



Bishop Kearney and Bishop Casey confer on Council affairs — and think of their diocesan flock at home in America. Photo shows them in a garden area near their hotel in Rome near St. Peter's where sessions of the ecumenical Council are held. Rome is noted for its numerous gardens and piazzas where residents can escape the noise and bustle of the city's streets. (Bruno del Priore photo)

'Landmarks in My Life'

Following is a letter from Bishop Kearney in Rome written on the eve of his birthday-anniversary to be marked this Sunday, October 28.

My Dear People,

On Sunday, October 28, here in the Eternal City, I shall begin my 79th year and complete my thirtieth year as a bishop. My recent presence at the majestic opening of the Second Vatican Council has lent a special blessing to these landmarks in my life.

On Sunday I shall offer my anniversary Mass at the Motherhouse Chapel of the Religious of the Cenacle here in Rome at the gracious invitation of Mother Murphy, the foundress of the Rochester Cenacle and now the American Assistant to the General of her order. Bishop Casey, Monsignor Maney and Monsignor Burns and our Rochester students here in Rome will attend my Mass.

I write this letter to assure all of you — priests, religious and laity of the Rochester Diocese — that this Mass will be offered for all of you, in deep gratitude for your devotion to me during the major part of my episcopal life, the quarter of a century in Rochester.

Your cooperation and enthusiasm in my every project have made these years fruitful for God whom I have tried to please, and happy for me.

May I ask your prayers then, on Sunday, as your most appreciated birthday gift for me, your prayers for God's continued blessing on my work and my safe return to those whom I love and whose love has blessed so richly these twenty-five years as,

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ,

+ James E. Kearney

Bishops Affirm

'All Men Are Brothers'

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World peace is the "greatest wish" of the Catholic Church. And linked to this wish is a deep concern for the "throng who suffer hunger, misery and ignorance."
TO FIND a path to peace and a road to a better world of progress in science and culture

Hallowe'en, Holy Day

Thursday, Nov. 1, will be the feast of All Saints, a holiday on which Catholics are to attend Mass. Most parishes will schedule late afternoon or evening Masses as well as early morning Masses. Parish bulletins should be checked this Sunday for the holiday schedule.
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— that is the task of the ecumenical Council of the world's Catholic bishops now in session at the Vatican.

In an unexpected and stirring statement issued with unanimous approval of the bishops at their first working session of the Council, the Church was put on record as involved in the agonies of the present world.

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The statement was made public last Friday, three days before the Cuban crisis erupted, and stressed the need for world leaders to do "everything that favors peace among peoples."

"We proclaim that all men are brothers, irrespective of the race or nation to which they belong," the bishops said in their plea for an end to international rivalry which threatens to break out into nuclear warfare.

Vatican Gives To UN Fund

The Vatican has contributed \$200,000 to a multi-million dollar United Nations relief fund, it was announced this week.
The "token contribution" was given by Monsignor Timothy Flynn, a New York priest representing the Vatican, at a pledging conference where 87 nations met a \$126,072,000 goal of the UN's Expanded Program of Technical Assistance to developing nations.
Monsignor Flynn said the Vatican's gift "is small in size as measured by the standard size for nations but large in its intent" to show approval of UN efforts to eliminate "needless poverty, avoidable disease and the eradication of ignorance and illiteracy."

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Peace Prayers This Sunday

Catholics around the world will celebrate the feast of Christ the King this Sunday with special prayers for world peace.

The Secret or final offertory prayer will ask for "the gifts of unity and peace" and the Preface to the consecration prayers will contain a plea for the coming of Christ's "kingdom of justice, love and peace."

Parish churches will schedule special rites in the afternoon or evening to include an Act of Consecration of the Human Race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Parish bulletins should be consulted for exact time of services.

Liberties Mass On Nov. 3

New York — (NC) — The St. Thomas More Society has announced its third annual Mass for the advancement of civil liberties will be celebrated this year on the feast day of St. Martin de Porres, November 3.
St. Martin, a colored Dominican Brother of Lima, Peru, was canonized earlier this year by Pope John XXIII.

Liturgy — the way Christians worship together — rates the number one spot on the agenda of the ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church now in session at the Vatican.

Current indications point to drastic changes which will affect the man in the pew as well as the priest at the altar.

First big change that is expected is use of English in place of Latin at Mass.

Steering the Council's discussion of the topic are Cardinal Arcadio Larraona and Francisco Palao, both well known for their conviction that liturgical change is due.

Cardinal Larraona, while in the United States in June, predicted modern languages will replace Latin in the instructional parts of the Mass and at other times when the people are expected to say prayers with the priest — such as the Our Father.

Also on the Council's steering committee for the discussion of liturgy reform is Cardinal Giacomo Lecaro of Bologna who has frequently made public his desire for less Latin and wide use of languages the people understand.

Other prelates on the committee (officially titled the Commission on the Sacred Liturgy) who are known to be of a similar "progressive" opinion are Bishop Karel Caldwart of Ghent; Bishop Otto Spuelberg of Meissen, and Bishop Guillaume van Bekkum of Indonesia.

Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan of Atlanta, also a member of the liturgy commission, is noted as a man of "definite opinions," and has a reputation as an energetic promoter of the Newman movement (religious programs for Catholic students in colleges not under Church auspices). Close friends interviewed this week said they are not aware of his attitude on liturgy reform. He is expected, however, to be in favor of at least some "updating" of the Church's rituals to fit present day circumstances.

African bishops — and there is one on the commission — Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Malula of Leopoldville in the Congo — are unanimously on record as wanting extensive change.

