

U.S. bishops board their bus to go to St. Peter's... a familiar figure scans the Vatican piazza... newsmen hear a report of a Council's session.

World's Bishops Go Back to School

By FATHER HENRY ATWELL.

Buckle your seat belts if you plan to stay in the bark of Peter.

The Catholic Church, if Pope Paul and the world's bishops have their way, is ready for launching on a journey that will be far more adventuresome than even an orbit into space.

Father Atwell, editor of the *Courier Journal*, was in Rome October 10 to 17 for the Vatican Council. This is one of a series of articles about the people and issues of the Council.

The Church's journey is aimed on a new course through time to eternity — a course that will take the ancient ship of Christian faith out of quiet backwaters into the turbulent chaos of the contemporary world.

Pope Paul said the Church in the Vatican Council must build a bridge to the modern world.

Bridge or boat, the Church wants to come to grips with the problems which men and women have to face in their daily lives — food and friendship, survival and freedom, faith and hope and God.

For most of the bishops at Rome, the Council is like going back to school — they even ride a bus to and from the daily sessions. And then homework.

Bringing the Church up to date — agglornamento, Pope John called it — takes careful study and long discussion before decisions are made which will affect literally millions of souls for decades to come.

Not that there's disagreement about the updating. All votes at the Council so far are almost unanimous — 2222 yes, 34 no, as an example — for programs of renewal. The debates are centered on how best to work out the renewal, the agglornamento.

Typical of the nearly 2,500 bishops in Rome is our own Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey.

His day begins at 6 a.m. when he says Mass, then serves Mass said by his companion in the Eternal City, Monsignor William Naughton of St. Ann's Church, Rochester. A hurried breakfast and he has to be ready for the bus at 8:15. The bus must then buck bottlenecks of Roman traffic, pick up more bishops at another hotel and arrive at St. Peter's Basilica just before 9 o'clock.

Council sessions begin with Mass — frequently (Continued on Page 2)

New Breviary for Priests, Women's Voice at Council

A revised breviary for priests — with permission to say it in English — was overwhelming approved by the Vatican Council this week.

Proposals were also made to admit women as advisers and ordain laymen as "co-pastors" to bring Communion to isolated, priestless parishes.

A continuing parliament of bishops was also proposed as a way to continue the Council's work after its formal sessions are ended. The Council is now expected to run over into next year, perhaps another year beyond that.

The world's Catholic bishops also opened the door to fixing Easter on a permanent Sunday date rather than have it range over more than a month as at present.

THE BREVIARY revision was voted through without debate.

Church law requires priests to say prayers and scripture readings which now take up to an hour a day. The format, developed by monks during the medieval era, takes for granted

Happy Double Feast Day

Bishop Kearney will be doubly happy Monday, Oct. 28. It's his 70th birthday and the 21st anniversary of his consecration as a bishop.

He will mark the occasion privately.

The bishop was born Oct. 28, 1884, at Elk Oak, Iowa, and was elevated to the hierarchy at St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York City, Oct. 28, 1932.

The more than 300,000 Catholics of the 12-county Rochester Diocese, and countless other friends wish him a happy birthday and happy anniversary.

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group recitation at eight special times each day — a condition virtually impossible for the average parish priest.

The new breviary will simplify the schedule to morning, during-the-day, and evening prayers.

Breviary prayers and readings will remain in Latin but bishops are authorized to permit priests in individual cases to use their own local language instead.

The suggestion to admit women as advisers to the Council came from Cardinal Leon Josef Suenens, one of the four moderators named by Pope Paul to direct the Council's sessions.

The Belgian prelate said that the present twelve laymen "should be increased in number and should include women." He also said the lay group should be more international in its membership. Tanganyika's Cardinal Laurin Rugambwa earlier voiced his hope that a Negro layman might soon be named as an advisor.

In making his proposal that women advisers be appointed, Cardinal Suenens said half the Church's population and half the Church's membership were women. He said he thought they should have a way of expressing their thoughts at the Council. The bishops applauded him at that remark.

He said the Council should pay more attention to the voice of lay people.

"Our people must be reminded that responsibility for the sanctification of the world does not rest exclusively on the shoulders of the hierarchy. The essential mission of the Church is spreading of the Gospel and the effectiveness of the Church's efforts depends on the supernatural strength of the entire people of God.

"We must avoid giving the impression that the Church is no more than an administrative unit completely cut off from the influence of the spirit of God.

"This is the age of the Holy Spirit Who is given not only to pastors but all members of the Church. It is a fact of history that some members of the laity have at times awakened the

sleeping Church, lest the teachings of the Gospels be lost sight of."

Two American bishops earlier stressed the need to give lay people an increased role in the Church's life.

