

Around The Country

Abortion Termed Attack on Innocent

Brooklyn, N.Y.—(RNS)—Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart has labeled abortion "an attack on the innocent which has grave implications for all who are in any way defenseless or handicapped."

The leader of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn defined his Church's position on abortion in a pastoral letter which was read in the diocese's 208 churches last Sunday.

Noting that reform legislation is currently being considered by the State Legislature, the Brooklyn prelate declared that "each individual has a right to life regardless of the state of his development or the condition of his health. This is true for the unborn child."

Nuns Looking for Summer Jobs

St. Louis—(NC)—Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet in the St. Louis Province will take salaried jobs this summer to help meet the cost of education.

Sister Joan Marie Gleason, provincial, said any of the Sister may work "preferably within the area of their present profession." Money earned will be put into a central fund for education. Volunteer work and summer school will remain in the summer program.

Federation of Priests Called Significant

Atlanta—(RNS)—Archbishop Paul J. Hallinan has termed the developing national federation of Roman Catholic priests as "one of the most significant things in the American Church since the Second Vatican Council." The Atlanta prelate commented in an interview in the archdiocesan newspaper, The Georgia Bulletin.

An organization given the working title of National Federation of Priests' Councils, was launched at a recent meeting in Chicago.

"The best thing about the proposed association is that it is of and by priests for the entire People of God," Archbishop Hallinan said.

Senator Cites Vatican II on War

St. Paul, Minn.—(RNS)—Sen. Eugene McCarthy (D-Minn.) said here that the Second Vatican Council pointedly warned against the type of war the United States is conducting in Vietnam.

The Council also warned, he held, that men who fail to recognize "the unique hazards of modern war" will give a sadder reckoning for their deeds.

Sen. McCarthy, a Roman Catholic who is challenging President Johnson for the 1968 Democratic Presidential nomination, lectured at the College of St. Thomas.

He said that the Vietnam war was basically an "outgrowth of an excessive fear of world communism and a good example of the evil that can result from the 'holy war'—holy crusade mentality."

Richmond Diocese Gets Service Award

Richmond, Va.—(NC)—The Office of Economic Opportunity has cited the diocese of Richmond's antipoverty program. The diocese was one of 12 organizations and individuals presented with OEO's new Urban Service Award.

The citation spoke of "significant assistance and support to the low-income community of Richmond through the provision of two church buildings for neighborhood centers, equipment and volunteers."

Billy Graham Drops College Plan

Vero Beach, Fla.—(RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham said here he was shelving his plans for a \$50 million university which would have trained evangelists and other religion specialists for service throughout the world.

Mr. Graham said that 22 cities had offered property and financial aid but to become an educator would "be a great diversion from my preaching and worldwide crusade." The crusade, he said, would be his primary ministry for at least the next ten years.

No School Funds For Baccalaureates

St. Paul, Minn.—(RNS)—Minnesota Attorney General Douglas Head has ruled that baccalaureate services sponsored by public high schools are unconstitutional and that public funds cannot be used to finance them.

However, he said privately sponsored baccalaureates may be held in public schools without violating state or federal constitutions if certain conditions are met. For instance, he said, there could be interreligious services sponsored by churches, graduates acting privately, parents or other interested groups. No public funds nor school time could be used. Teachers and school administrators could not participate officially, and student attendance could not be required. Such a service could be held in a public school if the building were rented to the sponsoring agency on the same basis it is rented to other groups.

Parish Established For Students

Natchitoches, La.—(RNS)—The first non-territorial parish in the Alexandria, La. diocese has been established by Bishop Charles P. Greco.

The Bishop said the parish would provide "for the spiritual welfare of Catholics whose lives and activities are closely linked with Northwestern (La.) State College." It will serve about 1,300 Catholic students, many of them with families, as well as 25 faculty members.



Cardinal Cited By LBJ

PRESIDENT JOHNSON presented a National Brotherhood Citation to Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle of Washington in behalf of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. The President was a surprise guest at the 19th annual Brotherhood Citation dinner of the Capital Area. He praised Cardinal O'Boyle, as a man "who did not wait" to effect programs in his archdiocese designed to improve relations of men with their neighbors. (Religious News Service Photo)

Provides Data

'Right to Life' Group In Action

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It said: "The committee has been formed to assemble and disseminate responsible and authoritative information on the subject of therapeutic abortion to legislative members, public officials and the general public."

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Episcopal Bishop Consecrated In Catholic Cathedral

Buffalo—(NC)—Episcopal Coadjutor Bishop Harold H. Robinson of Western New York was consecrated in the Roman Catholic cathedral here.

Both Bishop James A. McNulty and Auxiliary Bishop Stanislaus J. Brazana of the Roman Catholic Buffalo diocese attended the ceremony, along with some 3,000 persons. Bishop McNulty offered the use of St. Joseph's cathedral for the consecration because it is three times the size of the city's largest Episcopal Church.

About 300 priests and nuns attended the service. Dr. Martin L. Goldberg, rabbi of the Temple Beth Zion, read from Isaiah.

