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Pope Tells World

You Are in Our Heart

"Know this for sure — already we hold you in our heart," Pope Paul said in St. Peter's this week to the people of the whole world.

The Vicar of the Saviour who died with his arms outstretched to the world opened the third session of the Vatican Council with an appeal to religious people of all denominations to work for the "restoration" of unity.

He admitted "maybe great distances separate us yet" and that "maybe it will be a long time" before the goal is gained but he emphasized unity was nonetheless his "deeply felt yearning and hope."

He also emphasized — for the benefit of Council critics — that the Holy Spirit "is here" to guide the bishops in their decisions.

"To doubt this would be an insult to Christ's faithfulness to His promises," he stated definitively.

Several times in his talk, he repeated that the principal task of the third session — as that of the whole Council itself — will be to round out the incomplete teaching of the 1870 Council on the role of pope and bishops in governing the worldwide Church.

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Pope Paul enters St. Peter's to open Vatican Council.

Bishop Tells Jurists

Sanctity of Law Threatened

Bishop Kearney in his sermon this week to judges and lawyers at the annual Red Mass opening the autumn court sessions, said two tendencies in the United States threaten "the sanctity of law in our country."

Bearing children without religious knowledge and adults who "take the law into their own hands" pose the threat to the nation's traditional observance of law, said the Bishop.

St. Joseph's Church in downtown Rochester will host Tuesday morning with 100 and law enforcement officials to receive God's blessing that justice may be done in the process of law and the system in which our people hold their lives.

Citing episodes from Scripture, the Bishop noted that "law is marked by sanctity."

He described the Old Testament meeting of Moses and God at the burning bush, where God cautioned Moses to remove his shoes, for "you stand on holy ground."

The ground was holy, said the Bishop, because it was the ground for law and justice. Again at Mount Sinai, only Moses was allowed to ascend the mountain because of the sanctity of the place where the Law was to be conferred.

The Bishop recalled Christ's Sermon on the Mount, which, he said in the words of Edmund Burke, was "the finest piece of jurisprudence man ever listened to."

THE BISHOP then pinpointed the two tendencies which could destroy the sanctity of law in our land:

"People are growing up without a knowledge of God and His law," the Bishop stated.

Recalling his own public school days, he mentioned the daily readings from Scripture, which instilled in youngsters a reverence for law and their accountability to God.

The Bishop lamented the fact "we have developed a generation of people who do not know God nor realize what it is to call upon Him as their witness" when they take a solemn oath.

The taking of law into one's own hands was the second tendency the Bishop cautioned against.

"The law is too holy to be manipulated," he said, "though we may not agree with such decisions of the court, if people can disregard those decisions and do as they please, what

becomes of the sanctity of law?" the Bishop asked.

The Bishop called on those present to renew their personal dedication to the sanctity of the law, that "as you put on the robes of justice and ascend the bench, the God of justice may be at your side."

Bishop Kearney noted his own concern for people on both sides of the bench—that many of those appearing before the court as plaintiffs as well as many presiding over the court are people of his flock for whom he is responsible before God.

"Your vocation is a holy thing," the Bishop said in concluding his sermon to the jurists. "For you are dealing with souls as well as bodies and that is why we begin the courts' term here at prayer before the altar of God."



Bishop Kearney gives jurists at annual Red Mass.

Rush Parish To Mark Centenary

St. Joseph's Church in Rush will celebrate its parish centennial this Sunday, Sept. 20, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7 p.m. celebrated by the pastor, Rev. George O. Vili.

Bishop Kearney will preside and preach at the anniversary Mass.

Other events listed for the parish celebration include an Open House, sponsored by the young people's Society for all people in the Rush area, to be held Sunday afternoon prior to the centennial Mass. Reception will be held in the church dining room with members of the Rosary and Altar Society in charge of refreshments.

Following the Mass, a family buffet supper for parishioners will include ten feature speakers on West Henrietta Road, Rush, at 6:30 p.m.

Entertainment at the banquet will include tentatively entitled "Highlights of a Century." The narration was written by Mrs. George Hart.

The present depicts significant moments in the history of the parish. More than fifty parishioners will appear for the cast.

An historical sketch of St. Joseph's parish and area, the title of the centennial exhibition will be found on page 17.

Freedom in Vietnam

Maybe Six Months Left

By FATHER PATRICK O'CONNOR

Society of St. Columban

Salgna (NC) — South Vietnam is slipping, at increasing speed, downward to disaster.

It is not irretrievably lost yet. It holds six months if may be.

If this half of Vietnam, hitherto free, falls definitely to the communists, nearly 15 million people will pass under permanent Red rule.

Among them will be nearly one and a half million Catholics. The children of today will grow up under communism. The children of tomorrow will be born into communism.

Aggressive atheistic communism will have won an enormous strategic, political and economic victory in Southeast Asia.

The struggle of years, with its loss of lives and its vast expense, will have become only the rear-guard action of a defeated Republic of Vietnam and a retreating America.

If South Vietnam is to be saved, it must be by reversing or at least halting the processes that have brought it close to catastrophe. That means, among other things, that somebody must have the courage to say "no" to Buddhist "barges" who have created disorder for their own political ends.

