

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 Auxillary 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 Vatican 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 Egidio Vagnoni, 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.

He said Pope Paul, following the lead of Pope John XXIII, "has done much to correct, if not eliminate completely, some of the more grotesque misconceptions which, unhappily, have developed over the centuries with regard to the essential meaning of papal primacy." The papacy, he has shown to be a "personification of love."

Regarding the role of the Church, Archbishop O'Boyle said: "Pope Paul VI has gone out of his way, both before and since his accession to the papacy, to make it abundantly clear that the Church has no desire for temporal influence or prestige and no desire for material advantage."

The Pope today, he continued, addresses himself "to the faithful of the entire world; and indeed to all men of good will,

regardless of their religious affiliation.

"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 to 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.

Seventh century British bishops met at Whitby Abbey, now a cliff-top ruins, to chart a course for religious life which was followed for nearly a thousand years.

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 6 p.m., are:

Rev. Raymond M. Wuest is named pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dansville. He succeeds Rev. Frederick L. Walk who has resigned as pastor due to ill health. Father Wuest has been pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Scipio Center, St. Hilary's Church, Genoa, and St. Isaac Jogues Church, Fleming, for the past four years.

Rev. Vincent LeFrois, assistant pastor at St. Salome's Church, Rochester, is named pastor of Holy Angels Church, Nunda, and Holy Name Church, Grovehand. Rev. Francis W. Harling, recently appointed pastor to these churches, is on sick leave.

Rev. John A. Morgan, assistant pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira, is

named pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Scipio Center, St. Hilary's Church, Genoa, and St. Isaac Jogues Church, Fleming.

Rev. Paul T. Schaeck is transferred as assistant pastor from SS. Peter and Paul's

Church, Rochester, to St. Salome's Church, Rochester.

Rev. Roy J. Higgins is transferred as assistant pastor from St. John of Rochester Church, Perinton, to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira.

Migrants Pose Challenge To Local Church Groups

Chicago — (NC) — Local communities must start now on their own initiative to do something for uneducated and illiterate migrant workers, a priest told a regional conference meeting of the U.S. Labor Department here.

Father John A. Wagner, executive secretary of the Bishop's Committee for the Spanish Speaking, declared that this country is faced with a large pool of permanently unemployed persons, and that communi-

ties cannot afford to wait for massive Federal aid.

"We must provide some basic education now," he said. "There is no community in the United States so small and so lacking in resources that it can't do something to improve the lot of its poorest of the poor and give some hope for the future to them."

Father Wagner told how his own community of San Antonio, Texas, provided vocational training for 500 migrant workers in the past year, and literacy training for 820.

Meat OK Tomorrow

Catholics of the Rochester Diocese may eat meat tomorrow, Friday, July 3.

Bishop Kearney gave the dispensation from the Church's law of abstinence to mark observance of the Independence Day weekend.

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Anglicans Want Latin

While England's Catholics are getting ready to switch from Latin to English in Church rituals, the nation's state Church asked Parliament this week to authorize wider use of Latin.

Anglicans now use Latin only at Oxford, Cambridge, Westminster, Winchester and Eton. They want to use it at other colleges and major churches.

Church of England officials also asked Parliament—the law here requires that the authorized Anglican clergymen to wear a stole at religious ceremonies. Most do anyway but the practice is actually illegal.

