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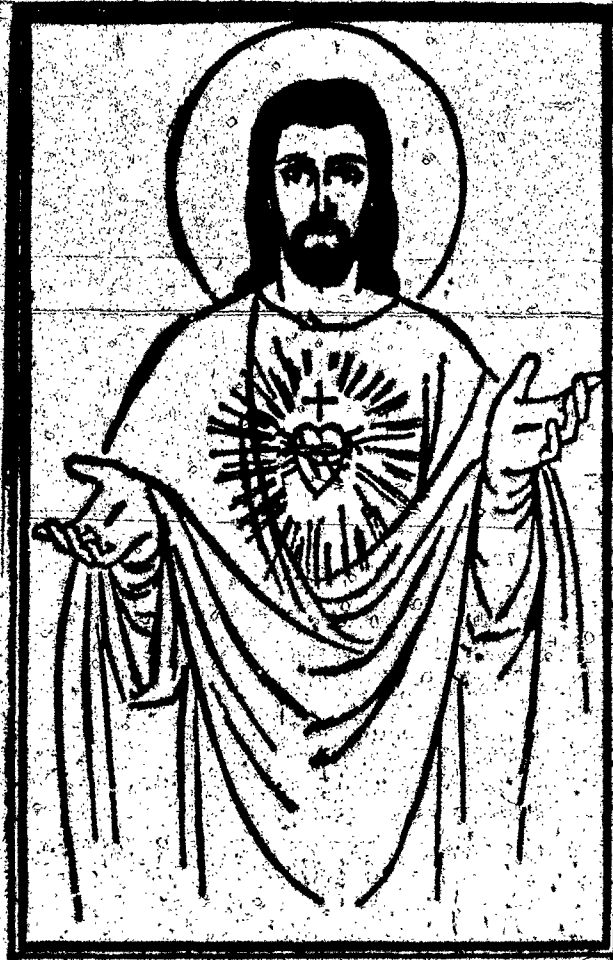
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Feast of Sacred Heart, Symbol of God's Love

The feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be observed by Catholics tomorrow, Friday, June 5.

Recognized from the dawn of Christianity as the symbol of God's infinite love for us, the Sacred Heart remains today as one of the most appealing signs of God's continuing care over those who place their trust in Him.

Bishop Casey, rector at Sacred Heart Cathedral which is the Mother Church of the Rochester Diocese, will lead in the recitation of the Rosary during tomorrow evening's Family Rosary for Peace radio program broadcast nightly by stations WSAY and WMBO-FM at 7 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, seventeenth century French nun who was gifted with visions of our Lord, saluted the Saviour with this prayer:

Heart of Jesus, save me.
Heart of my Creator, perfect me.
Heart of my Saviour, deliver me.
Heart of my Judge, pardon me.
Heart of my Master, teach me.
Heart of my Shepherd, guide me.
Heart of my Friend, comfort me.
Most patient Heart, support me.
Most loving Heart, bless me.

Vatican City — (RNS) — Firm hopes for "an overwhelmingly favorable" vote by the Second Vatican Council on a decree on church unity when it reconvenes in September were voiced by Vatican Radio. A lengthy commentary on the Council stressed that its chief aim is to "bring all men together into the fold of the Church."

The station said it looked forward also to "a sympathetic acceptance of the terms of the decree by all Christian communities when it becomes a call for common discussion and common action."

"There are those," it said, "who predict that we shall soon see the burial of the differences between Christians. Be that as it may, this rapprochement, this coming together with those whom we have been long treating — even, be it said to our shame, avoiding — as mere unbelievers is inspired by something quite other than political wisdom or a desire not to impose on people more than God demands before He demands it. It stems rather from man's own need for unity."

The Vatican Radio said its hopes regarding the unity decree were shared by the secretary of the council, Cardinal Giovanni Montini, who said: "With our separated brethren within the Christian fold."

As a recent notable example of dialogue, he cited the invitation extended to Bishop John J. Wright of Pittsburgh to speak before the quadrennial General Conference of The Methodist Church in the United States — "the first member of the Catholic hierarchy to be so honored."

It said that in his talk welcoming the Methodist leaders and delegates to his city, Bishop Wright, a member of the Vatican Council's Commission on Doctrine and Morals, laid special stress on "the often neglected fact that Christians, divided as they may unhappily be, are united just the same in their difference from those who do not acknowledge Christ as their Saviour."

Bishop Wright's message, it added, was "delivered in the language of respect and charity with which the Council of Pope John XXIII and Pope Paul VI has made us so consolingly familiar. The Catholic bishop's welcome at this time could not be detached of formal or perfunctory. It had to be the welcome of a neighbor and — much more — of a friend."

"It would indeed be dishonest for some Christians," Bishop Wright said, "to deny that there are many profound and basic doctrinal differences lying between us, differences that involve the very concept of the church and even the claims of Christ on our lives, differences in worship. And yet it is also true, that precisely as Christians, and despite the differences between us, we share and share alike a difference from the spirit of the world."

"The Vatican Council is fully aware and made it clear in its 'Manifesto to the World' at the outset of its first session, that these differences in man's approach to God and his fellow men are anything but arbitrary. They are the work of the Creator Himself, who has willed them to permit our mutual spiritual enrichment along the path of our pilgrimage to eternal life," the Vatican Radio stated.

The station then said the Vatican Council will affirm solemnly once more before the nations that the whole of mankind is created in the image of God, that every man, without knowing it, bears the mark of the triumph of God in his inmost being. "And that is why there is not a single person anywhere for whom the Church's message of universal harmony in Christ is not meant."