Bishop John J. Wright of Ellicottville said the Church's laity had been waiting for 200 years for a pronouncement from a Council defining its role, duties and calling.

The Council was now faced with a great opportunity to provide this direction, said Bishop Wright as he praised the chaplain on the laity contained in *Evangelium*, the schema on the nature of the Church.

Auxiliary Bishop Philip M. Hannan of Washington, D.C., told the Council Fathers that the laity should be encouraged to join organizations that influence daily life, "not excluding activity in political life."

He also proposed that bishops establish diocesan organizations.

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Pope Praises Heroic Prelate

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has praised Ukrainian Archbishop Joseph Slipyi of Lvov, who was freed early this year after 15 years of Soviet imprisonment, for the heroism of his faithfulness to the Church.

Speaking (Oct. 18) at an audience granted to members of the Ukrainian Christian Movement, the Pope said that Archbishop Slipyi "had proved by his steadfastness, patience and strength how adherence to Christ is to be confessed even in the most adverse circumstances which may on occasion even seem desperate.

"May God bless you, dear brother, and may He bless all those who accompany you, particularly this group of bishops who are so promising for the welfare of the Ukrainian Church."

The Pope told the group that he was pleased they included the word "Christian" in the name of their organization.

Prayer to be Added For Council's Success

Pope Paul has directed that the collect-prayer invoking the Holy Spirit be added at all Masses for the happy outcome of the Vatican Council.

Bishop Kearney announced the papal instruction to priests of the Diocese this week.

According to the Church's ritual laws, the "impera — required" prayer will be said at all Masses, except on first or second class feast days or votive Masses on such rank or at sung Masses.

A similar secret (that offertory) prayer and post-Communion prayer will also be added at Masses. Text of the prayers is in the back of most missals.

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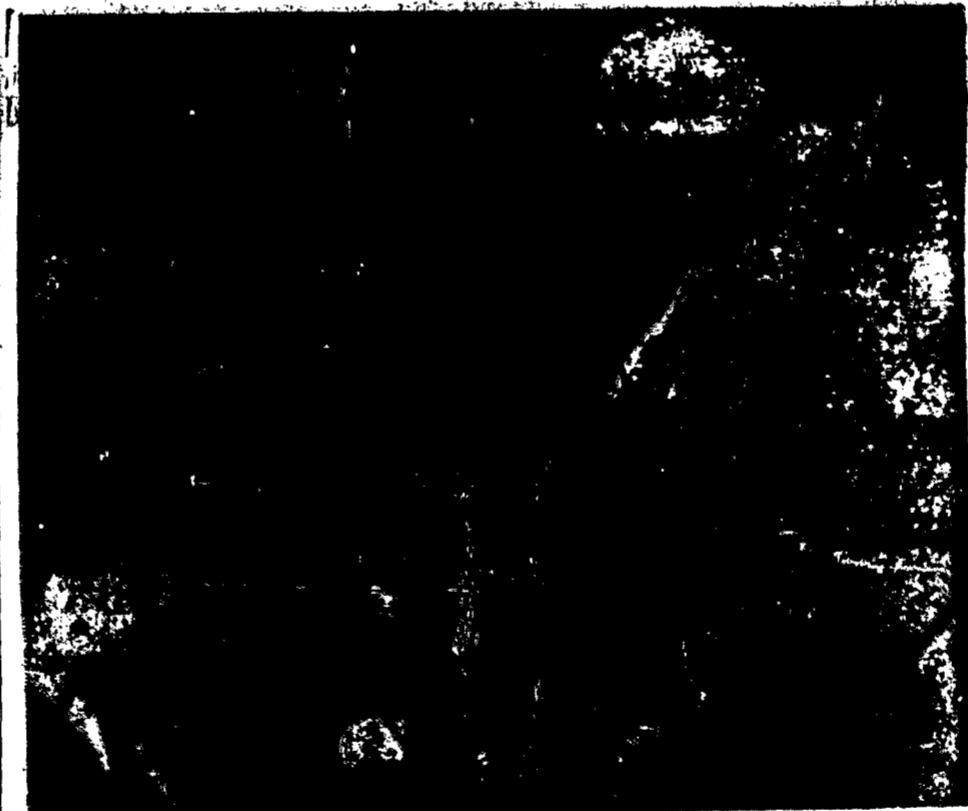
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Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI greets a polio-stricken girl in the arms of her father during a special audience in the Vatican's St. Damasus courtyard for 200 Italian polio victims. Taking time off from the cares of the Second Vatican Council, the pontiff personally welcomed each of his guests, praising them for their example of "how the crosses of life must be borne."

