

A Year of Faith to Honor Saints Peter and Paul

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Modern education with its sense of history, readily allows us to such a reviewing of sacred traditions — an essential element of Catholic spirituality — stimulates the memory, heightens the spirit, offers suggestions by which a yearly recitation of the lives of Peter and Paul, and unfolds a panoramic view of time past and future — as if some secret plan united these events and marked them with a seal of their communion of the saints, this spiritual experience. It seems to us, ought to be verified periodically in the commemoration of these two chief Apostles, Peter and Paul, who with their human tributes of temporal mortality, and who have been passed on to all future generations the eternal sacrament of Christ's immortality, the Church. Thus, the lives of Peter and Paul, being unchangeable and unimpaired, reserved in heaven" (1 Pet. 1:4).

What makes us even more happy to commemorate this anniversary with you, venerable brothers and dear son, is that these blessed Apostles, Peter and Paul, belong not to us alone, but also to you; they are the glory of the entire Church, the glory of the entire Catholic community. The Second Letter to the Corinthians: "The apostles of Christ" (2 Cor. 12:19), and from them comes a voice now directed to the whole Church: "We are yours" (2 Cor. 1:14).

It is true that this soil of Rome, marked by your blood and presence, gathered their blood and presence together, and that it is to the Church of Rome that belongs the invaluable prerogative of taking up and continuing their specific mission. But these singular privileges are directed, but rather toward the entire Church, because that mission consists principally in functioning as center of the Church herself and in spreading her visible and mystical circumference to the boundaries of the universe. This is the mission of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, found in the Church of Rome their principal historical and local center in this century. The great family of Christ.

This unity and catholicity have been granted as gifts to the entire Church and not only to the Roman Pontiff, and only to the Roman Pontiff through his office, his dispensation, and suggestions. For that reason, our invitation is directed not only to our beloved diocese of Rome, the heavenly patrons of which are St. Peter and Paul, but also to all of you, who are successors of the Apostles Peter and Paul, the universal Church, the spiritual family of the Catholic community. In the recent ecumenical council explained with so much richness of doctrine and foreknowledge of future ecclesial growth, our invitation is also for you, the bishops, the presbyters, the deacons, the lay members of the holy Church. So, please God, may it also be for all the brethren who, although not in full communion with us, bear nonetheless the dedication of the Christian



Pope Paul VI playfully throws corner of his cape over a boy on the steps of the Church of San Filippo in Rome. The pontiff was making his Lenten visit to the church to join clergy and parishioners at services. On Sundays of Lent, the Pope visits certain national churches in Rome where he participates in Lenten rites.

name, and whom we gladly recognize as our spiritual fathers and spiritual brothers. It is with deep satisfaction in our hearts that we recall in particular that the venerable Oriental Churches, one that is inviolable and another that is the "Apostles," whose memory they keep fresh among themselves, also to note how the separated Churches and ecclesial Communities of the West, which in the idea of apostolicity, which the Holy Father has so often mentioned as the bond of unity, are so beautifully expressed by St. Paul in the words: "built upon the foundation of the Apostles" (Eph. 2:20).

In the practical order, what does our invitation involve? How will we celebrate together when this Apostolic See intends to impart solemnly and jointly the feast of the Ascension and the feast of the Pentecost? It is customary for you to grant some spiritual favor to our diocese. You know that we shall not fail to do so and we shall not fail to do so rather than give up this time, ask something, instead of offering, we will request.

And our request is both simple and great. We ask you, one to desire to mark the memory of the Holy Apostles, Peter and Paul, and to their faith in Christ, with an authentic and

destitute and martyr" to our encouragement and zeal of an apostle and missionary, the faith which he taught and passed on to the words he writes: "his example and his blood."

Hence we find satisfaction in hoping that the inspiration of St. Peter and Paul will find its expression chiefly in a great act of faith throughout the Church. We want to see this anniversary as a providential occasion given to the People of God for renewing a fuller, fresher life, purifying it, strengthening it and giving testimony to

We cannot fail to know that the present time shows there is great need of this. And you know also, venerable brothers and dear sons, how in its development the modern world is turning out to anything but a "new world." The need is to purify, to renew, to strengthen, to give testimony to the faith of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

strengthening his brethren in the faith. This is the duty of every Christian. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

And you know that the living Church, after the descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, has been able to give testimony to the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

What better tribute of remembrance of honor, and of solidarity could we offer Peter and Paul than that of the very faith which we have inherited from them?

