

Third Session Opens Monday in St. Peter's

# Faster Pace Expected at Rome Council

The ball of Church destiny bounces back to the bishops next Monday. They will meet at St. Peter's in Rome for the third session of the Vatican Council. Their decisions will chart the course of Church history for the final decades of this century and launch the ancient faith into the twenty-first century. Making the decisions will be nearly 2000 of the world's 2000 Catholic bishops.

Watching them at their deliberations will be 60 representatives of other Christian churches, 25 Catholic laymen and, for the first time in Church history, lay women and nuns — all of whom will have a chance to voice their opinions to the bishops. Opening this autumn's session will be a Mass offered by Pope Paul and 14 bishops representing the five continents. In its nine weeks of daily meetings, the Council is expected to cover a wider range of topics than at its 1962 and 1963 sessions thanks to the experience gained at those sessions, the intensive inter-session

work of the Council commissions and new regulations to eliminate repetitious debate. Chief spur to greater speed is the increasing conviction of the bishops to get the job done. Their goal, as stated by Pope John and repeated by Pope Paul, is Church "aggiornamento" — to relate the Church to the needs of modern man. Up for discussion this autumn are six schemata (roughly comparable to bills in Congress) and seven propositions. (Cont. on Page 2)

## Bishop Asks Parish Prayers For Council

Bishop Kearney has directed that prayers be said in all churches of the Rochester Diocese this Sunday for the success of the Vatican Council which resumes its sessions on Monday. Pope Paul also asked the world's Catholics to make the Ember Days of September—Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23, 25 and 26—days of prayer and penance for the Council. He also designated Sunday, Sept. 27, as a worldwide day of prayer for God's aid to the Council.

## Bishop Casey Set For Rome Journey

Packed and ready for Rome is Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey. He will preach at all Masses at Sacred Heart Cathedral this Sunday and then leave for a jet flight to the Eternal City and the two month session of the Vatican Council. Bishop Casey, who also attended the 1962 and 1963 sessions of the Council, said this autumn's meeting "should be most interesting and fruitful." "The Council Fathers will make some decisions which will shape the course of the Church for decades ahead," he stated, and asked the prayers of priests, nuns and lay people of the Diocese, especially the children, for the success of the Council. Monsignor George Cocuni, chancellor of the Diocese, will accompany Bishop Casey to Rome. He will return in mid-October and Monsignor Wilfred T. Craugh, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary, and Monsignor William Naughton, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Rochester, will then join Bishop Casey in Rome.

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## English in Rites Starts Monday

All Church rites in the Rochester Diocese — except Mass — will be conducted in English beginning Monday, Sept. 14, according to a directive from Bishop Kearney to all priests of the Diocese.

This means Catholics will be baptized, absolved, confirmed, blessed, married, anointed and buried in a language they will understand.

Major portions of the Mass are also expected to be said in English beginning Sunday, Nov. 29, the start of a new Church year.

Bishop Kearney told the priests that "the distinct, reverent, unhurried recital of the prayers and formulas" in English will make all Church ceremonies "better understood" — a goal set by the world's Catholic bishops at last autumn's Vatican Council when they authorized the change from Latin to modern languages.

Specific changes to begin Monday include:

**Holy Communion**  
When given at Mass, the Latin formula (Corpus Christi. Amen) will be retained until November 19.

When given outside of Mass — that is either before or after Mass or in connection with some other devotion or when given to the sick — the English ritual is to be used.

**Confession**  
The priest will not begin the formula of absolution in English until after the penitent has finished the Act of Contrition. Priests are to say the sacramental form distinctly so the penitent can hear and understand it.

Each penitent is cautioned to remain in the confessional after making the Act of Contrition to receive for-

givenness which up until now has been given during the recitation of the Act of Contrition.

**The Nuptial Blessing**  
The solemn Nuptial Blessing will be in English when given either at Mass after the Lord's Prayer or when given apart from Mass. The blessing prayer for the bride and groom at the end of the wedding Mass will also be in English.

