

**Pope Tells Bishops at Council**

**Good Beginning,  
Much to be Done**

**A Survey of Council's  
Achievements, Hopes**

It was "a good beginning." That was Pope John's comment about the ecumenical Council. Council sessions ended Saturday, Dec. 8, and will resume next September. He predicted these sessions in 1963 "will proceed more surely, more steadily and with greater speed."

The Pontiff also predicted the Council will complete its task by Christmas of next year.

This will be quite an achievement, observers noted, in view of the fact that the Council in its just ended two months of work didn't adopt one full decree and heard opinions on only six topics out of a total of 72 scheduled for discussion.



Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII raises his hands as he blesses the Council Fathers at the close of the first session of the Second Vatican Council. The 81-year-old pontiff, still recovering from anemia and stomach trouble, spoke clearly and firmly in Latin. Pope John told the prelates that he sees the Council as a forerunner of a "new Pentecost" which will aid the Church in renewal and reform. His talk brought the Council's first phase to a formal close. After a nine-month recess, the Council will reconvene Sept. 8.

At first sight, this seems a poor performance for what was billed as the "best prepared" Council in history.

POPE JOHN, in his talk to the bishops at their final session explained the reason —

"The first session was like a slow and solemn introduction to the great work of the Council, a general willingness to enter into the heart and substance of our Lord's plans. It was necessary for brothers gathered together from afar around the common hearth to make each other's closest acquaintance. . . . They had necessarily to discuss their own experiences, reflecting the conditions of their apostolate under the most varied climates and circumstances. . . ."

"In such a vast gathering it is understandable that a few days were needed to arrive at an agreement on matters in which, in all charity and with good reason, there existed sharply divergent views. But this has a providential place in the triumph of truth, for it has shown to all the world the holy liberty that the sons of God enjoy in the Church."

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Another clear achievement of the Council is the attitude of "thaw" in the long standing cool relationships between Catholic officials and leaders of other religious denominations.

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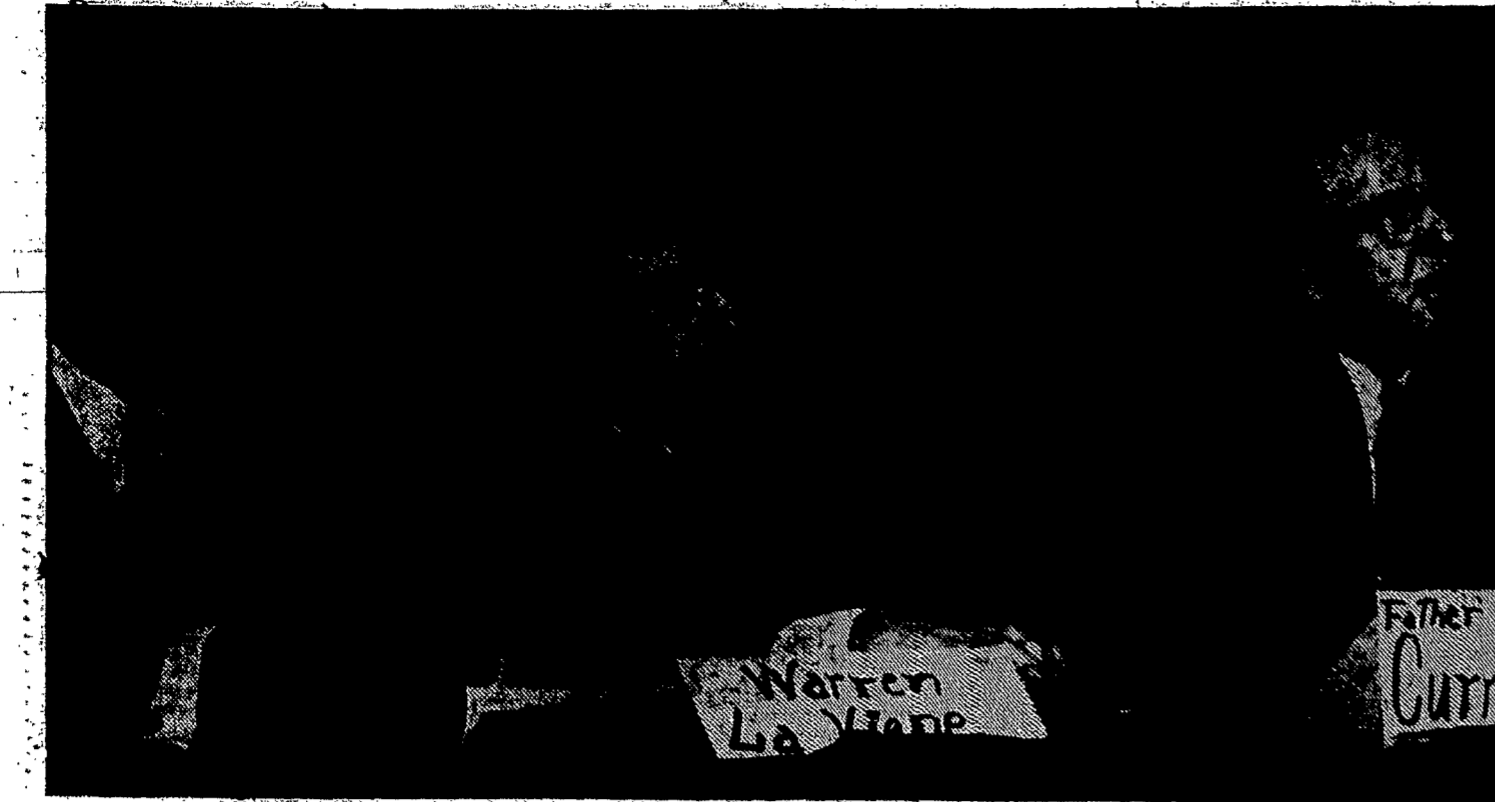
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Birth control is not the answer for population explosions according to Father Charles Curran and U. program. Warren La Vigne, left, was moderator. Photo angle puts signs in wrong places. Program was arranged by parish Holy Name Society.

