

AROUND THE WORLD



Prelate Meets The Press

The new Archbishop of Paris meets the press. Archbishop Francois Marty, 63, held a press conference, giving his views on a wide variety of subjects, as he succeeded to the see long held by the late Pierre Cardinal Veulliot. (Religious News Service)

Bishop Offers His Home To Poor

Cadiz — (RNS) — Bishop Antonio Anoveros Cataum of Cadiz have offered the use of his home and other diocesan properties to provide housing for needy families here.

In a statement published in the diocesan bulletin, he said that "so far as housing is concerned" many poor families "are barely considered as human beings" in the City of Cadiz.

He suggested that banks and charitable agencies set up a special housing fund and offered "the residence where we live and as many premises belonging to the Church as are suitable for needy families, at the same time cutting down to the limit our diocesan and personal needs."

High School Tax Grants Sought

Toronto, Ont. — (RNS) — Some 250 Roman Catholic laymen, in an unprecedented program, spoke from pulpits in the Toronto archdiocese in support of a campaign to obtain tax grants for Catholic high schools.

Similar speeches by laymen have been made in the Ottawa archdiocese.

The move was part of a massive campaign mounted by Ontario Catholics for tax-support through high school.

Under Canada's constitution, Ontario Catholics are guaranteed their own separate school system from kindergarten through Grade 8. This system is supported by taxes directed to it by local Catholic property owners. Limited grants from taxes are also available for the first two grades of high schools.

No Politics in Pope's Visit

Bogota — (RNS) — Church and government spokesmen here have emphasized that the visit of Pope Paul VI to Bogota in August will have no political overtones.

A statement by church authorities emphasized that the Pope will come as the visible head of the Church, not of Vatican City.

Government sources noted that the presidents of several Latin American nations are expected to attend the Eucharistic Congress, but "as pilgrims, not as heads of their respective states." For this reason, the sources added, "one can disregard the possibility of their meeting the Pope."

Presbyterian Woman Ordained

Toronto, Ont. — (RNS) — Miss Shirley Jeffrey, 28, of Appleton, near London, Ont., will become the first ordained woman minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Scheduled to graduate with a bachelor of divinity degree from Knox College, University of Toronto, Miss Jeffrey will be ordained May 29 and assigned to the Timiskaming, Ont., area as a minister.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada approved the ordination of women in 1966. Miss Jeffrey was the first applicant.

Apparition Reported in Egypt

Cairo — (RNS) — Reports of apparitions of the Virgin Mary continue at the Coptic Church of St. Mary in nearby Zeitun. Pilgrims are visiting the church by tens of thousands every night.

Workers have begun to remove trees near the church to permit access and a view to more pilgrims. The city has announced plans to demolish a huge bus garage overlooking the church and to build wooden stands for the pilgrims.

Among those who have reported seeing the vision is Coptic Patriarch Kyrillos VI of Alexandria.

University Closed in Squabble

Lima, Peru — (NC) — The Pontifical Catholic University of Peru has been closed following student demands that the rector, Jesuit Father Felipe McGregor, resign. School officials say that the Catholic University Students' Federation has challenged the principle of authority and will not be heard "until it changes its attitude."

The students had demanded that the rector be elected by the faculty, student body and university council, instead of being appointed by the Holy See.

At the University of Santiago, Chile, one of the points of agreement which ended a student strike last year was a procedure whereby nominees for the rectorship selected by the students and faculty would be submitted to the Holy See for approval. A similar conflict at the Catholic University of Valparaiso in Chile also ended with a change in leadership.

Pakistan Serrans Launch Program

Karachi, Pakistan — (NC) — Archbishop Joseph (Cardinal) of Karachi has offered "full support" to a lay-sponsored program for increased vocations to the priesthood.

The archbishop said the fact that the program was drawn up by laymen, "far from decreasing its value, should rather increase it."

The program was launched by the local Serra Club.



