

World Watches, Prays As Pope's Life Ebbs

"If you could read my heart, you would perhaps understand much more than words can say."

Pope John's great heart this week throbbled out its message of love and peace for all mankind and the world waited, and feared, what increasingly appeared to be the inevitable report.

He was quoted as telling a friend "I know very well what I have. And I also know that I have only three or four weeks to live."

He offered himself as a "sacrifice" to win "abundant favors on the ecumenical Council, on the Holy Church and on mankind which aspires for peace."

Thousands filled St. Peter's Square when word spread that the 81-year-old Pontiff received the Sacrament of Extreme Unction from Cardinal Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, the Pope's Secretary of State.

Around the world, prayers for the Pope were offered by the people of all ranks and religious affiliation.

Many pastors in the Rochester Diocese asked congregations to pray for him at Sunday Masses. Children in parochial schools prayed for him each day this week.

The Council of Church Women, coordinating agency for Protestant women's groups in the Rochester area, began their meeting Monday with a prayer for Pope John. Rochester Protestant clergymen at their meeting Tuesday prayed for him.

Italy's best-known physicians were called to the Vatican Sunday and left with the opinion that "nothing less than a miracle" could prolong the Pope's life until the opening of the second session of the Vatican Council in September.

Dr. Piero Mazzoni added the comment that medical treatment could do no more. "We are in the hands of God now, rather than in the hands of science," he said.

At the same moment that the world was alerted to his critical condition, his voice — recorded several weeks ago — told Polish pilgrims to a shrine in Silesia, "Have faith in the love of the Church for you and entrust yourselves to her confidently, for you may be sure that her thoughts are thoughts of peace and not of affliction."

Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, recently returned from Rome where he had two long private audiences with the Pontiff, said the papal message "was pronounced from the lips of a man already sick and suffering, but nevertheless so serene and so ready to fulfill God's will until the last moment, as if he had forgotten himself entirely, aware only that it is the Holy Spirit who rules the Church."

To those who are saddened, Pope John's words during an earlier attack of his illness in December said, "Let us regain courage, each one to the fulfillment of his own duties, knowing that there is One who watches, comforts and awaits us."

An anxious aide watches weary Pope at recent Vatican rite.

May the Lord support us all the day long,
till the shades lengthen and the evening comes,
and the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging,
and a holy rest, and peace at the last.

Prayer of Cardinal Newman

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J.F.K. Aide Rejects Tax Deduction

Washington — (RNS) — Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Anthony J. Celebrezze said he does not favor granting income tax deductions to parents whose children attend private schools.

In a statement made at Cleveland, where he addressed the National Conference on Social Welfare, Mr. Celebrezze said, "We cannot tax one group to promote the religious teachings of another group."

He said he opposes a plan for tax relief to parents of private and parochial school students offered by Sen. Abraham A. Ribicoff (D-Conn.), his predecessor in the Kennedy Cabinet.

"The Administration feels it has fulfilled its obligations when it provides support of mass public education available to all," he declared.

The Secretary pointed out that contributions to churches which support most of the private elementary and secondary schools are already tax deductible and that in this manner considerable relief is already granted to those who support private education.



Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope John XXIII is surrounded by national directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in one of the last photos taken of him before his public appearances were curtailed for health reasons. The Pope greeted the directors at an audience in St. Peter's Basilica during their annual meeting in Rome.

This paper was printed Wednesday afternoon, because of the holiday yesterday. News events of Wednesday evening and all day Thursday are, therefore, not included in this edition.

Easter Time Deadline

The "Easter Time" expires a week from Sunday, on Trinity Sunday, June 9.

Catholics are reminded of their duty to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Time which extends from the first Sunday in Lent until Trinity Sunday.

Confessions are heard in parishes churches Saturday afternoons and evenings.

Episcopals Pray For Council

Providence — (RNS) — The annual convention of the Rhode Island Episcopal Diocese, meeting here, commended the Second Vatican Council "to the prayers of our people."

The diocesan body said that work of the Council of the Holy Spirit and the unity of God's people and the furthering of Christ's mission.

"We must pray earnestly for the guidance of the Holy Spirit on the Council as it meets this fall for it continues in the way it has begun, there is no telling what God may do for all of Christendom."

New Climate Acknowledged

Des Moines — (RNS) — Christianity's "united strength" is needed in today's "divided and turbulent world," the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. stated here as it encouraged broader contacts with the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches.

The 175th General Assembly of the denomination approved a report from its Committee on Ecumenical Mission and Relations which noted a "new climate" surrounding Protestant-Catholic relations and a "growing awareness" of the contributions of Orthodox Churches to the ecumenical movement.

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USSR To Attend Jesuit Forum On Atom War

West Baden Springs — (RNS) — The Russian government has agreed to participate here in a Roman Catholic-sponsored institute which will discuss the moral aspects of nuclear warfare.

