

## New Rule For Students

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"But while loving our world and sharing its anxieties and hopes, we never forget that, as ambassadors of Christ, we have a 'message of reconciliation,' a word of salvation and healing that only the disciple of Jesus can proclaim."

"If we are to become in turn lights of the world, salt of the earth, leaven in the dough, we must 'learn Christ,' put off our old nature and be 'renewed in the spirit of our minds.' Like Christ, we are men called to be immersed in two worlds, men of double vision; we are men whose unity is realized only in Him who is both man and God. We have not been called by the Lord to become doctors, lawyers, psychiatrists, sociologists, financiers, welfare workers, but rather 'servants of Christ, stewards of the mysteries of God' and heralds of His word."

The rector's eight page letter, steeped in Scriptural quotations and biblical terms, concludes:

"All that has been said above may seem rather vague and indefinite. It certainly does not pretend to be a compendium of the spiritual life, nor even of community life. But if you read it together with the documents of Vatican II on the Church (Lumen Gentium and Gaudium et Spes) and the priestly life and formation (Optatum Totius and Presbyterorum Ordinis), and with Dietrich Bonhoeffer's 'Life Together,' and with 'The Rule of St. Benedict,' you will have some idea of the spirit that ought to animate our community, and of the possibilities that the Lord is offering us."

It is the realization that such possibilities are so numerous and so great that even aging hearts wish they could be young again.

—Father Henry Atwell



This modern style bronze sculpture by Rochester artist Milton Bloom depicts Moses showing commandments to chosen people—an apt symbol for new style "rule" for students at St. Bernard's.

## Despite Red Harassment

# Faith Prevails in Poland

Washington — (NC) — The refusal of Poland's communist government to allow Pope Paul VI to attend Catholic millennium observances in that nation "wounded the sensibilities of the Poles" but did not deter them from expressing their love for the Pope or their Catholic faith, Bishop Ladislav Rubin said at a millennium mass here.

Bishop Rubin, representing Poland's Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski in a 12-city tour of the United States, preached both in English and Polish at the Mass he celebrated at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington presided at the Mass, a highlight of Bishop Rubin's two-day visit to the nation's capital.

EMPHASIZING that the Polish bishops planned the millennium observances solely for religious purposes, the Bishop said that they had invited members of the hierarchy all over the world so all could "rejoice and pray together."

"The Church," he continued, "also wanted to give her children in Poland the greatest possible joy: the presence of the common father of all Catholics, Pope Paul VI, at the thanksgiving services in Cracow."

For this reason, he said, Cardinal Wyszynski asked the government to permit the Pope's visit. "The government's refusal," he said, "wounded the sensibilities of the Poles for the grief it caused the Holy Father and love for the Holy Father whom they love and for throwing away a splendid opportunity for good."

"Nevertheless," he continued, "the Polish people did not cease to manifest their devotion and love for the person of the Holy Father nor to give expression to their lively faith and attachment to the Church, to their bishop, and especially to their cardinal primate."

"Ample testimony of this are

### Doctors Meet in Manila

Manila — (RNS) — The 11th International Congress of Catholic Doctors will be held here Nov. 2-6.

Topics to be discussed will include "The Doctor and the Population Problem," "Questions of Fertility and Sterility and Birth Control."

The Congress at the Pontifical University of Santo Tomas will be highlighted by a special message from Pope Paul VI.

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## Clothing Collection For Needy

Washington — (NC) — The 18th annual Thanksgiving clothing campaign, sponsored by the U.S. Catholic bishops on behalf of the needy overseas, will be conducted in more than 17,500 Catholic parishes throughout the nation during November.

In a letter to the American Catholic hierarchy launching the clothing drive, Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington, chairman of the Administrative Board, National Catholic Welfare Conference, said the 19 1/2 million pounds of goods donated during last year's campaign brought help and hope, without regard of race, religion or color, to the poor or ill-clothed in 60 countries.