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Here's my hand. And inside, with my heart in it. These words from Shakespeare's *Tempest* are dramatized by the handshake of Pope Paul and a young Negro priest at St. Peter's in Rome and the outstretched hand to comfort a Negro woman fallen in a girl fight demonstration in Chester, Pennsylvania. These days the nation and the world need more hands extended in love like these.

Pope Tells Religious Orders

Respect Founder's Aims

Vatican City — (RNS) — At an audience to the general chapters of several religious orders, Pope Paul VI cautioned against any "derivation" of their religious life by "adaptation" to the conditions of the modern world.

"Rules are not altered," he said, "in order to keep adjusted to changed conditions in the world, but the aims of the order's founders should be respected and kept intact."

Attending the audience were the general chapters and superiors general of the Congregation of the Passion (Passionist Fathers), the Silgmatine Fathers, the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, and the Assumptionist Fathers.

Also present were a group of Jesuits from Latin American provinces; Ildebrando Cardinal Antonelli and Archbishop Philippe Paolo, O.F.M., prefect and secretary, respectively, of the Sacred Congregation of Religious.

"The activities of this world," Pope Paul said, "should in no way be allowed to weaken the life of prayer and contemplation. The greatest importance should always be attached to the spiritual life."

Sukarno Pays For Altar Wine

Jakarta, — (NC) — Archbishop Adrianus Djajasepoetra, S.J., of Jakarta has thanked President Achmed Sukarno in the name of all Indonesian Bishops for paying some \$30,000 for a shipment of 12,320 gallons of altar wine for this nation's priests.

Every few years Indonesia's Bishops order altar wines from Spain because no wine is produced in this country. When President Sukarno granted the import license for the wine, he told Archbishop Djajasepoetra that he would like to pay for it because he wanted to make a gift to the Catholic Church as a token of his esteem for its educational and social work.

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The Pope, who spoke in Latin, began his talk by stressing the importance of religious institutes in the life of the Church.

"Modern life," he said, "needs an open expression of active life in consecration to the world, which is the special task of the lady. But at the same time, it must not be supposed that the need for religious in the Church is less than in the past."

Young people, the pontiff declared, should be fully informed of the special function and

significance of the religious state of life.

"The more we need laymen professing and living a Christian life in the world, the more we need the example of those who renounce the world and show that Christ's Kingdom is not of this earth," he said, adding: "You must remain true to your vows and true to the apostolic traditions of the religious orders, though some changes of a certain interpretation might be conceivable in order to be comprehended in these times."

Common Bible Desired Bishop Tells Protestants

Cleveland — (RNS) — A Catholic bishop told a group of Protestant ministers here that he hopes current efforts for a common English-language Bible are successful.

Auxiliary Bishop John F. Whealon of Cleveland, in an address before the Greater Cleveland Bimillennial Association, said such a common Bible edition would not be used to supplant versions now used in the services of various churches.

But, he pointed out, it would be "for use in the dialogue, for public gatherings of services on civic occasions, and above all else as a symbol of that agreement which sincere Christians can reach when goodwill and scholarship are present."

Bishop Whealon, who holds a licentiate in Sacred Scripture from the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, said that recent strides in Biblical scholarship and supporting studies are helping us "to understand the message of the Bible in its fullness, in the sense in which the sacred authors intended that message to be understood and lived."

He said it is "ardently to be desired" that Christians talk of the Bible without encountering "the old troublesome differences" — and the psalms, the number of books in the Bible, the spelling and pronunciation of names.

The prelate noted the steady growth of intercommunication

among Jewish, Protestant and Catholic Bible scholars has reached the point where the Bible, once a battleground, has become an area of increasing cooperation and studies "with considerable ecumenical import."

Padre Pio Said Ill

San Giovanni Rotondo, — (NC) Padre Pio, the Capuchin friar who has borne the marks of Christ's passion on his body for more than 40 years, is reported confined to his bed again with illness.

The first inkling of the new illness of the remarkable 77-year-old priest who is revered by devout followers as a saintly person came when he failed to celebrate his normal 5 a.m. Mass on the feast of Corpus Christi.

When the priest failed to appear, pilgrims gathered in front of the monastery door and prayed for hours in a driving rain. Authorities of the monastery are remaining silent as to the nature or seriousness of his illness.

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Communion Rite, Link With Martyrs

Manila — (NC) — The new decree which shortens the Communion rite formula has been hailed here as the restoration of a tradition dating back to the primitive Church.

Father Paul Brunner, S.J., of the East Asian Pastoral Institute said the decree of April 27 "restores a tradition which dates back to the beginnings of the Church."

About the year 200 A.D., he said, Hippolytus wrote in *Apostolic Tradition*, a liturgical book: "The bishop hands the Body of Christ to the newly baptized and says: This is the body of Christ, and they answer: Amen. And when he hands them the chalice while saying: This is the Blood of Christ, they answer: Amen."

The Jesuit liturgist continued: "The restored Communion rite therefore links us with the Church of the Martyrs and with the numberless Christians through the world and throughout the centuries."

He said, however, it was not "a return of venerable tradition" that moved the Church to restore the original practice but "that the faithful may more fully and fruitfully participate in the sacrifice of the Mass and in the very act of Communion profess their faith in the sacramental mystery of the Eucharist."



First Communion Rite in Vatican Chapel

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI personally administered the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion to 34 children, many of them physically handicapped.

Four nephews of the pontiff were members of the group.

The ceremony was conducted in the Sistine Chapel of the Apostolic Palace; numerous dignitaries served as godfathers for the children.

Pope Paul began with the celebration of Mass. At the end of the Gospel, he preached a brief sermon in which he stressed the significance of the Sacraments the children were about to receive.

During the rite of Confirmation, the children renewed their baptismal promises, replying to the ritual formula pronounced by the Pope.

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