Victor Karpov, First Secretary of the Washington Embassy of the Soviet Union, has been designated by his government to confer alongside U.S. officials, noted scientists and Protestant, Catholic and Jewish theologians in an unprecedented three-day session here at Indiana's West Baden College.

The college, a Jesuit institution which is part of Loyola University of Chicago, announced that its Nuclear War Institute will be held Nov. 3-10 on the campus.

Seminarist James C. Fleck, S.J., coordinator of the institute, described the purpose of the program as "a step toward more informed understanding and realistic evaluation of the moral issues in nuclear war today."

Scheduled to present major papers at the institute are Dr. Alain Enthoven, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Systems Analysis; Dr. Paul Ramsey, chairman of the department of religion at Princeton University and author of War and the Christian Conscience; Herman Kahn, director of the Hudson Institute and author of On Thermonuclear War; Father Joseph McKenna, S.J., professor of international relations at Fordham University, New York City; Christopher Hollis, British journalist who is a member of the editorial boards of The (London) Tablet and Punch; and Mr. Karpov.

Other experts from various fields will comment on the addresses and participate in roundtable discussions. They include Dr. Henlee Barnett of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky.; Dr. Alvin Rabins of the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati; Father John R. Conery, S.J., provincial of the Jesuits Chicago Province; Admiral James S. Innes, USN (ret.) of the Hughes Aircraft Corp.; Jerome Spingarn of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; Father Daniel Herlihan, S.J., of Le Moyne College, Syracuse, N.Y.; and Dr. Gordon Zahn of Loyola University.

Planning for the three-day conference has been under way since last fall. Mr. Fleck, a 36-year-old Jesuit seminarian and teacher who will be ordained in two years, passed the first hurdle when he secured agreement for Russian participation.

He merely addressed a letter to the U.S.S.R. Ambassador in Washington, outlining the program and urging Russian representation. In time, an athlete replied that the embassy would be happy to cooperate by appointing a representative at a later date.

Radio Mass This Sunday

High Mass will be broadcast by radio station WHAM from Holy Rosary Church, Rochester, this Sunday, 11 a.m. to noon.

The parish choir directed by Donald Meininger will sing.

50 Year 'Veteran' Honored

A veteran of 50 years as a teacher of religion to public school children was cited at a student Cathedral ceremony Sunday evening as an example to 118 men and women who will begin their teaching task in September.

Miss Elvira Paulone, 116 Rockingham St., Rochester, a member of St. Boniface parish, began her teaching career in 1913 at the request of Archbishop Thomas F. Hickey, Rochester's second bishop.

She taught classes in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parish with Bishop Walker A. Faery of Syracuse when he was a student at St. Bernard's Seminary.

Pupils from public schools 18, 14, 5 and 36 have been prepared by her for First Communion and Confirmation. Besides the Mt. Carmel classes, she has taught in St. Anthony's, St. Patrick's, St. Andrew's and Holy Redeemer parishes.

At Sunday's ceremony in Sacred Heart Cathedral, 118 graduates of the Schools of Religion, Fairport and Ithaca, received certificates from Bishop Casey. He also awarded medals to 66 others who aid in the teaching program.

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The program is part of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine goal to enroll all Catholic children in public schools in religious instruction classes.

In his talk, Bishop Casey stressed the increasing need for



Bishop Kearney puts cross in place at new Guardian Angels church and school, Henrietta, Sunday afternoon, May 26. Father John Kleinfes, pastor, assists the Bishop in blessing ceremony. New parish serves rapidly growing area south of Rochester.



TOTAL NUMBERS receiving certificates or medals from the 27 parishes are as follows:

- Assumption, Fairport, 35; St. Patrick's, Victor, 26; St. Mary's of the Lake, Ontario, 23; St. Michael's, Rochester, 18; St. John's, Rochester, 11; St. John's, Greece, 6; Immaculate Conception, Ithaca, 8; Holy Trinity, Webster, 8; St. Pius X, Van Etten, 7; Sacred Heart Cathedral, 5; Corpus Christi, Rochester, 4; St. Rita's, West Webster, 3; Blessed Sacrament, Rochester, 3; St. Paul of the Cross, Irondequoit Falls, 4, two each from St. Lawrence, Greece; St. Leo, Hilton, Mother of Sorrows, Greece; St. Rose, Lima; St. Thomas the Apostle, Irondequoit; St. Anthony, Graton, St. Bridget, East Bloomfield; St. Joseph's, Penfield; St. Margaret Mary, Irondequoit, and one each from Annunciation, Rochester; St. Charles Borromeo, Greece; Christ the King, Irondequoit; St. Francis de Sales Chapel for the Deaf, Rochester; St. Jerome, East Rochester; Our Lady of Mercy, Greece; St. Theodora, Gates; St. Catherine of Siena, Ithaca; St. James, Turmansburg; St. Boniface, St. Mary's, St. Nicholas and St. Joseph's, Rochester.

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