You know full well that the Holy Spirit is the breath of life for the Church. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

of revelation, a humble yet exalting "I believe," the full assent of intellect and will to His word. His person and His mission of salvation (cf. Heb. 12:2; 2 Pet. 1:10-12). We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

We do not intend to proclaim a special jubilee for this purpose, so soon after the jubilee we decreed at the close of the ecumenical council. But we feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

We would be very happy if in every cathedral the Creed were recited expressly in honor of St. Peter and Paul. In the presence of the bishop, the college of priests, the seminarians and the lay Catholics active in promoting the kingdom of God and the unity of the Church, as members of the assembly of the faithful. Similarly every parish and every religious house should do so. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

We wish to address a special exhortation to those engaged in the study of Sacred Scripture and theology, to collaborate with the hierarchical teaching authority of the Church in defending the true faith from infidelity and heresy. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

In this way the year commemorating the centenary of St. Peter and Paul will be the year of faith. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

In making this announcement to you, venerable brothers and dear sons, we are confident of your spiritual significance. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.

I myself have maintained that the task of peace building is as important as peacemaking. I feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit. We feel that many of us are living in a "new world" but we are not living in the faith of the Holy Spirit.



Pope Paul, U Thant Work for World Peace

A lonely, weary U.S. soldier in Vietnam.

Following are the texts of the letters exchanged between Pope Paul VI and U Thant, secretary general of the United Nations. The secretary general's letter was dated Nov. 21, 1966, and the Pope's Dec. 12. They were released by the UN on Jan. 13).

Letter from Secretary-General: During the current session of the General Assembly which is drawing to its close, there has been considerable interest in the efforts of your Holiness and the efforts of your Holiness on the part of the United Nations and in particular the phrase that you have made your own: "Development is the new word for peace is one which is of universal appeal and of great importance. It is a universal ideal which is ready to give meaning to the lives of billions of people who are suffering from the uncertainty, hunger, more and more exploitation and more death."

The concern shown by Your Holiness for these difficult and chronic issues is a source of great encouragement to me and to all who are concerned with the peace and stability of the world. The United Nations Commission on Economic and Social Development, established at the request of your Holiness, has been studying the problem of development and it is my hope that the Commission will be able to provide a comprehensive plan of action for the world.

We must try, in season and out of season, to reach the minds and consciences of people everywhere. We must try to reach the hearts and minds of the people everywhere. We must try to reach the hearts and minds of the people everywhere.

I beg Your Holiness to accept the renewed expression of my profound gratitude and homage.

Reply from Pope Paul VI: We are comforted by your report on the work of the United Nations Commission on Economic and Social Development, established at the request of your Holiness. It is a great consolation to me to know that a body with such universal influence as the Catholic Church is ready to give its contribution to the solution of these problems. The Catholic Church is ready to give its contribution to the solution of these problems. The Catholic Church is ready to give its contribution to the solution of these problems.

We shall continue to reach people through our fraternal collaboration. We shall continue to reach people through our fraternal collaboration. We shall continue to reach people through our fraternal collaboration.

All Possible Support for Press

Vatican City — (NO) — Pope Paul VI has described the weekly Catholic news paper as "a formula that deserves all possible support."

He praised the weekly newspaper for its "kingdom of heaven" character and for its "style that usually characterizes it — and wisely so." He also spoke of its "more readily accessible administrative possibilities," presumably referring to the low cost of running a weekly newspaper.

The Pope was addressing about 40 editors of Italian diocesan weeklies who had recently organized an Italian Federation of Catholic Weeklies.

He said that the "kingdom of heaven" of this earth has at its disposal. We mean that our Catholic cause, extend in the effort to confirm and extend it. Usually lacks the means proportionate to its merits and its needs. It lives and often humiliate rather than exalt it. But is not this in the economy of the Gospel?

But he cautioned that this should not encourage laziness. "Let us always seek to furnish the good cause we serve with better instruments," he said.

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