

Cheering Crowd Surrounds Pope on Way to Church

Rome — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI found himself caught in the middle of a crowd of excited, cheering admirers when spectators broke through police lines in Rome's central Piazza di Spagna to receive his blessing.

The occasion was a stop-off the Pope made in the piazza while en route to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, for ceremonies commemorating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Pope Paul remained calm and smiling despite the confusion which resulted when many onlookers pushed aside city officials and police. Several minutes passed before order was restored and the Pope was free to resume his journey.

The incident occurred before a bronze statue of the Virgin Mary which was erected shortly after the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854.

While the Pope was laying a wreath of white flowers at the foot of the statue, an attaché of the Jordan Embassy in Rome approached and presented him with several olive branches from the Garden of Gethsemane. The garden is in the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem, which he is to visit next month.

On his arrival at the basilica, the Pope delivered a short address in which he urged the faithful to "avoid a certain pessimism pervading the world today, tainted by vice and corruption, because it has lost its confidence in the Blessed Virgin."



Catholic Women's Club Tea

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB will sponsor a tea Sunday, Dec. 15 for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery. Discussing the event, which will take place at the club house, 215 Alexander St., are Miss Geraldine Moylan, left, and Miss Marjorie Freer, co-chairman.

Aid for All Advocated

Cincinnati — (NC) — Federal aid to public education that denies equal aid to parochial and private schools would jeopardize the national interest, a legal expert said here.

William R. Considine, head of the Legal Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D.C., told the Cincinnati Medievalsists recently that such a denial also "would severely hurt the educational effort of the American people."

"If the future of our country as a world leader lies in our schools," he said, "then how can we safely exclude from assistance a school system educating almost five and one-half million students at the elementary and secondary levels and an additional one million or more in our colleges?"

After reviewing the recent history of Congressional debate and action on proposed Federal aid measures, Considine declared that the position of the American Bishops amounted to "a plea for justice and fair consideration of the realities and the rights of parents and students alike."

"If the Congress concludes that the educational standards of the country demand an upgrading," he said, "and that this must come about by Federal aid and encouragement, then the general welfare of the country and the national interest dictate that 'all' children and all colleges receive this help and encouragement."

"Far too many people," he said, "miss the whole point and view the question of Federal aid as primarily a religious tug of war. Too many see it as the battle of the Reformation all over again, with the Catholic Bishops lined up on one side and the protectors of separation of church and state on the other."

WILLIAM FREY is chairman; Mrs. Robert Phillips, co-chairman. Guests are welcome. Serving on committee are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sabine, Mr. and Mrs. William Riley, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scherer and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fleming.

Guild Council To Be Feted At Nazareth

The Nazareth College Guild Council will be entertained at a luncheon at the college, Thursday, Dec. 19, at 1 p.m.

GUEST OF HONOR at the luncheon will be Sister Rose Angela, former Guild moderator. Other college representatives will be Sister Helen Daniel, president, who will act as hostess, and Sister Eva Marie, present Guild moderator.

Officers of the Guild are president, Mrs. Joseph Gagliano, 10 Maybrook Rd.; vice president, Mrs. Irving Nintim, 731 Arnett Blvd.; treasurer, Mrs. Madeline Kastner, 208 Ridgeway Ave.; secretary, Mrs. Thomas W. Coursey, 108 Wyatt Dr.; membership, Mrs. J. McLoughlin, 236 Genesee Park Blvd.; publicity, Mrs. J. Lester Gasser, 150 Westland Ave.; sunshine, Mrs. Ronald McDonald, 31 Electric Ave.

'Something Special for God'

Young Doctor Now Nun

San Francisco — (NC) — A possible "page," it didn't come, missionary — to do something young doctor, who even before her baptism as a Catholic, "wanted to do something special for God" enters the postulate-ordinance of a missionary sisterhood which works in Africa next month.

Dr. Marieme Elizabeth Long, as intern at Mary's Help Hospital here, will become a White Sister, a congregation devoted exclusively to the salvation of African souls.

