



Pope in Lenten Procession

Rome—(RNS)—Pope Paul VI takes part in a penitential procession going to designated stations churches during this Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, he offered Mass at St. Peter's and preached about Dr. Martin Luther King.

Pope Deplores Dr. King Death

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cially in Nigeria, and then in the United States of America, where the assassination of a defenseless and Christian prophet of racial integration, Martin Luther King, reveals a deep and almost implacable conflict of souls and interests.

The triple reference to the assassinated leader clearly showed Pope Paul's enormous concern for the death of Dr. King and inspired him in his sermon to pray in St. Peter's for the Baptist minister who bore the name of one of the Church's Reformation critics: "May this execrable crime take on the value of a sacrifice. May it not be hatred, or vendetta, or a new abyss between citizens of the same great and noble country that are deepened an increased, but

rather a new common purpose of pardon, of peace and reconciliation, in equality of flesh and just, right, overcoming the unjust discriminations and present struggles.

"Our sorrow is made all the greater and more fearful because of the violent and disorderly reactions provoked by this sad event. But our hope also grows as we see that, among all responsible persons and in the very heart of people themselves, there rises up the desire and the undertaking of drawing from the unjust death of Martin Luther King an effective victory over racial struggles and the adoption of laws and methods of coexistence more in conformity with modern civilization and Christian brotherhood. Weeping and yet hoping, we pray that it may indeed be so."

Nation Grieves for Dr. King

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ed, in which he was licensed to preach and in which he was ordained, where his father is pastor, which he has served . . . for years."

In churches and public gatherings last Sunday and on Wednesday Americans of all faiths prayed together for the slain Negro leader. Prayers and sermons also concerned the needs of the nation whose racial uneasiness was stirred again with rioting, looting and burning in nearly 100 communities.

In the Diocese at least a score of parish groups merged with Protestant and Jewish neighbors, both black and white, for memorial services, both in Catholic churches and Protestant.

Bishop Sheen, preaching at Sacred Heart Cathedral Sunday, April 5, said the following:

"Within the last few years America has witnessed the assassination of a President and the assassination of a King. The same target was telescoped before the barrel of each gun — leadership . . . A superior leader always creates conflicts . . . But the hatred and violence lodged against him will often be the measure, not only of how much he has risen against mediocrity, but also how far we have sunk into the morass of violence . . . Is there not a connection among God is dead; the President is dead; King is dead? If we are making ourselves no more than animals, can we not at least be animals that romp, rather than animals that kill?"

Mrs. JFK Hope: More Love, Less Hate

In a simply worded appeal to the country, Mrs. John F. Kennedy voiced her hope Friday that the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. would result in making room "in people's hearts for love, not hate."

Mrs. Kennedy, whose husband was assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, said in the appeal.

"I weep for Mrs. King and for her children for this senseless, senseless act of hate, which took away a man who preached love and hope.

"When will our country learn that to live by the sword is to perish by the sword?"

"I pray that with the price he paid—his life—he will make room in people's hearts for love, not hate.

"Some people would never kill—but even to speak of another with hatred is the same and causes death.

"In the agonizing months that lie ahead, I pray that everyone will look into his heart and try to find more room for love and justice there.

"And for the people Dr. King led, who have suffered so much and who have so much still to hope for, I pray that his sacrifice will help to bring them all that they deserve."

Set Rules for Grade Closings

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than 300 pupils from Catholic schools moving over to the public schools this fall if certain parishes close a few grades for lack of teachers. A joint meeting of the Chemung County Catholic School Board, church pastors, and parochial school principals will be held May 8 to discuss the future of Catholic schools in the county.

The Board proposed at this month's meeting that Elmira's Notre Dame High School should become a 7th grade through 12th grade, junior-senior high school next fall. This would permit some parishes to close their 7th and or 8th grades but would re-

quire the parishes or parents to pay \$300 per pupil tuition, if undertaken, Elmira officials said.

In Auburn, discussion of a recent professional survey suggesting centralization of all parochial schools, new financing, higher standards for teacher recruitment and enlarged curriculum, has only temporarily eclipsed parish concern over Sister shortage. At least three parishes have been seriously planning closing one or two grades of their schools and consolidating classes with nearby schools where possible for next fall.

Rochester's McQuaid Jesuit High School opened an 8th grade for boys last year.