This Week In Rochester

Religion, Race Conference

Hundreds of priests and Catholic lay people will join Protestant and Jewish fellow citizens for the first Rochester Conference on Religion and Race Wednesday, Oct. 30.

A priest long noted as a leader in social justice projects will speak at a dinner meeting that evening to conclude the day-long program.

He is Monsignor Daniel M. Caswell, chaplain to Catholic lay action organizations of the Chicago archdiocese. He will give his talk at Temple Beth Kodesh, 2121 Elmwood Ave.

Reservations at \$2 per person may be made with Joseph Hauser, HO 7-9195 or Mrs. Ben Richardson, FI 2-8635.

A morning talk to clergy of the different religious groups sponsoring the Conference will be given by Professor Abraham Joshua Heschel of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Rev. Edler G. Hawkins of St. Augustine Presbyterian Church, New York City, will speak at a noon luncheon for clergy and community leaders.

Workshops for industrial and civic officials, law enforcement officials, real estate agents, social workers, newsmen, radio and television commentators will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday Council of Rochester. The morning and afternoon sessions will be held at the Rochester Area Council of Commerce.

Clothing Collection Set For Week of Nov. 17th

The outstanding record of generosity to the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Thanksgiving Clothing Collection in the past few years, welcome as it has been to the needy, has increasingly taxed the storage accommodations of Catholic Relief Services, sponsors of the nationwide collection.

This year, in order to forestall the collapse of the Bronx warehouse facilities of Catholic Relief Services, Catholic dioceses have been asked to conduct clothing collections at certain specified weeks throughout November.

Bishop Kearney has approved this request, and the collection of usable clothing, bedding, and shoes in the Rochester diocese will be held November 17-23, one week preceding Thanksgiving week.

Pope Asks China End War on Faith

Vatican City — (RNS) — An appeal to Communist China to cease the persecution of Catholics was sounded by Pope Paul VI during a visit to the Propaganda Fide College in Rome, where missionary priests of all races are trained.

Lamenting the condition of the Church in Red China, he said he hoped seeds once sown there with the tears of missionaries would some day be harvested with joy.

Marked by the first occasion on which he made direct mention of the Church behind the Bamboo Curtain, the Pope's visit took place on Mission Sunday, a worldwide observance in the Church.

Earlier, Pope John consecrated 14 new archbishops and bishops in St. Peter's Basilica, among them 12 missionary bishops, of whom one was an American. The two others consecrated were Archbishop Paulino Linogni, new Papal Nuncio to Costa Rica, and Archbishop Igino Cardinali, new Apostolic Delegate to Great Britain, who lived as a youngster in Brooklyn.

Welcomed at the Propaganda College by Gregory Peter Cardinal Aganjanian, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, Pope Paul told the seminarians of his happiness in being among them on a day when all the Catholic Church remembers its far-flung missions and missionaries.

"But," he said, "there is a shadow in our happiness, a shadow that we must not see with paternal trepidation and intimate grief: yes, the thought of a great country — China — whose children are not with us on this day that concerns them so closely."

Appealing to the Communist leaders of China, the Pope said his joy would have been great to greet among the newly consecrated bishops a representative of "that great Chinese people, ever present in mind and beloved, due to its illustrious traditions and civilization, and the generous proof of Christian faith given by so many of its sons throughout so many centuries."

The pontiff said he especially lamented as "inroads of pain" the "empty seats" in the Second Vatican Council caused by the absence of Chinese bishops.

"Our thoughts go to those bishops, those priests, those faithful of China, and exhort them to serene constancy even in the hour of trial," he said. "We appeal to the rulers to consider with eyes of equity the plight of our children whose

Christian names in no way withdraw them from loyalty to their country. For, as we have said, belonging to the Church does not weaken, but strengthens and raises in value the relationship of citizens with their country and makes them participants in and guarantees its security, peace and true progress."

In the opening part of his talk, Pope Paul had declared that "the aim of the Church is not to divide but to unite; not to confuse but to create in faith and love; not to perturb but to bring order and peace to peoples; to improve conditions, to promote the teaching of sane human values, and to proclaim the Christian dignity of man."

Present at the Vatican ceremony were 17 cardinals, numerous archbishops and bishops in Rome for the Second Vatican Council, members of the Vatican diplomatic corps, and large numbers of pilgrims.

The American prelate consecrated was Bishop Raphael Cotey, S.D.S., 42-year-old native of Milwaukee, Wis., who was named the first Ordinary of the newly-created Diocese of Tanganyika in Tanganyika. The other missionary bishops to whom the Pope gave their crosses, mitres, rings and gloves — symbols of their episcopal dignity — were:

After the consecration, the Pope appeared at the window of his private study to bless crowds gathered in St. Peter's Square below and to join them in the recitation of the noon-day Angelus.

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