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Pope Paul prays at the altar of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Old Jerusalem as he celebrated Mass at the place traditionally held to be the Tomb of Christ. An olive branch, presented earlier to the Pope, rests upon the altar.

Pope Promises Prayers for U.S. LBJ Meeting

WASHINGTON (AP) — A spokesman for Pope Paul VI said today that the pope promised to pray for the meeting between President Johnson and Soviet Premier Khrushchev.

The spokesman said the pope also promised to pray for the U.S. effort in behalf of "peace and the brotherhood of man," Mr. Shriver said.

The pope responded to this request even before finishing reading his letter, the Peace Corps director pointed out.

When the pontiff reached the flame asking for prayers, Mr. Shriver related, he paused and quickly said he was not only willing to offer such prayers but was pleased at having been asked to do so.

He said Pope Paul commented that President Johnson's work for peace would be "regularly" included in his prayers.

Mr. Shriver, a brother-in-law of the late President John F. Kennedy, said he was asked to convey the pope's condolences to the slain President's wife and mother, Pope Paul said. The pope's words were "a sign of affection and sympathy" in the way they were the tragedy of the assassination.

Israel's President Zalman Shazar, at right, presents a gift — a gold medal — to Pope Paul as the pontiff arrives in Israel during his tour of the Holy Land. Looking on is Avraham Gilels, Israel's chief of protocol.

Cardinal Attends Orthodox Rite

ROME (AP) — Archbishop Cardinal Caggiano, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, made ecclesiastical history here when he attended a Christmas Eve ceremony at the Russian Orthodox Church of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary.

The Catholic prelate attended the services upon the invitation of Archbishop Theodosius Herakleides of the Russian Orthodox Church. He was accompanied by Archbishop Grigoriy, his private secretary, and Father John Gustaf, his chaplain.

After the services, Archbishop Herakleides said, the president of the Argentine Catholic Priests indicated the closer ties now existing between Roman Catholic and Orthodox Churches and the "possibility of Christian unity."

The Russian Orthodox church also stressed the importance of the Holy Land meeting of Pope Paul VI and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras. The references, he said, had produced further evidence of better understanding between "brothers in religion."



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