



People of God

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Big Convention 'Has Had It'

Pittsburgh—(RNS)—The Catholic concept of a convention is "pre-conciliar—indeed, close to pre-historic," the Pittsburgh Catholic, official newspaper of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, declared here in reflecting upon the recent 12th National and 5th Inter-American Congress of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine.

The congress was held in the city's Civic Arena, which has a seating capacity of about 12,000. About 5,000 attended the congress.

In an editorial, the Pittsburgh Catholic offered two reasons why "the old giant convention has had it."

One, the paper said, "is the difficulty, if not total inability, of the audience to communicate back to the speaker at such conventions."

"Catholic convention goes were once quite content to be talked at," it explained. "Now, however, they want to establish live rapport with the lecturer; they want to be able to enter into some sort of conversation or dialogue with him from whom—the weighty—counsel comes; and they find that the larger the convention, the more impossible it is."

A second reason, it said, is that "Catholics no longer feel compelled to flock to national meetings to rally with groups whose causes they felt were being neglected."

"The (Vatican) Council pondered most of these (causes) and came up with specific recommendations," the Pittsburgh Catholic added. "Catholic partisans of almost anything know where the Church Official stands; they have at hand Council blueprints for implementation of those ideas; they're in a position to do."

"And since people who once

'Rome or Us' Orangemen Tell Woman

Belfast—(NO)—Mrs. Thomas Watson of Belfast has been ordered to resign or be thrown out of her club, the Women's Orange Order, an Irish Protestant group.

The reason for the order is a long story. It goes back to a 1943 prison camp in Germany, where Mrs. Watson's wounded brother was operated on 20 times by a German doctor trying to save his life. After the war, the doctor checked to see how his expatriate was doing.

A correspondence ensued, finally resulting in an invitation from the doctor to Mrs. Watson to attend the ordination to the priesthood of his son in Rome.

Thrilled with the invitation, which included an audience with Pope Paul VI, Mrs. Watson told some of her friends at the Orange lodge. The ultimatum resulted.

Mrs. Watson told a reporter, "I was thrilled. I thought it a wonderful thing that I, a Protestant, should be invited to this ceremony. Then I told my Orange colleagues and I was brought down to earth with a bump."

Ironically, because of her own health, Mrs. Watson may not be able to make the trip. But she has resigned from the Women's Orange Order.



Bishop Kearney's Appointments

OCTOBER

- 2 Sunday—St. Francis of Assisi Church—Family Rosary for Peace—7 p.m.
- 3 Monday—Carmelite Monastery—Patronal Feast Mass—9 a.m. St. John Atonement Seminary, Montour Falls—Blessing of new building—4 p.m.
- 4 Tuesday—Mercy High School—Alumnae Banquet—6:30 p.m.
- 6 Thursday—St. Plus X Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 7 Friday—St. Joseph Church—St. Monica Sodality Mass—9 a.m. St. Andrew Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 8 Saturday—St. Francis Xavier Church—Confirmation—10:30 a.m.
- 9 Sunday—Holy Rosary Church—Solemn Pontifical Mass in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary—11 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes Church—Confirmation—3:30 p.m.
- 10 Monday—Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 11 Tuesday—St. Mary Our Mother Church, Horseheads—Parish Centenary Mass—8 p.m.
- 12 Wednesday—Blessed Sacrament Church—Columbus Day Mass—6:30 p.m.
- 13 Thursday—St. Monica Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 14 Friday—Old St. Mary Church—Low Mass—Opening of the Knights of Equity Convention—9 a.m. St. Rita Church, West Webster—Confirmation—7 p.m. and 8:15 p.m.
- 15 Saturday—St. Andrew Seminary—Good Counsel College Alumnae Mass—12 noon Manger Hotel—National Convention of the Knights of Equity Banquet—7 p.m.
- 16 Sunday—Nazareth College—Legion of Mary Mass—10:30 a.m. Assumption Church, Fairport—Preside and preach at Parish Centenary Mass—5 p.m.
- 17 Monday—St. Anne Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 19 Wednesday—St. Bernard Seminary—Alumni Reunion—Low Mass—10:30 a.m. St. Bernard Seminary—Alumni Reunion Banquet—1 p.m.
- 20 Thursday—St. Jerome Church, East Rochester—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 21 Friday—Holy Cross Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 22 Saturday—Holy Apostles Church—Confirmation—10 a.m.
- 23 Sunday—Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira—Parish Silver Jubilee Mass—12:15 p.m.
- 24 Monday—Cenacle Convent—Patronal Feast Mass—7 a.m.
- 25 Tuesday—Christ the King Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 26 Wednesday—St. Augustine Church—Confirmation—7:30 p.m.
- 28 Friday—Nazareth College—Investiture Ceremony—1:30 p.m.