Thrift Shop Shares Used For Tithes

Louisville, Ky. — (RNS) — Louisville has a Roman Catholic priest who "tithes" to Protestant churches—be they Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist or an independent mission in the neighborhood.

He is Father John L. Weyhing of St. Elizabeth church. His "tithing" is an offshoot of a thrift store that he operates in one-of-the-city's poverty areas.

Each customer gets a "thrift store share check" made out for 10 per cent of his purchase. The "checks" may, among other uses, be donated to any church or charity of the purchaser's choice. The church or charity can then redeem the "share check" for cash.

Father Weyhing's store is housed in a former garage. The going rate for a good shirt is about a quarter.

The prices symbolized the aim of the priest's efforts—to aid needy persons without making it seem like charity. As he puts it: "First of all, a giveaway doesn't help the dignity of your people. . . . If you had a giveaway you'd have to be subsidized and then it'd be aid, aid, aid."

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ARCHBISHOP COOKE

Archbishop Cooke Urges Renewal

By Religious News Service

New York — Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York asked the nearly 2 million Roman Catholics of his archdiocese to join him in a program of Church renewal.

He spoke here at the ceremony of his formal installation, which was attended by President Lyndon B. Johnson.

In a last-minute addition to his prepared address, Archbishop Cooke welcomed Mr. Johnson.

"Mr. President," he said, "you have been with us in our sorrow and now you are with us in our joy." His words recalled the last time Mr. Johnson had been in St. Patrick's Cathedral, for the funeral of the late Francis Cardinal Spellman.

He asked the congregation to "pray with all our hearts that God will inspire our President who has so greatly honored us by being here this afternoon."

"In the last few days," he said, "we have all admired his heroic efforts in the search for peace in Vietnam. We ask God to bless his efforts with success."

Mr. Johnson was accompanied by U.N. Ambassador Arthur Goldberg. Other dignitaries attending the installation included New York's Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller and Mayor John V. Lindsay of New York City.

More than 100 archbishops, bishops and abbots, headed by the six U.S. cardinals, were in the sanctuary for the ceremony.

Some Catholics feel "tempest-tossed and threatened" by recent renewal efforts in the Church, Archbishop Cooke said, while others "are disturbed because worthwhile changes seem to come too slowly."

"I hope," he added, "that in spirit of different views and feelings, we shall maintain the unity of love."

"We must not hesitate to be flexible," he said, "to think out and then try out new ideas, to promote necessary changes, to consult democratically, to tap the resources of all within the Church."

"It does not have to be said that this will require patient study and research, careful planning, prayer to the Holy Spirit to guide us as we move on with no undue haste yet with deliberate speed."

Specific contemporary problems referred to in Archbishop Cooke's sermon were those of peace, poverty and racial tension.

He pledged "the spiritual and material resources of this archdiocese to uplift the poor, especially the disadvantaged in our ghettos, helping them to help themselves with dignity and self respect."

Apostolic Delegate

Hope Expressed For Church Unity

By Religious News Service

New York — Expressions of hope for increasing ecumenical interaction were exchanged here by Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America.

Archbishop Raimondi was honored at a reception given by the Orthodox leader on the day of the installation of Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York.

The reception was attended by hierarchs of many of the Orthodox jurisdictions in America, by Protestant and ecumenical leaders and Greek Orthodox clergy and officials.

Archbishop Iakovos read a statement written for the occasion by Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodoxy. "Christians of the East and of the West," the patriarch's statement said, "we are called to cultivate in ourselves, in others, in our friends, in those known and unknown to us, the conscience that we are brothers belonging to and constituting the same Christian church."

"We were separated not by Papal or Conciliar decisions but rather de facto; it is de facto again—as we are moved by the power of the Holy Spirit and the general demand of Christian people—that we shall be reunited one bright morning of the new Spring of Christendom, for centuries now anticipated."

Voicing deep emotion at the warmth expressed by the Patriarch and the day may come when there will be no walls between brothers and the American Orthodox leaders, Archbishop Raimondi said he prayed "when the Eucharist may be celebrated together."

Archbishop Raimondi, appointed Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. last year, said divisions which exist are not of the Holy Spirit but of the human element. "Our obligation and responsibility is to purify ourselves," he declared.

"We have to be very grateful to great men like Pope John and Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras for their vision, earnestness and desire to go back to the path of the unity of our Lord," Archbishop Raimondi said.