Diocese Gives Church For Housing Poor

Bishop Sheen announced on Wednesday that St. Bridget's Church, buildings and land, in Rochester's inner city, would be given to the U.S. Government on one condition—that housing for the poor be built on the property. Full text of the Pastoral Office's statement follows:

The Diocese of Rochester has chosen Ash Wednesday as the day on which to make a symbolic and a real sacrifice for the poor. Inspired by the example of Pope Paul who sold his tiara for the poor, and St. Lawrence who sold precious vessels of the Church for the needy, and of some Bishops of Latin America who gave away property for housing, the Diocese of Rochester, its Bishop, its clergy and its people have offered church property to the propertyless.

The offer was made directly to the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development of the United States Government, the Honorable Robert C. Weaver. Last November 8 Bishop Sheen called on Mr. Weaver and made the offer of church property within the city to the Federal Government. He made clear to the Government that this gift was offered, not because the property was not needed—for it is needed—but rather in order that through a sacrificial gift the Diocese might alleviate the plight of the needy.

Mr. Weaver sent representatives to the City of Rochester, after investigating six church locations, finally decided on the land of St. Bridget's.

The letter which Bishop Sheen wrote to Mr. Weaver made clear that this property is given on one condition: that within the shortest possible time there be built on it housing for the poor. The Government has accepted the gift on the understanding that the local Government officials will cooperate.

The Diocese of Rochester, through its Pastoral Program in the area will continue in a more intensified way, for the diocese is not leaving the people nor neglecting their Church needs. School-children, parishioners, and neighbors will all have their spiritual and temporal needs cared for in an ever-expanding program in the inner city. It is not easy for the pastor, the assistant clergy, the religious and the devoted people to give up what is already so serviceable and so beloved. It is even harder for the diocese with its ever-increasing need for areas of ministrations. But even more important is the need of the parish, of the diocese and all forces of the community to de-gotize their own interests, that a socially disenfranchised people might have roofs over their heads and enjoy the personal dignity which belongs to them as the children of God.

Diocesan schools organized a massive Schools-at-War rally in the Eastman Theater, and a competitive sale of war stamps and bonds.

Bishop Kearney dispensed the diocese from the Lenten law of general fast and Friday abstinence because of food rationing and shortages and irregular hours kept in war workers' households.

25 Years Ago

(From Catholic Courier, March 4, 1943)
Father John L. Maxwell, now pastor of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Churchville, was the 29th priest from this diocese to enter the armed forces as a World War II chaplain.

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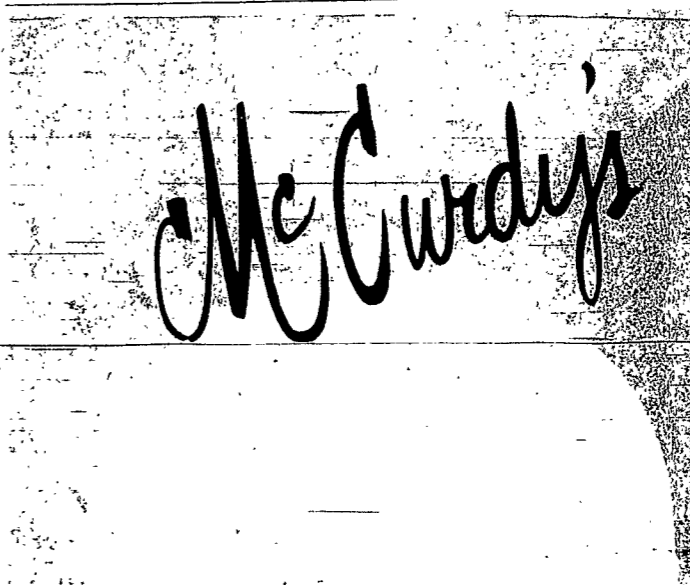
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THE PLACE: McCurdy's Community Center, Third Floor, Midtown.

MISS CAROL LIPKA, American Airlines stewardess and a former model, will be one of the models at the Saturday showing.



Alhambra

Auxiliary-bishop elect High awards to Richmond No. 25 awards Commander Daniel of the dinner.

Innecity Gets Nearly \$250,000

Philadelphia—(NC)—most \$250,000 has been voluntarily contributed by parishes in the Philadelphia archdiocese to help needy inner city parishes. The donations were made in the first eight months operation of the Interparochial Cooperation Commission.

Some 147 parishes (out of 314) contributed \$232,316 help parishes in poor need and operating expenses.

Thus far, 17 parishes—of them in the city—have been aided by the interparochial fund. The funds have been used for such things as teacher salaries, roof repairs, insurance premiums.

DEADLINE FOR NEWS MONDAY NOON

WEEKLY CROSSWORD

ACROSS	DOWN
1. City in Thuringia, Germany	1. One who stares in wonder
6. Perform	2. Ecclesiastical cap
11. Arum plant	3. Brazer
12. God of thunder	4. Haften
13. Parts of windows	5. Paid in nobles
14. As before	6. Old Norse works
15. High priest	7. Waste fiber
16. Gal of song	8. Formic
17. You, it	9. Reed mace
18. Reagents	10. Bother
21. Prate	16. Rigorous
22. Ohio college town	19. Simple
23. Spiral of wire	
24. Easy	11
28. Hewing tools	13
29. Craggy hill	15
30. Cretan spikenard	18
31. French painter	
38. Digraph	24 25
39. Brown in the sun	28
37. Scotch alder	30
38. Of the pope	35
40. Firm	38
42. Goddess of peace	42
43. Fat	44
44. Spirit lamps	
45. More exposed	

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