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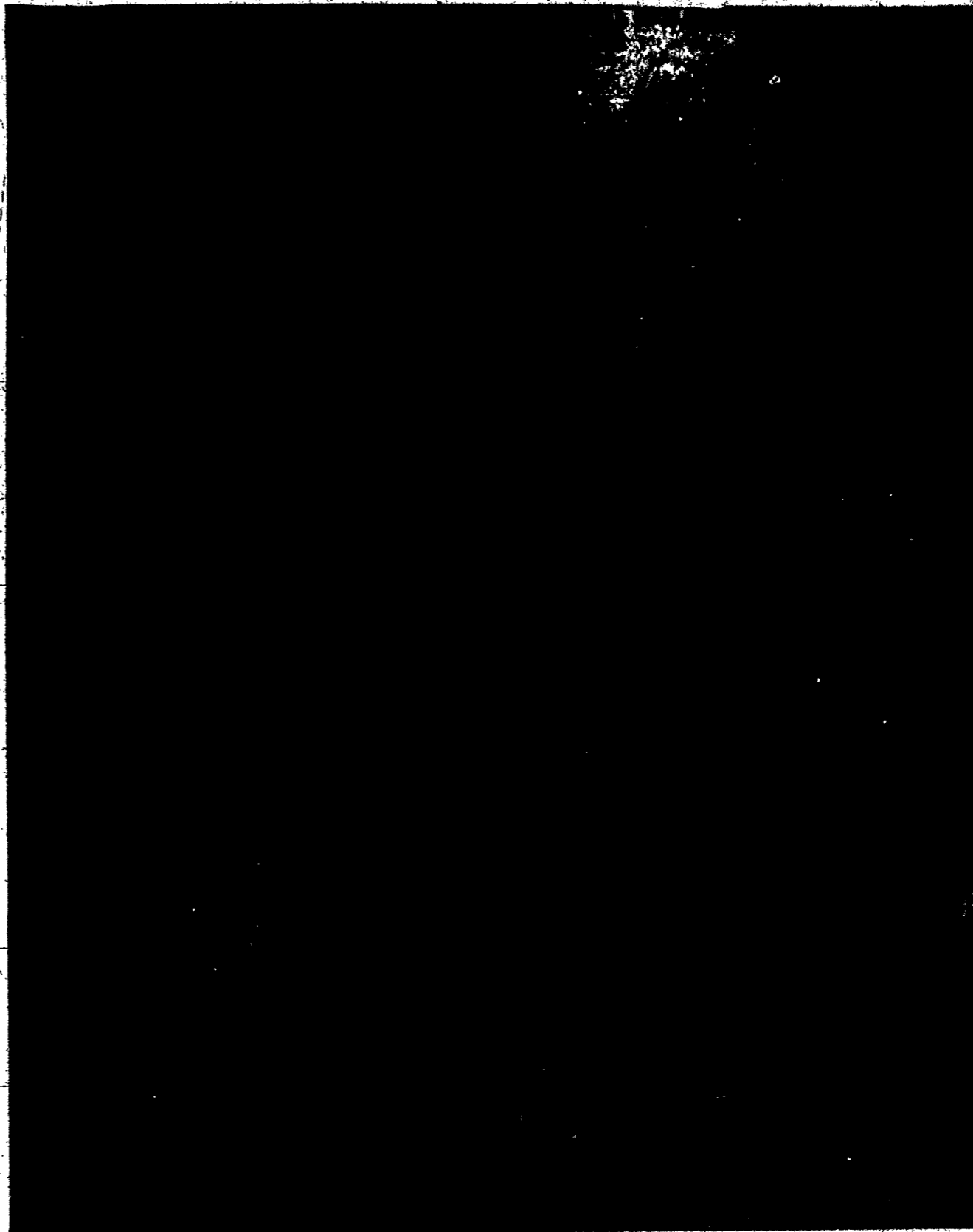
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Old fashioned Fourth of July fireworks light the night sky of the nation's Capital.

The U.S. Layman who Defied England's Tyrant George III

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On July 4 Americans will celebrate their national holiday commemorating the adoption of the country's Declaration of Independence.

The occasion serves to recall the life of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, Md., friend and supporter of George Washington and the only Catholic signer of that historic document.

A stained-glass window, one of several depicting U.S. patriotic subjects and recently placed in Queen of Peace Catholic church, North Arlington, N.J.,

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★ A Fourth Of July Feature ★

commemorates Carroll's signing of the declaration.

Carroll was born in Annapolis, Md., of Irish ancestry in 1737. He inherited his father's wealth and at the time of the American Revolution he was the wealthiest man in the colonies, according to John Adams.

Elected to the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, he took his seat there on July 15, the first Catholic to serve on the highest council of the colonies.

On July 19 he cast his vote for the resolution ordering the declaration to be engrossed, preparatory to its being signed. Not all of the 56 delegates who eventually signed it were present on July 4.

Most of them, including Carroll, affixed their signatures to it on Aug. 2, 1776.

Carroll, because of his wealth, had more at stake than any of the other signers, who in the words of Benjamin Franklin "standing together — or most assuredly would hang separately."

The original of the engrossed declaration is preserved in the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C., where it is on public display to hundreds of thousands of tourists yearly.

An oft-repeated story, interesting though not entirely true, concerns an incident involving John Hancock, president of the Continental Congress. He asked Carroll if he wished to sign the declaration. Carroll replied that he would sign with pleasure, took the pen and wrote "Charles Carroll" in a bold and beautiful script.

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