**Funerals**  
The priest will henceforth say the prayers before and after a Funeral Mass in English, prayers formerly sung by the choir in Latin. The priest will also say the Sequence prayer "Dies irae" in English after the Epistle.

**Benediction**  
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be entirely in English. Any approved translation of the hymn "Tantum ergo" may be used.

**Fifty Hours Devotion**  
The Litany of the Saints with its accompanying psalm and prayers, and the hymn "Pange lingua" will all be in English.

**Other rites**  
Other ceremonies such as the blessing of homes, religious articles, the giving of ashes on Ash Wednesday, the St. Blaise Day blessing of throats, and other sacramentals will also be in English.

The text of the English rites is in a newly published ritual book recently approved by the American Catholic bishops.



## Priests Hear Scripture Scholar

Priests of the Rochester Diocese attended a day of biblical study at St. Bernard's Seminary last Friday. Carmelite Father Christina Carole (center in photo) of the Catholic University at Washington gave two talks on Scripture accounts of the Saviour's resurrection and ascension. Greeting him as he arrived were Monsignor Wilfred T. Craugh, Seminary rector, at right, and Father Joseph Brennan, Scripture professor at St. Bernard's.

## Pope's Mass For Nuns Only

Casal Gandolfo — (NC) — Pope Paul VI announced that he reserved his Mass on the Blessed Virgin's birthday, Sept. 8, "for the Sisters only." This announcement, coming at the end of his usual Sunday noon talk at his summer home in Casal Gandolfo, got a rousing cheer from groups of nuns present in the crowd. Vatican officials said that only nuns from the Albano diocese, in which Casal Gandolfo is situated, were to come to this special Mass in the general audience hall there.

## Awareness Gains in U.S. Of Need for Vocations

Washington — (NC) — A Vatican vocation specialist said here that there is evidence of increased awareness of the vocations problem on the part of Catholics. Father Godfrey Poage, O.P., director of the Pontifical Office for Religious Vocations and former vocations director for the Pastoral Fathers' Chicago province, cited the positive response to the newly instituted world prayer day for vocations as evidence of this awareness.

FATHER POAGE explained in an interview that the job of his office, established in 1965 by Pope Paul VI, is to assist diocesan and religious communities throughout the world in the work of fostering vocations. The first step in the office's work consists in gathering information from every diocese and religious community in the world. Bishops and superiors send regular reports to the office on the vocations situation in their jurisdictions, describing at the same time the methods they adopt in this field.

Next the pontifical office provides the dioceses and the religious communities with advice on vocation policies, which need not be improved, it noted in a memorandum. Monsignor and Missionary for Holy Sepulchre. The better way to choose a monument is to see your house display. You will appreciate our new plan. TROY NEWS, 1130 N. Wagon, CH 4371. — ADV.

## Young Heroes Meet Pope

Casal Gandolfo — (NC) — Pope Paul VI granted a special audience to 16 young heroes of various nationalities ranging in age from seven to 14.

Single out for acts of heroism, the youngsters had all been awarded the prize of a trip to Rome and other European capitals under the auspices of Iberia, Spanish shipping company.

The youths had performed deeds ranging from the saving of a life near the Berlin Wall. A French girl, 13, had saved two children from burning when they were caught in a fire, although she herself was burned.

A boy from Spanish Guinea, in Africa, was credited with saving the lives of two people from a sinking ship.

**SYMPATHY FLOWERS**  
Properly arranged help to alleviate the pain of bereavement. O. P. I. BLANCHARD, FLORENCE, 63 Lake Ave., BA 4-6464 and be sure. — ADV.

Members of the diocesan Laymen's Retreat League have targeted a half-million-dollar goal in next month's campaign for construction of a permanent retreat center overlooking Canandaigua Lake.

Frank E. Wolfe, campaign general chairman, said retreatants have established a minimum goal of \$500,000, with a "challenge goal" of \$750,000.