"In our efforts to help supply the basic necessities of life to hundreds of thousands of the poorest of God's poor in areas of greatest need throughout the world through our relief services program," the Archbishop stated, "the clothing, shoes and bedding gathered each year in the Thanksgiving Clothing Campaign play a most important part."

"A large part of last year's clothing collected was used to assuage the acute suffering of the poor people of war-torn Vietnam," he said. Of the record total collected last year, more than 1,500 tons of clothing and bedding were distributed to war victims in Vietnam by Catholic Relief Services — NCWC, overseas aid agency of American Catholics.

"From a reserve supply, which is always held on hand," the Archbishop said, "we were able to meet emergencies not only in Vietnam, but also in many places which were struck by earthquakes, tornadoes, floods and similar disasters."

At the same time, the National Catholic Rural Life Conference will conduct, for the third consecutive year, its "Farm and Hand Tools for Latin America" collection. CRS-NCWC will cooperate with the NCRLC by distributing the tools in destitute rural areas of Latin America.

## 'Exiles' Seek Return to Rome

Brooklyn — (RNS) — A noted Lutheran theologian whose assertions in a magazine article that Protestants should work toward a "return to Rome" have been vigorously criticized by theologians has defenders in theological circles.

The September issue of *Una Sancta*, an independent quarterly which carried the initial article by Prof. Carl E. Braaten of the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, presents responses to his critics from Lutheran, Methodist and United Presbyterian theologians.

Generally defending Prof. Braaten in his call for Protestant communities in "exile" to work for reunion with their "ecclesiastical homeland" were Dr. George Lindbeck, Lutheran professor of history at Yale University; Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor of theology at

Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, and Dr. Robert McAfee Brown, United Presbyterian theologian and professor of religion at Stanford University.

Also in support of Prof. Braaten, but in a more reserved way, was Prof. Warren Quambeck of Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis.

Prof. Braaten, in the June issue of *Una Sancta*—a quarterly with an editorial board representing the broad scope of Lutheranism—stressed that the "farthest thing from Luther's mind was to make his reform movement into an independent church." He emphasized that an "increasingly difficult" question involves the continuation of Protestantism as "an independent movement running alongside the Roman Catholic Church" or the reunification of

Protestantism with Rome where it can "work as the leaven of reform within the church."

Criticism of the article included an editorial in the influential ecumenical weekly, *Christian Century*, which called Prof. Braaten's proposal "Protestant Hari-kiri" and an "absurd idea which is 'odious to Protestants' and 'perhaps dangerous' in the current state of ecumenical discussion."

Prof. Lindbeck expressed surprise at the adverse reaction to Prof. Braaten's article, noting that the same points "have been made by others . . . without arousing much excitement."

Noting that "every reputable historian insists that the Reformers did not intend to found a 'new church' and desired nothing more than a renewal of the whole of Christendom," Prof. Lindbeck declared that those who view Protestantism as a permanent structure separate from Rome are "more open to the charge of betraying the Reformation than is Braaten."

Dr. Outler stated that the controversial article calls attention to the dilemma of Protestantism in the aftermath of Vatican II, a situation where many Protestants "are still unable to believe" that the end of the Counter-Reformation is "for real."

He said that "Rome's experiment in aggiornamento has already succeeded beyond all earlier expectations" and asked: "When will Protestants realize that this has left us with the old option to 'get with it' or 'come off of it'?"

## Pope to Decide Who's to Retire

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has reserved to himself the right to make the final decision on applications from Latin Rite bishops who wish to resign from their sees because of advanced age or other grave reasons.

This was announced in a communiqué issued by the Commission for the Coordination of the Decrees of the Second Vatican Council. It stressed that each application must still be adjudicated by the Pope on individual merits.

Archbishop Pericle Felici, the commission's secretary general, said the communiqué was an attempt to answer questions prompted in Italy and abroad by the moto proprio of Aug. 6 (Ecclesiae Sanctae) in which Pope Paul recommended that bishops and pastors resign their posts at least by the age of 75.

