

Not by Dialogue or Discussions, Says Bishop

Religious Unity Possible Only by Hearing Voice of Christ's Vicar

Bishop Kearney has emphatically buried any notion he puts hope in inter-denominational dialogue to attain religious unity.

In his sermon at a Mass in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Sunday morning, he sharply questioned the dialogue method, an increasingly popular practice in which Catholic priests, Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis discuss their differing religious beliefs.

The Bishop said, "No one was more interested or anxious for unity than our divine Lord and He said, 'Other sheep I have that are not of this fold, them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice.'

"They shall hear my voice," repeated the Bishop.

"The only way they hear that voice today is by hearing the voice of Christ's Vicar, the Pope. Unity won't be obtained any other way — whether by dialogues, discussions, lectures or books," the Bishop stated.

He cited St. John the Baptist and St. John Fisher, two saints whose feasts occurred the previous week, as "men of principle who set an example for us who live in an age governed by what is expedient or popular."

"This lesson is very important in our day," the Bishop said, "because there is a tendency to minimize the truths of Jesus Christ to avoid religious conflict, to make Christianity more palatable, to make peace among religious organizations."

He did not refer explicitly to recent statements by Catholic spokesmen on possible revision of the Catholic Church's position on newly developed birth control drugs but the Bishop did point out that both St. John the Baptist and St. John Fisher "defended the sanctity of marriage" — John the Baptist who stood against Herod's marriage to his brother's wife and John Fisher who challenged the divorce of England's King Henry VIII — and the two saints were then brought to the same fate, martyrdom by being beheaded.

"They were two of the greatest figures in the history of the Church of God," the Bishop concluded.

He spoke at the Knights of St. John field Mass in front of All Souls Chapel at the Cemetery.

Knights in their black uniforms and plumed chapeaux, women Auxiliary members some in green, others in maroon uniforms, escorted the Bishop to the altar. An estimated five hundred attended the Mass celebrated in brilliant sunshine. Following the Mass, names of members who died during the past year were read and taps sounded.

The Bishop's questioning of the value of the dialogue method in the quest for unity was echoed from the other side of the ecclesiastical fence by leaders of the 405,000 member Church of the Nazarene who met this week in Portland, Oregon, to condemn the "popular ecumenical movement of togetherness at any price."

They said it is "absurd" to "de-Protestantize Protestantism to the point where a union with Roman Catholicism is envisioned."

All Invited to Sow 'Seeds of Unity'

Washington — (NC) — All men of good will, "regardless of religious affiliation, were urged here to 'enter prayerfully into the spirit' of the Vaticana Council."

Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle of Washington told those at a Sunday morning anniversary Mass for Pope Paul VI that "all of us can help in a thousand ways and in a spirit of mutual contribution to break down the tragic barriers of misunderstanding between religious groups and can begin to sow the seeds of religious unity, looking forward hopefully and prayerfully to that blessed day when, in God's good time, there will be but one fold and one shepherd."

The Mass, offered in St. Matthew's Cathedral by Archbishop English Venerable apostolic Delegate in the United States, marked the first anniversary of Pope Paul's coronation. It was attended by members of the government and of the diplomatic corps.

ARCHBISHOP O'BOYLE, in his sermon, praised the Pope for his achievements in changing the image of papal primacy, for making it clear that the Church has no political ambitions and for giving direction to the Vatican Council.

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"He calls upon all of us to help the Council achieve what he regards as its four major purposes: the self-knowledge or self-awareness of the Church; the reform of the Church; Christian unity; the dialogue of the Church with the modern world."

The Archbishop said that all persons, regardless of their state in life or religious affiliation, "can help to create the new world order envisioned by Pope Paul — a new order in which . . . men may be free to recognize each other as brothers."

We can do this by helping the poor and the suffering and, as Americans, by advancing the cause of interracial justice, he said.

Pope Cites Two Saints For 'Defense of Unity'

Pope Paul cited two English saints well known in the Rochester Diocese and said their loyalty in Rome was "not a servitude but a brotherhood."

He said St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More "gave their lives in defense of unity" and asked their prayers for the Catholic faith in England.

The Pope's words were in a message to English Catholics celebrating the historic Synod of Whitby held in the year 664.

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New Duties for 5 Priests

Five priests of the Rochester Diocese were assigned to new duties by Bishop Kearney this week, the Chancery announced today.

Three are appointed pastors. Two curates are transferred. The appointments, effective Tuesday, July 7, at 8 p.m., are:

Rev. Raymond M. Wuest is named pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Sciole Center; St. Hilary's Church, Genesee, and St. Isaac Jogues Church, Fleming.

Rev. Paul T. Schencky is transferred as assistant pastor from St. Peter and Paul's, Elmina.

Rev. Roy J. Kippins is transferred as assistant pastor from St. John of Rochester Church, Pittinton, to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmina.

Rev. John A. Morris, assistant pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmina, is

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