

Bring Christ to World

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI speaking at a Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on the feast of St. Joseph, urged workers everywhere to bring Christ to the industrial world and the world of social controversies.

The Pope celebrated the Mass for employees of the Fiat automobile works in Turin, who were in Rome on a pilgrimage.

Noting that St. Joseph was the patron of workers, he said the mission of "the silent and zealous carpenter, the foster father of Jesus" had been to give Christ a civil status, a social level, an economic condition of life, professional training and an education.

"Do you," he asked his com-



Jewish Leaders Confer With Pope

Vatican City — (RNS) — American Jewish leaders are shown with Pope Paul VI following a private audience at the Vatican. They called on the Pope to express their "profound interest" in chapters of the Second Vatican Council schema on ecumenism involving a condemnation of anti-Semitism and a definition of religious liberty. With the pontiff, left to right, are Label A. Katz, international president of the welfare and human relations agency called B'nai B'rith; and Maurice Bisgver, executive vice-president.

Dialogue on Television

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Catholics and Protestants are slowly but surely moving toward better understanding and cooperation, Catholic Archbishop John J. Krol and Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce agreed in a televised "ecumenical dialogue" here.

The Philadelphia churchmen expressed hope and optimism that friendly relations would continue and open new doors to understanding in the spirit of unity — and move from the Vatican to the diocesan and community level.

Archbishop Krol, an undersecretary of the Second Vatican Council, and Bishop Corson, president of the World Methodist Council and the Council's ranking Protestant delegate-observer, were interviewed together on WRCV-TV. They had exchanged views on the first session of the Council on television a year ago.

"Catholics and Protestants are enjoying getting to know one another, and finding they can have encounter without compromising their different viewpoints," asserted Bishop Corson.

Having spoken with Pope Paul VI, as he had earlier with the late Pope John XXIII, Bishop Corson said he was "impressed by his charity and common sense and his attitude that we forget the past and press forward."

"We must continue to stress those things we hold in common, seek understanding of differences, cultivate the spirit of unity in ways which have been opened, and extend it to the parish level," he added.

Archbishop Krol noted that the Council, as a body, limits its fraternal relations with "separated brethren" to the top leaders, but has nonetheless created an atmosphere of char-

Cardinal's Talks In Protestant Churches Cited

Vatican City — (RNS) — Vatican Radio broadcast a summary here of the remarks of Cardinal Cushing of Boston from the pulpit of a Congregational church in Massachusetts.

The summary, given in many languages, cited Cardinal Cushing's comments in which he said Roman Catholics must respect the religious convictions of others.

It also summarized his talk condemning the charge which blames Jews alone for the death of Christ.

In his talk from the pulpit of the Wellesley (Mass.) Congregational church, the Boston prelate had expressed hope that the Second Vatican Council would issue a declaration on religious liberty and a statement on Christian-Jewish relations that would condemn anti-Semitism.

Observers here noted that Vatican Radio has increasingly cited the comments of Cardinal Cushing on ecumenism and has given thorough coverage of his many appearances before Protestant bodies.

In its most recent broadcast, the station stressed that the speech covered was one of several given by Cardinal Cushing in Protestant churches.

When the third session of the Council opens in September it will discuss the schema on ecumenism; one chapter is related to religious freedom in the modern world, another is devoted to Christian-Jewish relations.

Discussed briefly at the second session just before its close, the chapters won hearty endorsement from U.S. bishops. Recently, Archbishop John J. Krol of Philadelphia and Vatican sources here confirmed that the chapters had been revised and "made stronger" before submission to Council Fathers for study.

In his talk at Wellesley, Cardinal Cushing addressed members of Protestant Episcopal, Methodist and Congregational churches.

"There is no hope, humanly speaking" for an amalgamation of all churches "in our lifetime," he said, but a "unity of love" can embrace persons of every faith "talking together, working together, and praying together."

(He said it was "regrettable" that in the past "we have been living in our ghettos . . . We have hardly talked with one another — and sometimes we were fighting.")

"Our task," he continued, "is to know, respect and esteem the conscientious religious beliefs of all people . . . It is to love one another, to work with all people for the common good of our country and the world."

(Taking part in the program with Cardinal Cushing were the Rev. Henry Rust, pastor of the host church; the Rev. Samuel S. Johnston of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal church; the Rev. Guy Morrison of Wellesley Methodist church, and Rabbi Jacob Lantz of Temple Beth Dinohin.)

U.S. Laymen Meet

Council Progress Reported

Washington — (NC) — It may have been a blessing in disguise that last year's session of the Vatican Council didn't take conclusive action on proposed statements about religious freedom and Jewish-Christian relations, a bishop said here.

Auxiliary Bishop Stephen A. Leven of San Antonio, Tex., said this is because a new draft of the ecumenism schema, of which these statements are part, is so much "better" than the original.

BISHOP LEVEN said one American bishop serving with the Council body responsible for the ecumenism schema told him that for this reason he was "thankful to God" that the religious liberty and Jewish-Christian relations statements weren't voted on last year.

(Council Fathers and experts of the Vatican's Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity met recently for two weeks near Rome to revise the ecumenism schema. Following their closed meeting, Father Thomas F. Stranksy, C.S.P., an American on the unity secretariat staff, called the new draft "bolder" than the original.)

Bishop Leven gave his assessment of the progress and prospects of the ecumenical Council at the 1964 president's conference of the National Council of Catholic Men. The meeting (March 19-22) brought together some 150 officials and moderators of diocesan men's councils for discussions on the theme "Planning and Action for Renewal."

Bishop Leven in his talk stressed the fresh look the Vatican Council is taking at the roles of the members of the Church — pope, bishops, priests and laymen.

The key concept being examined with regard to the relation between the pope and bishops, he said, is that of "collegiality." But he described as erroneous newspaper reports that what the bishops were doing was "robbing more power to themselves and taking it away from the pope."

"No one ever questioned the primacy of Peter or the primacy of the pope," he said. Rather, he said, the meaning of collegiality is that as Christ gave the power to teach, rule and sacrifice — the "magisterium" — to "the body of the Apostles with Peter at their head," so it is "to the body of the bishops with the pope at their head that the magisterium is given today."

The alternative to this, he said, is a view that makes the pope a "super-bishop" with the

Liturgy, Unity

Chicago — (RNS) — Cardinal Meyer of Chicago has set up an Archdiocesan Liturgical Commission to advise him on forthcoming changes, and use of English, in parts of the Mass and other ceremonies as a result of the Vatican Council's Constitution on the Liturgy.

Liturgy Officials' Meeting To Study Revised Rites

Kansas City — (NC) — A meeting for diocesan liturgical officials to help them carry out reforms decreed by the Vatican Council and Pope Paul VI will be sponsored here April 27-30 by the national Liturgical Conference.

All diocesan liturgical commissions in the country and all bishops without such commissions have been invited to send representatives to the meeting. Among the liturgy reforms is a requirement that every diocese establish such a commission.

The meeting here will follow a gathering April 2 and 3 in Washington, D.C., of the U.S. bishops at which they will discuss the Council decrees.

A spokesman for the Liturgical Conference, which has headquarters in Washington, said it is hoped that some 250 persons will attend the meeting here. Sessions will be held at the Hotel Muehlebach and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.





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