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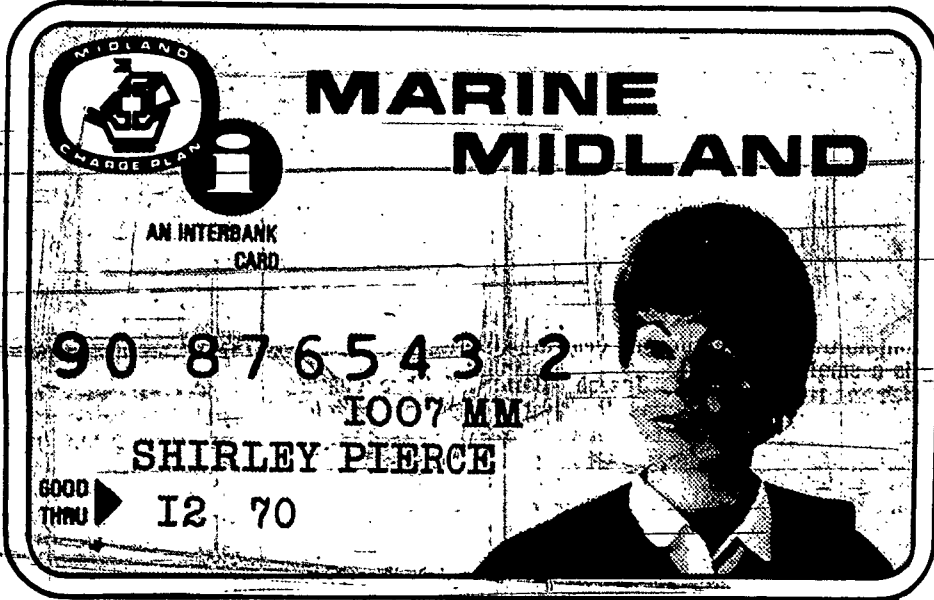
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By VIRGINIA EADES NC News Service

Managua, Nicaragua — At 7:30 the morning in Managua, the day was already oppressive. In the airport that serves the capital there was little activity. A twin-engine plane of World War II vintage saw the apron waiting to take me and a dozen other passengers to places names like Bonanza and Bluefield.

Siuna was my destination, a hazy flying time from Managua. There is no road into Siuna, so flying is only way to get there — unless come to the East Coast by freighter go up river by barge, and find over some roads that only Jesuits negotiate. The landing strip at Siuna is just a wide gravel extension of road into the three separate little lagoons that form one large community and the terminal buildings is a simple bare wooden structure with a roof.

It was at Siuna three years ago the first Holidays for Humanity

Violence, Apathy Hit by Cardinal

Mexico City—(NC)—Maurice Cardinal Roy of Quebec, on a visit as chairman of the Pontifical Commission for World Justice and Peace, said Christian teachings condemn violence in solving social problems, also condemn "the false pride that lacks the courage to make needed reforms."

The prelate, who has been touring Latin America for several weeks, he was impressed by the number of Catholic organizations and institutions already applying Pope Paul VI's cyclical, "The Development of Peoples, in their respective countries."

But, he added, Latin Americans still have to assume fully their responsibility in working towards economic balance and a just social order so every citizen can promote own welfare in a climate of freedom and common good.

The cardinal added at a press conference in the headquarters of Mexican Social Secretariat that national efforts for development do eliminate the need for "foreign" pontifical commission, Cardinal Roy indicated, is engaged in persuading rich countries to devote at least one per cent of their gross national product to assist poor countries.

Spaniards Protest

Bishops' Presence

In Parliament

Barcelona, Spain—(NC)—Leaders of 30 lay apostolate groups in Catalonia have petitioned two high-ranking Spanish prelates to resign their government appointments to the nation's parliament, the Cortes.

"We believe the Second Vatican Council's directives are very clear on this point," the petitioners, Archbishop Casimiro Morcillo of Madrid, vice president of the Spanish Bishops' Conference, and Auxiliary Bishop Jose Guerra Campos of Madrid.

(A spokesman at the Madrid chancery office reported that an average of 40 letters a day are received on the subject, some in favor, some against the bishops' presence or government political body.)

The Barcelona statement pointed out that "this is a matter that does affect the Church in our country." "If, furthermore, we take into account the fact that great numbers particularly among the workers, have left the Church because the symbol of such a union," the document emphasized.