

Pope Advances Curia Reform

By PATRICK AILEY
(NC News Service)

Vatican City — Pope Paul VI, fulfilling a four-year-old promise, has reformed the central government of the Church. Time-worn channels of authority in the Roman Curia will be given modern pace and direction by major changes he has ordered.

— The Papal Secretariat of State, now to be known as the Papal Secretariat and given broader powers, will be able to settle many administrative problems that formerly burdened the Pope;

— Five-year terms for high Curia officials will replace former indefinite tenures that often became lifetime careers;

— Incorporation of diocesan

bishops from around the world into Curia leadership will alter the hitherto heavily Italian character of the administration;

— Permission for use of modern languages in Curia communications will speed papal paperwork, though Latin still remains the official language;

— Principal Curia departments will be reshuffled, renamed, and in some cases placed in new combinations to meet 20th-century conditions;

— A new tribunal will be set up to handle any disputes among the various Curia offices;

— Administration of the Holy See's temporal possessions and financial resources will be united in an entirely new department.

Pope Paul's reform of the Curia, which goes into effect Jan. 1, was spelled out in an apostolic constitution *Regimini Ecclesiae Universae* (For the Government of the Church Universal) dated Aug. 15 and made public three days later.

Setting the theme of the reform, Pope Paul quoted in his new document from the dogmatic constitution *Pastor Aeternus* of the First Vatican Council, the constitution that defined the infallibility of the Pope. He chose this passage:

"Certainly no doubt can be raised about the need for the Roman Curia. For how could the supreme pontiff, weighed down by so many great burdens, alone, without advisors or assistants, bear the burden which arises from the care of all the churches? It is equally necessary that the Roman Curia be kept intact both in its basic structure and its close relationship with the Roman Pontiff, that is, as an organic instrument he uses in exercising the supreme power which according to the institution of Christ he holds over the entire Church."

Although Latin remains the official language it is "acceptable to communicate with the Roman Curia in any of the widely-known modern languages" the new constitution advises.

Regarding the tenure of Curial officials, all prefects, members and consultants of Curial departments remain in office five years, with reappointment at the discretion of the Pope. Prefects of congregations resign at the death of a pope, leaving only the Cardinal Camerlengo, the Cardinal Penitentiary and the Cardinal Vicar of Rome in office. In the Papal Secretariat a substitute will assume the prefect's duties temporarily. All other major curial officers are to leave their posts within three months after a new Pope is elected unless he reappoints them.

Pope Paul had already introduced various curial reforms, notably the reorientation of the former Holy Office (now the Doctrinal Congregation) toward

a promotion of the faith and a renewed emphasis on the rights of authors and teachers whose opinions come under suspicion. He has also brought several non-Italians into high Curia posts, thus keeping his promise to internationalize the Curia. Most recently, he provided that diocesan bishops should be full members of each curial congregation; this provision was incorporated into the apostolic constitution *Regimini Ecclesiae Universae*.

A press conference explaining the apostolic constitution was given (Aug. 18) by Msgr. Giovanni M. Pinna, a judge of the Roman Rota, high Church court, who (as it developed) was secretary of the top-secret cardinalial commission for the reform of the Curia.

Among other features of the curial reform listed by Msgr. Pinna were:

— Emphasis on qualities of piety and selflessness required of all members of the Curia;

— Closer collaboration between the Roman Curia and the world's bishops, "especially by means of the episcopal conferences."



Macao Reds Mock Faith in Parade

Macao — (RNS) — A Communist Chinese parades in the garb of a priest as he leads student marchers during an anti-Catholic demonstration in Macao, a Portuguese colony at the mouth of the Canton River in Communist China. The demonstration was the first anti-Catholic attack since December when pro-Communist Chinese began violently opposing the Portuguese government. Sign carried by students says: "Crush Slave Education."

Priest's Plea

Use Church Power To Aid the Poor

By RICHARD M. M. McCONNELL
(NC News Service)

Kansas City, Mo.—Demanding that the Church share its "collective power and wealth with those who have neither," Father Henry Browne of New York urged delegates to the convention of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice to push for a change in the way the Church uses its money.

Father Browne praised the work of the Church among the poor, but said that "never have so few done so little with so much," and especially criticized its work among the Negroes.

"The area of civil rights and equality for the American Negro was hardly one of pioneer concern for more than a handful of members of the Church," he asserted. "This is parallel to the earlier Catholic near-silence on the slavery controversy."

his address with an appeal for dialogue within the Church.

"The time has come," he said, "to share our collective wealth and power with those who have neither. To accomplish this, the means of making decisions within the Church must be more and more a matter of open and mature discussion."

"Only in this way will the Church really carry its apostolate into the urban racial crisis which is the moral crisis of America today."

Replying to Father Browne, Bishop Joseph H. Hodges of Wheeling, W. Va., said, "no bishop has pushed-button control over the Church's teamwork." "As a result," he added, "bishops came to reflect their people and will move to meet their wishes."

In other comments following Father Browne's talk, National Catholic Reporter editor Robert Hoyt repeated a plea made in his paper: that the nation's churches pledge \$1 billion to help solve the country's social ills. Hoyt said the churches in the U.S. have assets of nearly \$80 billion and asked if it was unrealistic to expect them to cough up the biggest sum ever pledged to meet the country's biggest social crisis.

Father Browne's talk and the comments it drew followed a day spent by delegates at workshop meetings on racial problems. Each meeting concluded with a concelebrated Mass.

— The Consistorial Congregation will be called the Congregation of the Bishops, the Congregation of the Council will be called the Congregation of the Clergy (and its competency includes permanent deacons), and the Congregation on Seminaries and Universities will be called the Congregation for Catholic Education. The Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith, while retaining its historical name, will also be called the Congregation for the Evangelization of Nations.

