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Pope Paul
Charity
Key to
Unity

Vatican City. — (NC)—Charity is the key to the Christian unity movement, Pope Paul VI told thousands gathered at his weekly general audience.

Linking his comments with the recent observance of the Church Unity Octave, in which Catholics pray for the re-composition of the Church of Christ, the Pope said: "This ecumenical movement has been for us a very strong — and we hope — very beneficial stimulus to charity, the queen of the entire Christian moral system, the virtue which represents the pastoral mission to the entire Church and to all mankind."

The Pope noted that charity is "necessary, primary and essential to start along the right path toward the solution of the always complex and difficult ecumenical question." He also noted that "words come easily" in support of the ecumenical movement, but added that the "magnanimous exercise of charity is needed."

"How much overcoming of acquired inner attitudes which are regarded as right, how much humility, how much generosity, how much chastening of one's own selfishness, how much renunciation of one's own prestige is demanded by this exercise. We say this for ourself, we say this for all, pastors and faithful, that we have at heart the drawing closer of these separated brothers to whom we at last give the title of beloved."

The Pope concluded asking, "Charity, charity, is this perhaps your hour? Our beloved sons, let us all endeavor to be worthy of passing the way for it. Let us pray, love and work so that charity may be in our hearts and work the wonder of its own triumph."



Cardinal In The Pews

London — (RNS) — John Cardinal Heenan, Archbishop of Westminster (center), sits among the congregation in his own cathedral at a United Lay Witness service held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The service in Westminster Cathedral was conducted by laymen and was organized by the Westminster Christian Council. The sermon was delivered by an Anglican, prayers were led by a Methodist. It was the first service of its kind ever held in the huge Catholic cathedral.

Father Deckman

Visiting Photog Records
Rochester Padre at Work

Maryknoll Father Graham McDonnell sent the Courier the following story and pictures he took in LaPaz, Bolivia, during a visit to Rochester's Father Peter Deckman.

"You're just in time," said Father Peter Deckman, as I arrived at the door of the parish dispensary, completely out of breath after climbing up the hill.

"You're the only mission in the world that works on a 45 degree angle!" I answered, but Pete was too excited for pleasantries.

"We just had a set of triplets," he burst out, "you can take pictures of them when we go to baptize them." We waited for the doctor of the parish clinic to finish his work for the day.

I had just met Pete that morning at the Maryknoll Center in La Paz. He had invited me up, and I mean up, for his parish is at least 1,000 feet higher than the Center House — up for dinner. As we waited for the doctor, Pete filled me in on the triplets. They were girls, born the day before in the wilderness of the Andes, another 500 feet above the parish, and a few kilometers out from the edge of La Paz.

Our discussion was cut short with the appearance of Dr. Ahuad Abdalah, the doctor employed by the parish in its

clinic for the poor. The 28-year-old doctor is the son of an Arabian businessman and a Bolivian girl. He works at the parish clinic full time for 125 dollars a month.

In less time than it takes to read this, Father Pete, the doctor, and the Indian woman who brought the triplets into the city were down the path that winds around the simple adobe church. The yard-wide path leading to the street is walled in on either side by adobe walls, and serves not only as a means of getting in and out of the area,

it also serves as an open sewer, making the footing very slippery. This I learned as I brought up the rear, stopping every few minutes to record the progress on film.

The baby girls were in the care of three Indian women in a house down the hill. They were baptized and examined, then wrapped again in their papoose-style swaddling clothes.

Father Pete had decided to take them to the St. Isabel Clinic in town. The three

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READY TO GO. Father Deckman answers call of neighbor lady to baptize triplets born the previous day.

CICOP Meet Hears:

U.S. Should Aid,
Not Dominate
Latin American

By MARGARET M. CARLAN (NC News Service)

St. Louis — "Dollars si, Yanquis no" appeared to be the consensus of participants in the third Inter-American Forum here as to the course the United States should follow in Latin America in the coming years.

The philosophy behind the slogan appeared to be the same as that behind the 11-point program for U.S. policy in Latin America proposed by presidential aspirant Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy of Minnesota, concluding forum speaker.

