

Chaplains  
For Tourists

Zagreb — (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop Josp Lach has been named to direct an unusual agency which will assign German-speaking priests to Yugoslavia to act as chaplains for large numbers of tourists who come here every summer.

Last year, over a million German-speaking tourists from Germany, Austria, and the German-speaking areas of Switzerland visited resorts on the Adriatic coast of Yugoslavia.

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul, in observance of the first World Communications Day, urged the press, motion pictures, radio and television to "always serve noble causes, real brotherhood and lasting peace among men."

The pontiff, speaking over radio and television, addressed his message to all who labor in the field of social communications. His talk marked the observance suggested by the Pontifical Commission for the Media of Social Communications for May 7.

The various media of communications were cited by the Pope for giving new dimensions to man's social life: "time and space have been conquered, and man has become a citizen of the world, sharing in peace and understanding among people and also toward the spread of the Gospel message."

Pope Paul warned of "the danger and the damage" which

can be done when the media of communications are employed by irresponsible men who use them without being in "conformity with the objective moral order."

In this regard, the pontiff specifically mentioned youth. He said: "Hindering or leading astray with false perspectives, their strenuous efforts would mean deceiving their just expectations, confusing their noble aspirations and killing

their generous impulses."

The Pope urged those at work in the communications media to respect the dignity of man and of society. He cautioned them to spread "truth in men's minds, loyalty to what is good in their hearts and consistency in their actions."

Such efforts, the Pope said, will contribute to the "uplift of humanity" and will assist in building "a new society that will be freer, more alert, more re-

sponsible, more brotherly, and more noble."

The following guidelines were presented by Pope Paul to those employed in the fields of communications:

"Most helpful and laudable is every serious initiative which aims at forming the critical judgment of the reader and spectator, and at including him to evaluate the news, the ideas and the images that are presented to him, not only under the

ethical and technical aspect, but also from the human, moral and religious point of view, bearing in mind the highest values of life.

"The Church, too, wishes to make her own contribution to the orderly development of the world of social communications: a contribution of inspiration, encouragement, exhortation, guidance and cooperation," the Holy Father concluded.

As part of the observance of World Communications Day, a committee of United States bishops issued a statement in Washington, D.C., which stressed that the right to information "is a natural, inherent right" and it is "not a privilege to be conferred by any authority."

The U.S. bishops committee noted that all agencies who use the communications media must respect this inherent right.

"If there have been abuses of this right," the bishops said in a prepared statement, "by any authorities in the Church, we members of the people of God can only regretfully acknowledge the fact and at the same time strive to amend our ways."

"The Church's interest in communications is one that begins with the Savior's command, 'Go, therefore, teach all nations,' the statement noted.

"We look upon the press, the radio, the television and the motion picture industries as an important part of our pastoral interest. The church seeks more to serve society through the communications media than to be served by them," the U.S. bishops declared.

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The Pilgrim Church

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We are all familiar with the phrase "The Church militant." It is significant that when the Council touched on this truth, it did not use the word "militant," but PILGRIM ("On the Church," #14).

Vatican II marked an important advance in the Christians' attitude to the world. They were to take it seriously, get involved. Because it is God's creation, it is redeemed by God. This was especially made clear when the Council pointed out that the Church is all the people, not just bishops and priests, but men and women — whose special mission is to change their environment.

Yet though in the world, though charged with getting involved in it, still Christians do not have here a lasting city. Hence the basic tension in their lives: get involved—don't get involved. "To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures; to be a member of each family, yet belonging to none." No religion must take the world more seriously than Christianity, and yet no religion must tie itself to contemporary history (a particular culture or a given period of history) less than Christianity. For though Christians are people in the world, they are a people "on the march" — or as the Council described the Christian community: it is a pilgrim church.

Let's just meditate on the idea of a pilgrim. Bunyan in his classic Pilgrim's Progress very correctly pictured the progress-of-the-soul to God like that of a pilgrim's journey. What's a pilgrim?

In the first place, he is a WANDERER. That was what the Church was in its cradle days in the desert. "My father was a wandering Aramean . . . The pilgrim passes through places he doesn't strike roots. Thus the pilgrim must do two things: (1) adapt himself; and (2) not lose his identity.

The pilgrim must certainly adjust to the language, the culture, the mentality, the people among whom he happens to be. "When in Rome, do as the Romans." He is meant to be purified by his experiences on his journey as were the Chosen People in the desert. One is purified by his reactions to others. "A man's greatness is measured by his capacity for communion with others." But — and this is an important "but" — he must never lose his identity in adjusting; he must never become swallowed up in the surrounding population. (Perhaps this was one of the great reasons why God chose the Jews: they had a knack for retaining their identity no matter where they happened to dwell.) Thus personal growth is growth, change, but never loss of identity. "You are so different now," we say to a person, "and yet you still are you."

I think this concept sheds incalculable light on the Church

in the world today: she must adjust; yet she must never lose her identity. She must not cut herself off from her traditions (her memories). Amnesia is never normal: one must remember! Progress is not a stepping away from, but a stepping ahead. The Church must continue yet discontinue: continue with what is necessary for her identity; discontinue what is not necessary for a pilgrim.