A reference to the Pope's intention to internationalize the Curia is contained in the introduction to the new constitution, in which he comments: "Moreover, the better to provide for the needs of the universal Church, it is fitting that those who are to work for the Holy See be summoned from the ranks of all nations, as has been the practice of the Roman Pontiffs."

Liturgical Institutes Slated

Three regional Liturgy Institutes will be held in the Diocese of Rochester during October.

With the theme "Liturgy and Service," the two day sessions will link Christian worship with the apostolate to the modern world.

Open to both clergy and laity, the sessions will be held in three cities on succeeding weekends to reach the various parts of the diocese. The dates and locales are:

Oct. 6-7 in Auburn; Oct. 13-14 in Rochester; Oct. 20-21 in Elmira.

Black Robes Paddle Again

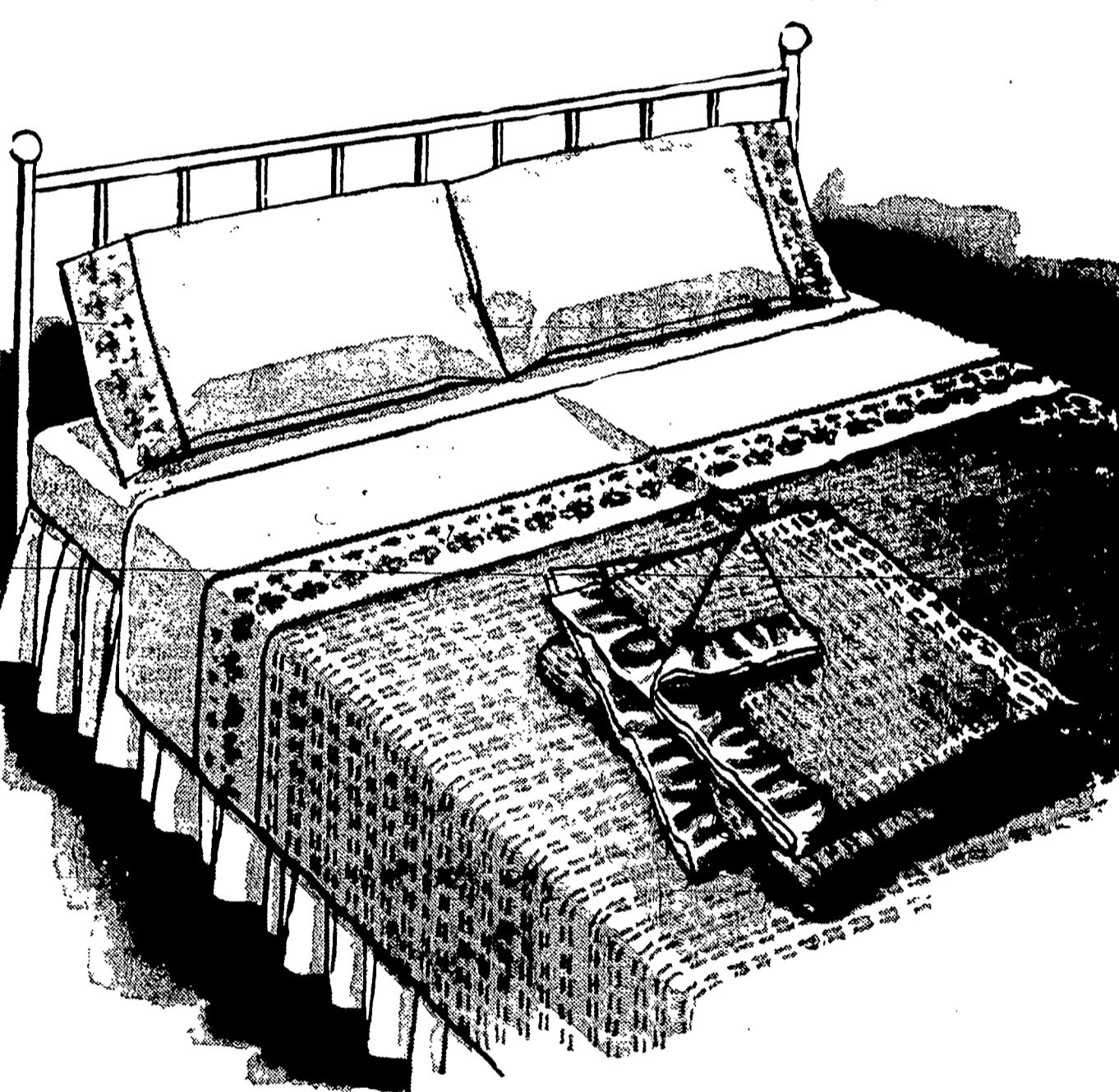
Midland, Ont. — (RNS) — "The black-robbed paddle again," local Indians are saying.

They refer to the Jesuits who launched four canoes on the first leg of a journey retracing the route of 17th Century missionaries and traders who penetrated this area.

In the 22-foot canoes are 24 priests, Brothers and scholars from Canada and the U.S. They expect to take 21 days to cover the 540-mile trip to the Christian Pavilion at Expo 67 in Montreal.

The Jesuits left after ceremonies at the reconstructed community of Sainte-Marie-among-the-Hurons here, where six of North America's eight martyred French Jesuits lived. With them, the Jesuits will carry messages on parchment and birchbark to be delivered at the Christian Pavilion, Sept. 3.

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In the wake of the to Istanbul in July, under way in Turkey ate searching of the soul and at the san new drive to avert an strengthening of the thodox Church in T Patriarch Athenagor abroad.

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