The idea was introduced by the opening speaker at the two-day meeting sponsored by St. Louis University and the Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program (CICOP) last weekend.

The opening forum speaker, Dr. John N. Plank, senior staff member of the Brookings Institution, Washington, related that when Sen. Robert F. Kennedy of New York visited Mexico City he saw the "Dollars si, Yanquis no," slogan written on a wall.

"There is a great deal to be said for that proposition," Dr. Plank said in his address on "The Two American Cultures: Coexistence, Competition, or Cooperation?"

The informal theme was also touched on in an address on militarism in Latin America by Dr. Lyle N. McAlister, director of the Center for Latin American Studies at the University of Florida, and in a paper on Latin American education by Dr. Paulo de Tarso, former minister of education of Brazil.

The "Yanquis no" part of the slogan was heavily sounded in an unscheduled forum address by Father Blaise Bonpane, M.M. He was a colleague of the two Maryknoll priests, Fathers Arthur and Thomas Melville, suspended by the society for fail-

ing to report to its headquarters in Maryknoll, N.Y., as ordered in late December after being linked by their superiors in Guatemala with guerrilla activity in that country. The suspended priests are brothers.

Sen. McCarthy's proposal called for greatly increased U.S. developmental aid to Latin America and a voluntary withdrawal by the U.S. from dominance in the Organization of American States (OAS).

He said that unless the United States drastically alters its Latin American policy it runs the risk of losing the entire continent for the free world.

McCarthy blamed U.S. occupation with Vietnam as causing the U.S. failure to respond positively and adequately to Latin American needs as well as to its own domestic crises.

He also asked reexamination of the U.S. policy on Cuba which would allow that country "the chance to return into the family of nations to which Cuba belongs." He said this could come about through a Cuban selected international commission of Latin American countries which, working through the OAS, "could find proper guarantees so that Cuba would accept its international obligations, free its political prisoners and begin to move toward freedom."

Sen. McCarthy charged that since 1964 the U.S. had increasingly thrown its power "behind unrepresentative elements" in Latin America and in the crisis in the Dominican Republic in 1965 did this through military intervention.

Dr. Plank opened the forum (Continued on Page 2)

Ecumenism, A Necessity,
Not An Option, Priest Says

St. Petersburg, Fla. — (NC) — A priest-ecumenist observed here: "Christian unity is an 'in' thing these days — not so much to gather like-minded men and women together, as to enable our common witness to be of greater service to the whole community."

Father David J. Bowman, S.J., of New York, assistant director of the Department of Faith and Order, National Council of Churches, spoke here at the opening of a Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in the Pasadena Community church.

"Unless we come together in Christian faith and trust and love — to the extent that we fail or even refuse to come together — the world for which Christ prays will not believe in Him. . . will even be unable to believe in Him as our Lord and Saviour," Father Bowman said.

"Ecumenism is simply not an option any more, if it ever was. We must speak with one another, pray with one another, cooperate with one another in serving the larger community around us. Separation is a luxury, in the Biblical sense: we cannot afford it," he said.

Bishop Scores
'Tired Myth'
About Clergy

San Antonio, Tex. — (NC) — Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio told a meeting of Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox leaders here that it is a "tired old myth that clergymen belong in the sanctuary and in the synagogue and not in the slums, the hovels of the poor, the hall of a labor union, nor in the fields where human beings, made to the image and likeness of God, labor under the burning sun for starvation wages."

"That aged and tottering myth," Archbishop Lucey declared, "has been exploded and condemned by ministers and priests many times in recent years."

"But," he added, "certain nice people in our Church today are shocked that Christ in the person of a clergyman should associate with the little people, the exploited, the poverty-stricken, the diseased and the illiterate."

Archbishop Lucey quoted the Second Vatican Council decree on the lay apostolate: "Laymen exercise the apostolate in fact by their activity directed to the evangelization and sanctification of men and to the penetrating and perfecting of the temporal order through the spirit of the Gospel."

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