessity," he continued. "On the economic level it may be a matter of survival. On the political level it may mean the prevention of war. But the need for unity on any level is simply the symptom of a far higher need — of religious unity — of man's oneness with God in Christ."



## African Consecrates Europeans

Nairobi, Kenya — (RNS) — Nairobi's Holy Family Cathedral is the scene of a unique consecration of two white bishops at the hands of an African prelate — Laurean Cardinal Rugambwa, Bishop of Bukoba, Tanganyika. Shown left to right are newly-consecrated Archbishop Guido del Mestri, Apostolic Delegate to Kenya, and Felice Priozzi, Apostolic Delegate to the Malagasy Republic, formerly Madagascar. At right is Cardinal Rugambwa. This was the first occasion that European bishops-elect received consecration from an African. Assisting the cardinal were two other African prelates, Bishop Cornelius Chitsulo of Dedza, Nyasaland, and Bishop Ireneus Dud, Vicar Apostolic of Bahari-Ghaza, Sudan.

## Baltimore

# Prelate's Group Promotes Unity

Baltimore — (NC) — Archbishop Lawrence J. Shehan of Baltimore has established an archdiocesan commission on religious unity and named two laymen among its 15 members and consultants.

Archbishop Shehan, announcing creation of the new unit and calling for special religious observances for unity, said it is his wish that the Baltimore archdiocese "enter actively into the great spiritual enterprise of advancing Christian unity."

The Archbishop said in a pastoral letter that the new Commission on Ecumenism "will pay close attention to everything that concerns the movement towards Christian unity within this archdiocese." He said the new group will advise him on issues relating to unity.

Msgr. Joseph M. Nelligan, former chancellor of the archdiocese and now pastor of Immaculate Conception church, Towson, Md., was named chairman of the commission.

The two lay members, both named consultants, are Dr. Harry W. Kirwin, Loyola College, and David B. Maguire, managing editor of the Catholic Review, archdiocesan newspaper.

Archbishop Shehan in his pastoral cited two "related events" in the field of Christian unity — the annual observance of the Chair of Unity Octave and the coming ecumenical council.

He specified that special Masses be offered on the first two days of the Unity Octave, an annual eight-day period of prayer for church unity from January 18 to 25.

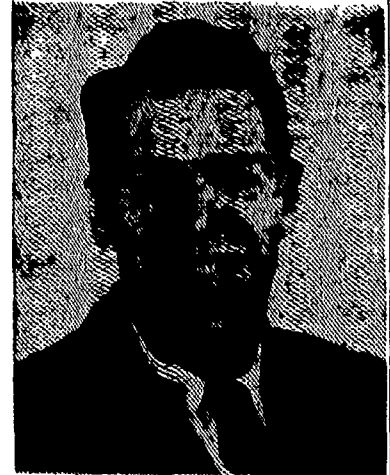
The first of these Masses is to be the Votive Mass for the Unity of the Church, and the second the Mass for the pardon of sins, he said.

Archbishop Shehan said the purpose of the latter Mass would be to "beg God's forgiveness and undoing of the sins which we Catholics have committed against Christian unity, both in our own times and in the past, both in our archdiocese and throughout the world."

## Old Factory Now Church

Auckland, New Zealand — (RNS) — Catholic visitors to the vacation resort of Whangamata during Christmas and New Year's worshipped at a church that five months before was an abandoned factory.

In July, Father D. J. Hayes, the local pastor, donned a carpenter's apron and wielded a paint brush to help complete the transformation job. He painted the sanctuary of his new church — it seats 200 — a flecked green and erected over it a tower of blue fibreglass.



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