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Pope Pledges Church To World 'Dialogue'

'Nobody is a Stranger'

The full text of Pope Paul's encyclical will be printed in the Courier Journal in three installments beginning in next week's issue.

The Church and the world need to meet each other — to know and love each other.

This is the theme of Pope Paul's first encyclical and it sets the goal of his pontificate — a quest to get acquainted.

He pledged the Catholic Church to a "dialogue" with everyone in the world, — atheists, Moslems, Jews and Christians of other denominations — promising to listen to each with patience "to satisfy their legitimate desires."

He left the door open to both the "progressive" and "traditionalist" elements in the Church and said he didn't want to "disturb" the free discussions of the bishops at the Vatican Council scheduled to resume their sessions in September.

He also stated that the Church's "agglomerations" — the Italian word made world-famous by Pope John which means "bringing up-to-date" — is also going to be "our program of action."

Pope Paul offered to play any role he could to aid the world to find peace and told Catholics they must have a greater concern for the needs of mankind.

He also repeated the need for continued "dialogue" with other religious groups — "Let us stress what we have in common rather than what divides us" — but said the Catholic Church cannot "compromise" basic doctrines, such as the papacy — "Without the pope, the Catholic Church would no longer be Catholic."

But he added that the papal primacy was not one of domination but "a primacy of service, of administration, of love."

He said the "most serious problem of our time" is atheism — especially when linked to political regimes. He admitted many atheists are "spurred by noble motives" and appealed to them to return to the "Christian source" of such motives.

The encyclical, which the Pope described as simply a "conversational letter," is ad-

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A wooden cross — symbol of a distant mission.

Your Assignment — Brazil

"Your assignment this year is Matela, Brazil. May the fulfillment of God's Will bring you the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit. May Christ be reflected in you so that through you, He may be better known, better loved and better served."

With these words from Mother Agnes Cecilia and the blessing of Bishop Kearney,

five Sisters of St. Joseph will begin the first foreign mission project of nuns from the Rochester Diocese.

They will receive simple wooden crosses, symbols of their mission assignment, from Bishop Kearney in a departure ceremony at Sacred Heart Cathedral this evening, Thursday, at 7:45 p.m.

With nuns so sorely needed locally, why send five off to Brazil?

"Because the need is even greater there," said Sister Rose Alma, superior of the group.

"A new Brazil is being built before our eyes," the bishops of that nation said in a statement last year.

The spiritual shepherds of South America's largest country said Brazil is a nation where the population is booming at a faster rate than anywhere else in the world, where more than half the population is under 20 years of age, where almost everybody is a Catholic and few have ever received any actual instruction in the faith and they appealed to the United States for help to save the faith there.

The nuns from this Diocese will be in charge of five public schools in a city of 15,000 people where there have never been nuns before and for 50 years there was no resident priest.

The schools operate on a half-day basis because of the number of pupils and because the children have to help extensively with farm work as soon as they are six or seven years old.

Despite the long isolation from normal religious services, the people of Matela still assemble each evening in the parish church to say the Rosary.

Laymen's Retreats Said Booming

Detroit—(RNS)—More than 2,000 lay and clerical delegates from the United States and Canada gave special emphasis to the booming lay retreat movement at the First International Retreat Congress here.

The delegates, who came from as far West as Saskatchewan and as far East as London, along with 12 bishops from the U.S. and Canada, joined others from most major American cities for the five-day spiritual convention.

Sponsors of the congress were the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference, the National Laywomen's Congress and the Canadian Retreat Congress. The three groups also held separate sessions.

A COMPLETE report on the growing scope of the retreat movement and the benefits derived was the central topic of discussion in workshops, panels and seminars.

An outdoor dialogue Mass in Assumption Park in neighboring Windsor, Ont., celebrated by Archbishop John F. Dearden of Detroit was the spiritual highlight of the convention. The sermon was delivered by Bishop G. Emmett Carter of London, Ont.

Paul Martin, Canadian minister for external affairs, addressed the tri-convention banquet. He called the convention "the first occasion on which Canadian and American men and

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women of the lay retreat movement have met together internationally."

"In the turbulent, sometimes materialistic secular world in which we live these days, the lay retreat, where the individual can retire from the world and seek within his own mind and his own soul peace within himself, is of transcendent importance," he said. "For in the final analysis everything rests upon the individual. If individual men and women are troubled and not at peace with themselves, what chance can there be for peace amongst groups and nations?"

Martin said the late Pope John XXIII, in his encyclical, Pacem in Terris, captured the feeling of peoples throughout the world in his "stirring appeal for world peace."

"Today throughout the world men and women stand awed and subdued before the terrifying potentials of nuclear power and all over the world there is a new mood of hope based on fundamental religious faith and upon respect for fundamental human rights," he said. "Perhaps slowly, perhaps precariously, but brick by brick and step by step an international edifice and a world community is being nurtured and hammered out on the anvil of history in our times."