The matter-of-fact young woman, during an interview at the hospital, would rather have talked about the work of the White Sisters than about the vocation that has led her from her native San Diego, through Howard University's College of Medicine in Washington, D.C., to the novitiate at Mary Glenn, Franklin, Pa.

She was wearing white in-tern's garb and ready for a

but a call to surgery for an "special" — became a certainty. emergency appendectomy later, delayed her appointment with a photographer.

"Of course," she explained at the beginning of the interview, "I'm speaking as an adult looking back at childhood. But I believe I had always wanted to do something special for God since I was 6 or 7. So I asked in college I realized I couldn't want to do something special for God? and I realized missionaries were people who 'do something special'."

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar J. Long of San Diego, are not Catholics. Her closest contact with Catholicism came during the 7th and 8th grades when she was a student at the novitiate at Mary Glenn, taught by the Franciscan Sisters. She was 13 or 14 years old.

She stresses the religious vocation came — and does come — first. Medicine is her "way of reaching souls" just as teaching or nursing is for other Sisters.

St. Stephen's Club Slates Party

Cincinnati — Christmas Party of St. Stephen's Club is scheduled for 12:15 at the Rod and Gun Club. Social hour at 8:30 p.m. to be followed by buffet supper at 7:30 p.m.

Each person attending is asked to bring a wrapped gift to be sent to the Retarded Children at Willard. Some 200 retarded children are being cared for at the former Sampson Hospital.

Carol singing will feature the entertainment.

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Patients Feted

Mother Seton committee of Elmira Ladies of Charity held their annual Christmas party for patients at Breasport County Home, last Sunday afternoon.

Entertainment was provided with vocal solos and organ music by J. Henry Foley.

Each patient was given a useful Christmas wrapped present and candy was also distributed.

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No News Isn't Good News

Cincinnati — (RNS) — A Catholic editor said here that he opposes diocesan weeklies that "masquerade" as newspapers and suggested that they needed a "radical overhauling."

Msgr. Leonard J. Fick, editor of the Josephinum Review, semi-monthly published at Worthington, Ohio, told the Midwest regional conference of the Catholic Press Association here:

"It seems to me high time to discard the fiction that diocesan weeklies are newspapers; they are not newspapers... They may be weekly journals of opinion; they may be weekly reviews of significant news events; they may be organs interpreting the news — but they are not newspapers, at least in the normally accepted meaning of that term."

Msgr. Fick went on to say that "there is absolutely nothing wrong with being a journal of opinion, or a news review in depth, or both. In fact, that's basically what the diocesan weekly is anyway, and the better ones, perhaps, are those that have most gracefully accepted their status as a non-newspaper."

The "traditional" reasons for publishing diocesan weeklies, he said, were to "make known what's happening in and to the Church and to correct errors spread by the secular press."

In his opinion, the Catholicity is "no longer dependent upon the diocesan weekly as it was 30 or 40 years ago," now that the secular press "reports Catholic news in great detail."

Moreover, he continued, "to be quite honest, I'm not at all aware that the secular press is engaged, these days, in the dissemination of errors, or in falsifying the Catholic Church and its doctrines."

The solution, Msgr. Fick said, is "a radical change in both matter and manner, in both content and format" of the diocesan weekly. Even the style of newspaper reporting might give way to "narrative form," he suggested, with emphasis on telling the news "in terms of people who make the news and people who read it."

A gradual change would be too slow, Msgr. Fick said, "because it will escape the reader's notice" and will fail to "bridge the gap between press and people that exists today."

The gap, he said, is "a product of our changing times and

a testimony to our own prowess as public relations experts.

"The daily secular press, aided and abetted by TV and radio, has absorbed to a large extent the quondam functions of a religious newspaper. As a result, the chasm came into being... and it has now reached a point where drastic action is mandatory."

Convention delegates named A. R. Christie, advertising manager of the St. Louis Review, as chairman of the Midwest region, succeeding Paul A. Manokai, associate editor of Our Sunday Visitor.

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