Bishop Harper's Confirmation Schedule

- Oct. 11—St. John, Clyde—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 12—St. Aloysius, Auburn—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 14—Sacred Heart, Auburn—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 15—St. Alphonsus, Auburn—10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
- Oct. 16—St. Patrick, Elmira—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 17—St. Mary, Elmira—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 18—St. Charles, Elmira—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 21—St. John the Baptist, Elmira—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 22—St. Vincent de Paul, Corning—11 a.m.
- Oct. 23—St. Patrick, Corning—2:30 p.m. St. Stanislaus, Bradford—4:30 p.m. St. Gabriel, Hammondsport—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 24—St. Rose, Lima—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 25—St. Stephen, Geneva—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 26—Holy Cross, Ovid—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 27—St. John, Spencerport—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 28—St. Bridget, East Bloomfield—7:45 p.m.
- Oct. 30—St. Mary, Waterloo—2 p.m. St. Francis, Phelps—4:30 p.m. St. Dominic, Shortsville—7:45 p.m.

Now Hear This!

Pope Blesses Seamen

Eiba Island—(RNS)—Pope Paul VI extended greetings to sailors everywhere in a message here to the 15th world congress of the International Apostleship of the Sea. Presided over by Giuseppe Cardinal Siri, Archbishop of Genoa, the congress drew 300 delegates from Italy and abroad.

The Pope praised the sailors' "spirit of brotherhood and profession so full of sacrifices." He said that if their lives are illuminated by faith, they would "bring them great spiritual understanding and that unconquerable strength of soul that not infrequently leads them to acts of real heroism."

IN HIS MESSAGE, the Pope also expressed "great esteem" for those engaged in the apostolate to seamen—bishops and priests alike.

"This mission, even if it is demanding, is very close to the preaching and the missionary activities of apostolic times," he said, "for our Divine Savior announced the Good News from St. Peter's fishing boat. This He did to people hungering and thirsting after truth and justice."

Pope Paul also spoke of St. Paul's "benevolent attitude toward the sailors who were with him on his stirring voyages around the Mediterranean."

"Continue to display faith and generosity in the fulfillment of such a necessary mission. The Pope is with you. The Church sends you to every part of the Seven Seas so that the message of Christ will be spread wider and wider."



Fordham Dean

Dr. Patricia Plante, 34, is the first woman to become dean of an undergraduate college at Fordham University. She heads the Thomas More women's liberal arts college on the Bronx campus of the Jesuit university. Women were first admitted to Fordham's undergraduate liberal arts courses in 1964. Dean Plante is believed to be the only lay woman academic dean in the more than 350 Catholic colleges in the nation.

Prelate Backs Farm Strike

Corpus Christi—(RNS)—Bishop Thomas Drury of Corpus Christi has endorsed efforts by farm workers in Rio Grande City to organize a union, the priest-director of the Diocesan Catholic Association for Social Action (CASA) announced here.

Father Charles McNaboe said Bishop Drury endorsed a statement issued by the director at a news conference.

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