"Each of us as individuals, I believe, has a great responsibility to contribute to the evolution of this international morality which must be the basis for a true international community."

"In other words, we must at least believe that the hopes of Pope John and the United Nations can be fulfilled."

Meat on Friday, Mass Saturday

Friday is like Tuesday and Saturday is like Sunday this week.

Bishop Kearney has dispensed Catholics in the Rochester Diocese so they may eat meat tomorrow, Friday, August 14.

The next day, Saturday, August 15, is the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven, a holy day. Catholics are to attend Mass on that day. Parish bulletins should be consulted for exact times of Masses.

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New Look for Old School

Father Francis Vogt tells children at St. Bridget's parish, Rochester, that he's looking for volunteer teachers who would like to help part-time in the renovated school. Some pupils in this inner-city school need special help in reading, writing or arithmetic, said Father Vogt. The renovation project is giving an all-new look to the school built in 1934. After the workmen go home each day, children in the neighborhood take over on the scaffolding. "We've got the biggest jungle gym in the city," said Father Vogt.

Papal Comment on Capitalism

Profits Pile Up, Men By-Passed

Castel Gandolfo — Pope Paul told Italian businessmen that Christian moral principles are not "foreign elements" in modern commerce and industry.

He said continued "clashes" between workers and employers showed there is "something deeply wrong, something radically insufficient" in the free world's capitalist system.

Despite rapid gains in technical production and administrative methods, "the human structure" in factories and offices lags along as "during the last century."

domination of one class over the other."

POPE PAUL said the papal social encyclicals have continually asserted that "a religious coefficient is necessary in order to give the best solution to human relations resulting from industrial organization — not in order, certainly, to use this religious coefficient as a simple, paternalistic, utilitarian corrective, to calm the explosion of passion which easily can become subversive of the working class against the managerial class, but to discover in its light the fundamental insufficiency of the system which claims to consider human relations resulting from the industrial phenomenon as purely economic and self-regulating, and to suggest other relationships to round them off, indeed, to regenerate them in accordance with the vision emanating from the life of Christ — first man, and then the rest."

Pope Paul said "it is good to see how our religion, which proclaims the primacy of God over all things, thereby sets up the primacy of man in the field of temporal reality."

The Pope began his talk by saying that "there is a common connection between the good news of salvation broadcast to the end of the earth by the Church of Christ and the daily routine of the workers at the office, the factory and the market place."

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First English Mass to be in St. Louis

St. Louis — (RNS) — The Mass in English, as it will be celebrated later this year in Catholic churches throughout the United States, will be used for the first time at the 1964 Liturgical Week here.

All four of the Liturgical Week Masses in Kiel Auditorium will have the priest and the people using English — rather than Latin — according to the formula set down by the American hierarchy. Both the ordinary and the proper parts of the Masses will be in English.

This means that the estimated 20,000 people attending the week, Aug. 24-27, will take part in this first major reform of Catholic worship months ahead of their fellow Catholics in the United States.

Four Masses to be celebrated in the 12,000-seat auditorium, one on each day of the Liturgical Week, will be in English. The first three will be low or read, Masses. The concluding Mass, however, will be high or sung — which means that new original music settings had to be written in English usage.

Cardinal Joseph Ritter has authorized the English usage "because of the unique character of the Liturgical Week." He said "many bishops, members of diocesan liturgical commissions, pastors, and others with leadership responsibilities in the Church will attend the St. Louis week."

Rhythm Topic Of Study

Washington — (RNS) — Family life experts, physicians, priests and scholars in the social field concerned with birth control will participate in a Roman Catholic Symposium on Rhythm" here, Oct. 20-22.

Participants will explore recent scientific advances, practical experiences and educational programs in the rhythm method reported in this country, England, France and Canada.

The symposium's major theme will be "The Theological, Psychological and Physiological Implications of Periodic Continence."

It comes at a time when the Catholic Church is engaged in studies involving new developments in birth control. The study was announced by Pope Paul VI in June.

No Room for Six Hundred

You don't have to go to the World's Fair to stand in line.

There are more than 600 youngsters waiting at the doors of parochial schools in the twelve county Rochester Diocese.

These 600-plus are on "waiting lists" in nearly 100 parish schools.

Mother of Sorrows school in the Town of Greece has the highest number—110. Neighboring St. John's, also in Greece, estimates 80 waiting. Christ the King school, Irondequoit, lists about 75 on their list.

In addition to the 600 children who will attend public schools until there is a vacancy in their parish school, there are other youngsters who applied for admission to a Catholic school but didn't want to take their place in the waiting line when told there was no room for them.

Next year the totals will undoubtedly be higher still because a diocesan moratorium prevents construction of new parochial schools until there are nuns enough to staff them.