Fiducies will be sought from retreatants throughout the 12-county Diocese by a 100-member committee now being organized.

Erection of the new retreat house is slated next year on a 55-acre hilltop in West Lake Road overlooking Canandaigua Lake. Five miles south of Canandaigua, the site is near the geographic center of the Diocese.

It will replace the increasingly inadequate Notre Dame Retreat House, 348 Alexander St., Rochester, where the Retreat League Fathers have conducted weekend retreats for the last 14 years. Negotiations are nearly completed for sale of this property to adjoining Geneva Hospital.

**SPECIAL GIFTS** solicitation is slated to begin Oct. 1, with the general solicitation scheduled Oct. 19. Art Carved Diamond Rings, Budget Rings, William S. Thomas Jeweler, 312 Main St. East. — ADV.

## For New Men's Retreat House Goal of Half a Million

Wolfe announced that special gifts committees will meet in four diocesan regions next week. They include: Region I — Monday, Sept. 14, 8 p.m., Notre Dame Retreat House; Region II — Tuesday, 7:30, K. of C. Hall, Auburn; Region IV — Wednesday, 7:30, St. Calimir's Hall, Elmira; Region III — Thursday, 7:30, St. Mary's Auditorium, Danville.

Harold J. Coleman heads the special gifts committees, with Louis A. Langlois Jr. in charge of general solicitation groups. Thomas Hughes, Retreat League president, is chairman of the advisory committee.

Additional committee leaders were announced this week as follows:

**REGION I**—Retreat Leagues in Monroe County. Associate general chairman, B. Edward Shlesinger; special gifts chairman, William Mulcahy and John Coleman; general solicitation chairman, John Debus and Charles Groves.

District chairman: special gifts, Harold Larson, George Schettle, Robert Finewood, Thomas Eggle, Leslie Dollinger, Charles Zurek, William Kramer; general solicitation, Ralph Jorio, Joseph Mercier, Ronald Timmons, Edward Mason, Peter Drago, Gerard Beauchamp, Frank Kisaky.

**REGION II**—Retreat Leagues in Cayuga, Wayne and Seneca Counties. Associate general chairman, Francis Gormley, Auburn; special gifts chairman, Ray-

mond Glancy, Auburn; general solicitation, Joseph Janosko, Auburn.

District chairman: special gifts, Alan Bouley, Auburn; Richard Kleiste, Lyons; Peter Duran, Seneca Falls; general, Edward McVahb, Auburn; John Lantz, Lyons; William Bunce, Seneca Falls.

**REGION III**—Retreat Leagues in Livingston, Ontario and Yates Counties, plus the western half of Steuben County. Associate general chairman, Donald Sanders, Geneva; special gifts, Francis Collins, Honeyville Falls; general, Lee Grillo, Lima.

District chairman: special gifts, John W. Randall, Catskills; John Fabrizi, Clifton

Spring; Philip Blum, Dansville; general, Albert Burke, Avon; Robert Roulan, Geneva; John Murphy, Hornell.

**REGION IV**—Retreat Leagues in Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins and Tioga Counties, plus the eastern half of Steuben County. Associate general chairman, Stephen Bednarek, Elmira; special gifts, James S. Wilgen, Elmira; general, Arthur Kieffer, Elmira.

District chairman: special gifts, Robert Aber, Elmira; Frank O'Rourke, Hammondsport; Joseph Farley, Ithaca; general, Robert Erway, Elmira; Paul Tammaro, Corning; Dr. Ralph Baldini, Ithaca.

## Blessing of Graves Rite Sept. 20 at Holy Sepulchre

Catholics of the Rochester area are invited to attend the annual blessing of the graves ceremony at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Sunday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m.

Bishop Kearney will preside and preach. Students of St. Bernard's and St. Andrew's Seminaries will chant the Church's prayers for the dead. Knights of St. John will escort the procession to the cemetery chapel and through the cemetery roadways.

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