Those ends have not been made clear. It is at best uncertain.

Bethany Nuns Come to U.S.

Fritchburg (NC) — The first U.S. establishment has been opened here by a community of nuns who wear street dress and go by the title of "Miss" instead of "Sister."

The Ladies of Bethany, a social work Sisterhood with headquarters in Holland, opened the community's only novitiate outside of Holland in a 22-room white frame house surrounded by 16 acres of woodland on the outskirts of the city.

tain that they are firmly anti-neutralist or even anticommunist. The means the barges have been taking for those ends have certainly helped the communists.

What processes have brought South Vietnam to its present peril?

Last Nov. 1, after six months of Buddhist agitation, an American-promoted coup d'etat overthrew a government that, though faulty, had ruled with legal authority and strong leadership. Since then there has been no constitutional government. Changes and uncertainties have weakened the will to command and the will to obey in every department, civil and military.

Last June, Gen. Paul D. Harkins, retiring chief of the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, said: "As a result of the changes (accompanying the coup d'etat and the January 'reshuffle'), I believe the government of Vietnam has been set back about nine months."

Some of the country's most determined and anticommunist have been victimized instead of encouraged. Scores of them are still held for "investigation" after 10 months' imprisonment.

Meanwhile the military-dominated government has compromised and surrendered before a pressure group that has contributed little to the country's defense. In fact, there are serious grounds for suspecting that the group has been infiltrated by communists.

It comprises the barges who form the high command of the Buddhists movement.

"You must distinguish between the Buddhist religion and the Buddhist movement in this country," an experienced observer told this correspondent after the Buddhist agitation had begun in May, 1963.

The Buddhist movement is mainly political, while using the Buddhist religion as a vehicle.

The chief planner and organizer is Thich (Venerable) Tri Quang, 42-year-old barge who sought and received "political asylum" in the American embassy in Saigon from Sept. 1 to Nov. 2 last year. He and Thich Tam Chau, who appears more often in public, led the Bud-

dist campaign that brought on the overthrow of the Ngo Dinh Diem government last year. They have led this year's campaign which has practically overthrown the military government and bids fair to frustrate the efforts and sacrifices of the anticommunist struggle of the past 10 years.

"A completely political person" is how former Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge described Thich Tri Quang.

Are his politics communist? A well-informed Vietnamese Catholic assured this correspondent in July, 1963, that Thich Tri Quang was no communist. It is doubtful if he would give that assurance so confidently today.

In the American embassy here the question whether Tri Quang is a communist is still being debated. It seems to be an unnecessary debate, for practical purposes. The evidence is clear that whether he is a communist or not, the "game" that he and his colleagues have been playing helps the communists. That should be enough to keep responsible Vietnamese and Americans from entrusting this country to Thich Tri Quang and his men.

Two Holidays for Pupils

Teachers Conference Next Week

Herman H. Goldberg, superintendent of schools for the Rochester City School District, will give the keynote address for the Catholic School Teachers' Conference to be held at the Rochester Community War Memorial Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 21 and 22.

1,500 teachers from the twelve counties of the Rochester Diocese will hear Mr. Goldberg's talk, "As Many Beacons as Beakers."

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Ember Days Next Week

The autumn Ember Days occur Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23, 25 and 26.

Catholics may eat meat but only on Wednesday and Saturday.

Catholics between 21 and 59 are also restricted to but one full meal on all three days.

Pope Paul has asked that the prayers and penances of the people be offered for the success of the Vatican Council.

43 Letters In Alphabet

Cleveland (RNS)—Twenty-four first grade classes in the Catholic school system will take part in an experiment to test the new ITA (Initial Teaching Alphabet) which uses 43 characters instead of the traditional 26.

The ITA has one letter or character for each sound and is used in several parts of the country as an aid to quicker reading. Usually it is used only in the first and second grades.

Auxiliary Bishop Clarence E. Elwell of Cleveland, superintendent of schools, said 12 first grades will use the ITA and 12 others in the test will not.

Bishop's 56th Anniversary At the Altar of God

Bishop Kearney will mark his 56th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood Saturday, Sept. 19.

He will celebrate his jubilee by ordaining young men to minor orders at a ceremony in St. Bernard's Seminary chapel at 9 a.m.

Bishop Kearney was ordained at St. Stephen's Church in New York City Sept. 19, 1908.

He will mark his anniversary as a bishop in October and as head of the Rochester Diocese in November.

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.

Roche said, will be the address, "The Teaching of Word and Worship in the School" at 1:00 p.m. Monday, by Monsignor John T. Doherty, assistant superintendent for religious education in the New York Archdiocese.

Father William Shannon of Nazareth College will speak on "The Council, the Liturgy, and the School" Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m.

The closing address will be given by Bishop Kearney, Tuesday afternoon.

Other speakers on the program—Theresa Blum, a reading specialist who will address the elementary school teachers, and Ernest Pohl, director of the Laboratory School for the University of Chicago, who will address the high school teachers Monday afternoon. The Monday program also includes Rev. John F. Nevins, superintendent of schools for the Diocese of Albany, and chairman of the Catholic Curriculum Testing Committee, and Sister Marie Stanislaus, S.S.J., a science curriculum specialist.

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