The communiqué recalled that the matter of episcopal resignations was covered by Article 21 of the Vatican Council's Decree on the Bishops' Pastoral Office in the Church, which read as follows:

"Since the pastoral office of bishops is so important and weighty, when diocesan bishops and others, regarded in law as their equals, have become less capable of fulfilling their duties properly because of the increasing burden of age or some other serious reason, they are earnestly requested to offer their

## Laitly Told to Take 'Full Part' in Church

Castel Gandolfo — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, in his midweek general audience at the papal Summer villa, appealed to Catholics to play "their full part in the life of the Church."

"Every son of the Church," he said, "is urged to walk along with her, with her to understand the vocation to salvation, with her to believe, to hope and love, with her to suffer and enjoy, with her to bear witness to union in the apostolate."

Even sinners, the Pope stressed, are still in the Church, although lacking "the vital blood stream of charity."

"They have a greater share in the Church's life, however," the pontiff continued, "who receive from the Church her sacramental holiness and endeavor to transform this into their own moral holiness."

Dr. Brown stated that "Reformation is a fact of contemporary Roman Catholicism" and added that "Protestants cannot indefinitely justify a situation of continued separation."

In the current situation, the United Presbyterian theologian said, Protestants and Catholics can "begin to pursue matters together, not in the old atmosphere of 18th Century polemics but in the 20th Century atmosphere of ecumenical search for that which will draw us more closely to one another."

"Protestants and Roman Catholics live in a new era," Dr. Brown said, "in which we are both discovering that the terrain that separates us . . . is now entirely different from what we had imagined, and that rather than containing land mines with which we intend to destroy one another, it is now, for the first time, rich with promise, and with the hope of a redeeming harvest."

Prof. Quambeck's comment took Prof. Braaten to task for leaving himself open to the interpretation of arguing a return to Rome "now."

"The churches of the Reformation have developed their own ethos, theology, ways of worship, order and relation to culture," Prof. Quambeck said.

Any reunion of Protestantism and Catholicism, he said, "is not be simply a resumption of the broken relationship of 1521 or 1530, but must be studied as a contemporary problem in individual relationships."

"The search for unity either by way of individual conversion or by surrender of an entire tradition seems now to have given way to the more hopeful path of dialogue."

### Dean Named at Fordham

New York — (RNS) — James R. Dumpson, a leading educator and administrator in the welfare and social services field, was named dean of Fordham University's School of Social Service here.

Now associate dean of the Hunter College School of Social Service, he served as New York's commissioner of welfare from 1959-65. His appointment at the Roman Catholic university becomes effective Feb. 1, when he will resign from the Hunter College post.

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## Cardinal Ecumenical

Wien, Mo. — (NC) two-year-old Brother Christian Unity, an ecumenical religious community located in this tiny Missouri hamlet disbanded.

Father Joseph St priest of the diocese of son City, Mo., and Catholic leader of the Brotherhood transferred to the vicinity of Missouri N apostolate.

Father Robert Bollmar of the Episcopal diocese of the order, is on a retreat at the Anglican of the Poor Brothers Francis in Orange City.

Other members of the therhood—which once many as seven members recently as few as four left the large, 18-room quarters for the expel group.

"No one will be back," Father Starmann Reasons for the bre the ecumenical religious community were not disclosed.

## Farmhands Seek Better Wage Law

Austin, Texas — (F Twenty-five striking farmers from south Te Grande valley complete mile trek to the steep State Capital here to th of a crowd of about 8,

From its start on Jul long-march to call atte the economic plight workers and specifically passage of a \$1.25 p state minimum wage l supported by Protest Roman-Catholic group leaders. Several prie ministers accompanied xican-American march of the way.

The Labor Day rally ing the march was rna both high enthusiasm termination to offset sence of Gov. John B. Jr., and other state of

Though he helicopt New Braunfels to talk marchers and their lea eral days before their here, Gov. Connally would not meet them quested on the Capit Also, he appeared fir refusal to call a special of the state legislature-regularly meets next Ja to deal with the farm demands.

Continued pressure officials was pledged rally by Father Anton sales, O.M.I., a Catho from Houston, who w chairman of the march. that two "living petti farm workers—voul the Capital until a wage law is passed.

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