**JFK Says  
All Schools  
Partners**

Washington — (NC) — President Kennedy, speaking at the swearing-in of the new U.S. Commissioner of Education, stressed the partnership of the public and private sectors of the community in the work of education.

The President spoke at a White House ceremony at which former Harvard dean Francis Keppel, 46, was sworn in as education commissioner, Monday, Dec. 10.

Numerous public and private educational leaders were on hand, including Msgr. Frederick G. Hochwalt, director of the Education Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Mr. Kennedy said it was the belief of the Founding Fathers and of the present administration "that no free society can possibly survive unless it has an educated citizenry."

"And therefore it is natural that the national government, representing all the people, the state governments, the private community, the local communities both public and private, all will combine to provide the best education for the most informed citizenry in this great free country," he said.

**Too Many People Too Soon**

The world's population is now estimated at 3,131,000,000.

In fifty years the total will probably be close to 5,000,000,000.

Even now, half the world's peoples are haunted by a grinding poverty — more people never have a meal in their lifetime as the average American has every day.

How can a doubled population produce food enough to survive?

There are many Americans who face a far more personal population problem — their own rapidly increasing family.

"Let the experts worry about the year 2000," these young couples say. "We have the problem today."

Is birth control the practical solution to the population "explosion" at both the world and local level?

This week a seminary professor and a university dean agreed it is not.

"Contraception tends to destroy the very foundations of marriage," said moral theologian Rev. Charles Curran at a panel discussion on the population problem last week. The program was sponsored by the Holy Name Society of Holy Family Church, Rochester.

"Marriage is a community of life. . . . In the service of life," he stressed. "This is the picture which shines forth from the pages of the Bible from Genesis

to St. Paul. Contraception attacks the community of life ideal, because it precludes the total giving of one spouse to the other. It opposes the notion of marriage as a service of life because it prevents new life."

Father Curran of St. Bernard's Seminary spoke on the moral aspects of the population problem. Dean John Brophy of the College of Business Administration of the University of Rochester spoke on the economic aspects.

Dean Brophy denied that there was a "world population problem," but admitted that there were many areas where population density and lack of resources produced many problems.