BUT NOT ALL Church leaders are so convinced. Those who agree with advocates of change that the liturgy is a form of doctrinal expression — "Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi" — but they argue that all the more caution is necessary for this reason before allowing a proliferation of liturgical customs whose ultimate doctrinal significance is yet unknown.

Liturgical renewal provided the subject matter of the first background briefing in a new orientation program launched by American bishops at the Council for the benefit of English-speaking journalists in imitation of the example of other hierarchies.

The program is under the direction of a committee headed by Bishop Albert R. Zurwiese of Belleville, Ill., former chairman of the National Catholic (Continued on Page 2)

A Pledge of Sacred Honor

For the defense of our nation and its freedom "we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor," said the founding fathers of the United States in their Declaration of Independence.

Again we are faced with the challenge to keep that pledge.

After so many wars to set people free from tyranny and after the tons of supplies and millions of dollars to help people all over the world to build a better world, our nation is still confronted with the formidable foe of relentless Soviet expansion.

Winston Churchill, viewing this relentless Kremlin surge already apparent after World War II, commented, "The human tragedy reaches its climax in the fact that after all the expectations and sacrifices of hundreds of millions of people and the victories of the Righteous Cause, we have still not found peace or security, and that we lie in the grip of even worse perils than those we have surmounted. . . . I hold strongly to the belief that we have not tried in vain."

That is our conviction too — that our present efforts and imminent sacrifices will not be in vain.

Our weapons are numerous and frightening in their power but it is not in them that we place our final confidence.

Our strength is in ourselves and in our faith that we are, in Scripture's words, "sub potenti manu Dei — in the powerful hand of God."

When our nation faced another crisis just a year ago, President Kennedy told the American people, "In meeting my responsibilities in these coming months as President, I need your good will and your support and, above all, your prayers."

His need of us remains the same.

In the prayers with which we answer his request we have hope, as he said in another talk to the nation, "Then surely the age will dawn in which the strong are just and the weak secure and the peace preserved."

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People's Part in Mass First Topic of Council



When in Rome, says the proverb, do as the Romans do — so that's why these Rochesterians are wearing their "padre's hat." Bishop Kearney and Bishop Casey are in the Eternal City with Monsignor John Maney, left, and Monsignor Richard Burns for the ecumenical Council. The photo was taken as they were on the way to the Vatican for a Council session last week. (Bruno del Priore photo)

No 'Jazz' From Vatican

Are There 'Blocs' in the Council?

Newsman of the world were warned this week about putting "political jazz" into reports on the current ecumenical Council of the Catholic Church.

Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York voiced the warning at a Mass for reporters covering the Council. The Mass was said Sunday morning in Rome's Church of Sant'Ivo alla Sapienza, a seventeenth century structure built to resemble a bee.

Urging newsmen to be more spiritual, Bishop Sheen said no reporter can understand a Council of the Church unless he has the spirit of Christ.

Asking, rhetorically, how the first Council at Jerusalem would have been reported, Bishop Sheen answered by saying:

"One group of journalists would have reported to the editor at Carthage that there was a general complaint about the delay in starting. Another would have sent to the Roman Times a long article on 'the tension existing between the centralizing group and those who favor a more divided authority.'"

The prelate invited the newsmen to read the reports of the first Council in the Acts of the Apostles, which recalls the descent of the Holy Ghost upon the Apostles and the establishment of the Christian Church.

Charging that all forms of modern culture, including journalism, were pervaded with the "spirit of tension, conflict, op-

position and disdain for truth," he said this spirit has no concern for objective truth, but for the setting in contrast of two contrary ideas or points of view.

It was quite evident during the Council's first week that Church leaders were disturbed by the dramatization of differences played up, if not distorted, in dispatches sent out from Rome.

The Council was increasingly pictured as somewhat of an ecclesiastical western.

Vatican officials repeatedly underlined that the Council is essentially a religious event and

not a political convention. The Council's first topic, whether arranged that way be accident or design, is not likely to feed a journalist's propensity for viewing the Council as a vast arena where liberal and conservative blocs are locked in battle.

The longer the journalists stay in Rome, however, the more they learn that such blocs are far from fictional.

No matter how divine the Church is in its origin and inner life, its point of contact with the world is a hierarchy that reflects elements common in all humanity — including

the inevitable pull in opposite directions, one to hold to the status quo and the other to push toward new horizons.

This "pull" is not polarized exclusively along national lines nor necessarily is it constant in the same prelates on all topics. Prelates who are "conservative" in liturgy may be "liberal" in their attitudes on social justice. Prelates of Italy are not all in the "conservative" camp nor are all prelates of Germany on the "liberal" side.

TWO EPISODES of the past few years indicate, however, that topics facing the bishops at the Council are in for a decidedly hazardous trip between two clearly divided sides.

The episodes center on a "language quarrel" which began in U.S. eastern rite churches in 1959 and a well published 1960 dispute on trends in Scripture.

Eastern rite priests in the United States were told in December, 1959, that they were not to use the English language at Mass because the practice gave "promoters of the abandonment of the Latin language (in the Roman rite) the opportunity to cite as an example and a precedent what the Oriental priests are doing."

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Clothing Collection During November

The annual Thanksgiving Clothing Collection for the relief of the world's needy will be held throughout the United States by Catholics and other religious groups during November.

Before he departed for Rome and the Second Vatican Council, Bishop Kearney pledged the support of the priests and people of the Rochester Diocese to the fourteenth annual Catholic Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection, to be conducted locally November 18 to 24.

Last year 140 parishes of the Diocese contributed a record total of 255 tons of usable clothing for the needy overseas.

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