Mobility is one of the great characteristics of modern society. Gone are the great American homesteads (the stable dwellings of men), come are the Mobile Trailer Parks. Man is mobile as he never has been before and all indications are he will be even more mobile in the future — reaching literally, as he is, for the moon. Yet — whose special mission is to change their environment.

In the second place, a pilgrim is not just a wanderer who must adjust yet never lose his identity; a pilgrim is a man with a vision, a man moved by a vision he longs to have fulfilled. So he is a man on a journey to a goal he hopes to reach. St. Thomas always spoke of the Christian as in ira ad patriam; that is, as one on the road home

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Pope Cites 'Vitality' Of Faith in Holland

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul urged a group of more than 800 Dutch Catholics to trust Christ and His Church, "which has been promised divine help."

In a warm and fatherly talk with the weekly paper Katholieke Illustratie, Pope Paul touched on the post-conciliar reactions in Holland which have been the subject of international interest and concern.

"Your beloved country is often in our mind. We know its religious vitality. We also know the problems confronting it and the difficulties it encounters," he said.

"But we are confident that the attachment of our sons from Holland to the Church will prevail over certain regrettable tendencies or experiences which have lately disturbed people."

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yet she lives in the present; while at the same time she looks forward to the future. She cannot, therefore, settle down and spend her time, like an old woman, reminiscing on her past glories and achievements. Having put her hand to the plough, she must not look back — but ahead with the expectancy of youth. Thus, among cultures growing old and obsolescent, she will retain her vitality and youth — ever old, yet ever new.

So, the Church must never settle down; be static, complacent with whatever successes she might have had in history. She must never tie herself down to one period of history or to a culture (even a Latin one). This is what it means to be Catholic. For the Church is a pilgrim church, because she is ESCHATOLOGICAL, and "because she is, she has a vision beyond this world. Like Israel of old, she looks to a Promised Land. She looks to the day when like Eve, she will be fully formed to be presented to Christ, the new Adam, for the eternal wedding which is heaven. And so like a living person she keeps her memories of the past (amnesia is abhor-

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**ST. JAMES**, Rochester. sary Society banquet on M. in church hall, Mass at 1 p.m., followed by a social Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker, Father Daniel Brent, as ant superintendent of Dioc Schools. New officers present: chairmen: Mesdames Ro Pearson, William Kr a m James Logan, Edward J. Ronald Kratzek, John Mo John Apetz.

**HOLY CROSS**, Ovid. SACI HEART, Rosary. Rosary city sponsored talk by Fa Albert Bartlett, S.J. on A 13. Topic: Vatican II changes for the Layman—Q tion and answer period. Refreshments by Stella Mal Adelaide O'Hara, Peg McI ald, Beverly McDonald, M ing, May 8 at 8 p.m. G speaker, Dr. William Achi

**ST. THEODORE**, Roche Ladies Auxiliary 260, Kni of St. John card party Mo May 8 at 8 p.m. in social ce Refreshments. Tickets at d Ann Stauber, chairman.

**MOST PRECIOUS BLO** Rochester. Parents Club s arship dance May 6 from to 1:30 in auditorium. I Milo's orchestra. Refreshm Chairmen: Anthony Coccia, and Mrs. Philip Galletto, and Mrs. Philip Galletto, and Mrs. Mike Orsico. Mrs. Mrs. Guy Pietrononi, I Scarciatta, Mr. and Mrs. F Angeline, Mr. and Mrs. F Nazzaro.

**ST. MONICA**, Rochester. sary Society meeting Wed day, May 10 at 8 p.m. in the tory meeting room. Film, "I Prize Story," by Michael C ller of Tobin Packing Co.

**ST. AUGUSTINE**, Roche Rosary Society and M ot h Club—Communion—Breal Sunday, May 7 in school following 7:45 a.m. Mass school hall. Guest, spea Sister M. Joan. \$25.00. H Hundred-year-old statue of gin Mary on display. Mrs. ald Kernan, chairman. Tic \$1.50. Mrs. Joseph Crispino 8447.

Mothers Club meeting 1 day, May 8 at 8 p.m. in sc hall. Guest speaker, Mis garet Muchard of St. Marti Porres Center.

**HOLY TRINITY**, Webster Rosary Society and M ot h Ecumenical Tea was held / 16. Displays, guided tours, refreshments in school hall. C men: Mrs. John O'Brien, Edward Abel.

Annual Mothers and Da ters Communion Breakfast day, May 7, in school hall lowing 9 a.m. Mass. 75 c per person. Nomination of ficers: Mrs. Richard MacDoi chairman.

**HOLY FAMILY**, Roche Rosary Society installation on Wednesday, May 10 at p.m. in the Pine Room. Joseph Hellman, chairman ception at 5:30 p.m. Res tions by May 8: Mrs. Jo Hellman, 328-6677; Mrs. Jo Spain, 235-3136. Officers: Spain, president; Mrs. Les Kaczka, vice president; Mr seph Smarsh, recording tary; Mrs. Donald Pickle financial secretary; Mrs. ward Szczech, treasurer; Samuel Finley, trustee.

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