"We tend to be too pessimistic about our ability to utilize the world's resources to take care of mankind," he said. "Back in 1936, a predicted population of 170 million in America was laughed at as being impossible to sustain. Today, we are supporting a population of 184 million, and quite comfortably too."

This doesn't excuse us from an awareness of the great needs of many areas of the world, he went on. "There's no simple answer, of course, but we've got to try many different answers. He mentioned the help we could give needy nations in education, industrialization and agriculture."

A just attempt to change some of the traditional attitudes of needy nations is also in order.

he continued. A prime example is the reluctance of most of India's people to eat meat.

"India has twice as many cattle today as America; but on the whole, the average consumption of meat in that country is less than four pounds a year."

A third panelist, obstetrician Dr. John Jaicks, unable to be present due to family illness, sent a written comment which was read at the meeting. Dr. Jaicks presented an optimistic picture of the workability of the rhythm method of family limitation.

"A recent study by the Office of Population Research at Princeton University showed that rhythm offers a 90 per cent chance of avoiding pregnancy for five to ten years, when correctly prescribed and practiced," he noted.

Almost half the people who use rhythm have erroneous concepts about it, he revealed. A second Princeton survey showed that in one white-collar survey group, 40% of the people using rhythm either didn't understand the idea or were using incorrect knowledge.

"Right now, the temperature method is the most accurate method of detecting the time of ovulation, and in the foreseeable future, even more exact indications will be found."

He concluded with the comment that irregular feminine cycles, which tend to make rhythm impractical, can be corrected in many instances. Minor hormonal imbalances can often be discovered by their physicians, and in most cases, correction of these will regularize the cycle.

The panel was moderated by Warren La Vigne of the Holy Family Holy Name group.

**Two New Priests for Diocese**

**Ordinations in Rome**

Two young clerics of the Rochester Diocese will be ordained to the priesthood in Rome.

Mrs. James W. Logan and the late Mr. Logan, 9 Pershing Drive, Rochester, and

Father Sullivan is a graduate of St. Stephen's parochial school, Geneva.



FATHER LOGAN

Rev. Mark W. Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Sullivan, Castle Road, Geneva.



FATHER SULLIVAN

Archbishop Martin J. O'Connor, rector of the North American College, will be the ordaining prelate.

The two new priests for the Rochester Diocese attended St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's Seminaries prior to their theological studies in Rome.

They will continue their studies until next June when they will return to the United States to receive their diocesan assignment from Bishop Kearney.

FATHER LOGAN will celebrate his first solemn Mass at Villa Nazareth, a boarding school for young Italian boys staffed by American Sisters of Charity.

Attending the ordination and first Mass ceremonies will be his mother and his brothers Paul and Timothy and an aunt, Mrs. A. H. Byrne of California. They will remain in Rome for Christmas and then travel to other European cities.

Father Logan is a graduate of St. Francis Xavier parochial school, Rochester.

FATHER SULLIVAN will celebrate his first solemn Mass at the chapel of the North American College with Rev. Raymond F. Nolan, pastor of St. Stephen's Church, Geneva, as assistant priest. Rev. Edward Dillon, a priest of the Rochester Diocese doing graduate study in Rome, will preach.

Attending the ordination and first Mass ceremonies will be Father Sullivan's parents, his grandmother, Mrs. Mabel Maxwell of Canandaigua, Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Sullivan of Penn Yan, Mr. and Mrs. (Martha) David V. Young of Rochester, and the Misses Mary Ann and Kathleen Sullivan, both of whom are students at Nazareth College.

After visiting the Eternal City, they will travel to Florence, Lucern and Paris.

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**No Friday  
Next Week**

Fast and abstinence regulations are canceled for Catholics in the Rochester Diocese next Friday, an Ember Day, Dec. 21. Meat may be eaten as desired.

Bishop Kearney granted the dispensation. Wednesday and Saturday, Dec. 19 and 22, remain as Ember Days of fast and partial abstinence (meat once).

Pope John two years ago authorized Catholics to choose either Dec. 23 or Dec. 24 as a day to fast and abstain before Christmas. This year Dec. 23 falls on a Sunday. Those who do not wish to observe the Dec. 24 date are not required to fast or abstain on Sunday either.