Trustees of Catholic University of America hold a press conference to announce election of a new 30-member board. From left are: Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington and university chancellor; Father John P. Whalen, acting university rector; Dr. James Brennan, representing the faculty; and Dr. Carroll Hochwalt, who was re-elected to the new board. (Religious News Photo)

New Board Named at Catholic U.

St. Louis — (RNS) — Meeting exactly one year after a faculty-student boycott which shut down the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., the university's board of trustees elected a new board divided almost equally between clergy and laity.

Negroes, women and a non-Catholic are members of the board of trustees for the first time. Total membership is 30 members — among them 13 laymen, a Brother and a nun.

The nun, Sister Mary Seraphine, S.S.J., president of the Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph in the U.S., will be the first woman to serve on the university's board of trustees.

The new board was elected by the previous board which had 44 members.

Among the new board members, in addition to Sister Mary Seraphine are:

San Francisco's Mayor Joseph L. Alioto; Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shannon of St. Paul; New Orleans NAACP chief counsel Alexander Pierre Tureaud, Sr.; National Gallery of Art director John Walker; Jewish businessman Benjamin T. Rome; banker C. Burke; publisher Edward J. McCabe; electronics executive Bernard J. O'Keefe; and Brother Gregory Nugent, president of Manhattan College.

Before its restructure, the CUA board made up of all the cardinals and archbishops of the country and selected bishops, plus 11 laymen, for a total of 44.

Restructure of the board was one of the early recommendations of the Survey and Objectives Committee headed by Dr. Carroll Hochwalt, St. Louis research industry leader, who was also re-elected to the new board.

Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle, Archbishop of Washington, D.C., and chancellor of the 81-year-old pontifical university, said the meeting here "was one of the most significant in my 20 years as chancellor."

Major items on its agenda when it meets in June include the continuing search for a rector for the university; complete revision of the school's statutes and by-laws; study by professional consultants of the educational, administrative and business aspects of the university; and the Survey and Objectives Committee's recommendations on the future function and place of the university in modern Catholic education on a national scale.

Father Whalen said he expected a

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new rector to be named "in the next two or three months." His term as acting rector runs out in October.

Other members of the new board:

The nation's cardinals as ex-officio members: John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia; Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle of Washington; Lawrence Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore.

Msgr. William W. Baum of Kansas City; St. Joseph; Archbishop James V. Casey of Denver; Leo A. Daly, an architect; Archbishop Joseph Dwyer of Portland; Archbishop Philip M. Hanna of New Orleans; Lawrence Hickey, a broker.

Philip D. Lewis, a realtor from Palm Beach; Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken of San Francisco; Bishop John L. Morkovsky of Galveston-Houston; Bernard J. O'Keefe, president of a Massachusetts electronic firm; Benjamin T. Rome, first non-Catholic to serve on the board and president of the George Hyman Construction Co., Washington, D.C.; and Bishop Alexander Zaleski of Lansing, Mich.

The university faculty for the first time was represented at the meeting by Father Carl Peter, Edward Jordan and James Brennan, who are professors.

Arson Suspected In Three Fires at Catholic University

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — There are growing suspicions here that three fires occurring within a week on the campus of the Catholic University of America have direct relationship to the Poor Peoples' March on Washington.

Ron Cannava, public information officer said that there is considerable speculation that the three fires "might have been aimed against participation in the March. Circumstances in the first two fires, definitely the work of arsonists, point to this, he said.

There are no direct clues regarding the origin of the third fire, which caused \$50,000 damage to the building and art pieces of students in the three-story Salve Regina Hall. That fire occurred at approximately 11:30 p.m., May 8.

The first fire occurred May 5 in the Law School. Only \$50 worth of damage was reported.

Mr. Cannava said there has been strong activity on the campus to get students organized for participation. "Most of the activity seems to be among the religious orders," he said.

The second fire occurred in a small warehouse on campus where Augustinian Fathers were storing used clothing designated for the Marchers. This fire appeared to be set against participation in the March, contrasted to the first, which seemingly urged participation.

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