**Novitiate to be Closed,  
Nuns 'Not Welcome'**

Philadelphia — (RNS) — As the result of protests from neighbors and the zoning board, the Grey Nuns of the Sacred Heart will move from a valuable estate that was given to them in Haverford, a Philadelphia suburb.

The 17-acre estate, with a 23-room mansion, was purchased by John P. Connelly, prominent industrialist who paid \$125,000 for the property and spent an additional \$100,000 on renovations before giving it to the Catholic teaching order for use as a novitiate.

The order, which has occupied the property for about six months, was cited by the Haverford Township Zoning Board for violating a "strictly residential" rule and for not having applied for a special exemption. Several neighbors appeared to

protest the nuns' use of the property, although almost adjoining is another Catholic order which built its convent before the zoning law was enacted.

At a subsequent hearing the Grey Nuns announced through their attorney, R. Winfield Baile, that since their neighbors and township authorities were apparently hostile to them, they could not live happily on the estate and would move rather than contest the zoning law.

The attorney told the zoning board: "What started out to be a pleasure to these sisters in using a beautiful home ideally suited to their purpose has become an unpleasant experience that will be difficult to forget. They simply do not wish to live where they feel they are not welcome."

**Their Joy Depends on Your Generosity**

Christmas will be a bleak day for many families in the area of the Rochester Diocese unless a surge of contributions pours into Catholic Charities offices this week.

"Any amount from one dollar to a hundred dollars is welcome," said Father Donald J. Mulcahy who hopes to provide baskets of food, clothing and gifts for children to nearly 400 area families.

Total cost of the special Christmas project will be \$3000, he estimates.

"So far, we have \$1250," he said.

Typical of the people who will benefit from your donation to the Catholic Charities fund are these three cases:

Joan S. is a frail, blonde girl of 16 who spent the first ten years of her life in European displaced person camps with her parents. When she finally arrived in the United States, life was so different that Joan's father broke down under the mental strain of adjusting Joan herself, confused by her new environment, became sad and withdrawn so that her mother sought help for her daughter at Catholic Family Center.

Long term psychiatric care combined with supportive agency help has enabled Joan to face a brighter future. The warmth of a group living situation has given Joan a new concept of her own personal worth and is showing her what Christian Charity can mean to Americans.



Help him provide a merry Christmas for his family

There is nothing new or different about the J. family. They are a family of two parents and twelve children. Mr. J. works each day and Mrs. J. minds children and household. Out of this emerges the problem of survival older than Christmas itself: how to provide adequately for one's children. Today's scale of values make the task more difficult. Mr. J.'s weekly income cannot cover the family needs so that the grinding poverty and discouragement are chronic with the J. family. Agency financial support helps the J.'s out of their most difficult situations. Agency moral support helps the J.'s to keep hope.

Mrs. F. is a young mother with three children all under age five. Her husband, an unskilled worker, deserted his family a year ago, although he pays a court-stipulated amount to his wife each week. It is small and inadequate. Mrs. F., exhausted and depressed from her attempts to fill her children's lives adequately, wonders about the meaning of her life. She is in constant need of close, supportive help from the agency in order to continue in her daily life and tasks.

You may send your donation, large or small, to any one of these addresses: Catholic Charities Christmas Fund, 50 Chestnut St., Rochester 4, N.Y. Catholic Family Center of Auburn, 16 William St., Auburn, N.Y. Elmira Catholic Family Service, 374 West Church St., Elmira, N.Y.

**Ecumenical  
Pilgrimage**

A pilgrim tour to the Holy Land, Rome, Athens, Istanbul, Lourdes and Paris will be sponsored by the Courier Journal next year July 21 to August 16.

Complete fare will be \$1163.

Father Henry Atwell, Courier editor, will be spiritual director of the four week tour.

Visits will be made to sites in Jerusalem, Rome and Istanbul where historic ecumenical Councils of the Church have been held. Further details are available by writing or phoning the Courier, 35 Sco St., Rochester 4, BA. 5-6110.

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