

AROUND THE COUNTRY



Boston's New Auxiliary

Good humor highlighted a press conference with Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston and his newly designated auxiliary, Bishop-elect Daniel A. Cronin, 40, an archdiocesan priest who has been in Vatican service for 11 years. Bishop-elect Cronin will be consecrated in Boston's Holy Cross Cathedral on Sept. 12 in an all-English language ritual recently authorized by the Vatican. Cardinal Cushing will be the consecrator. (RNS Photo)

Third American Named To Rota

Philadelphia — (NC) — Father Thomas M. Mundy, 54, an authority in canon law and theology, has been appointed by Pope Paul VI to serve as a judge on the Sacred Roman Rota.

Father Mundy, a member of the faculty at the archdiocese's major seminary, St. Charles Borromeo, and Father William J. Doheny, C.S.C.

The Rota handles appeals in Church litigation, principally in marriage cases.

Diocese Plans With State

Hartford, Conn. — (NC) — The Hartford archdiocese has launched a study in conjunction with state, municipal and business agencies to determine the future needs of the Church here.

The new Archbishop's Commission for the evaluation of Economic and Demographic Growth will study "not only the erection of new parishes but the readjustment of existing parishes to new conditions."

The economic and demographic profile of each community in the archdiocese will include the concentration and types of people, their economic and educational status; state land-use planning, transportation facilities, highway construction and housing.

Compulsory Study of U.N. Urged

United Nations, N.Y. — (RNS) — Italy has proposed that the United Nations and other international organizations become required subjects in schools throughout the world.

In this manner, it said, teachers in all countries could present "human rights" to youngsters, without bias, in primary and secondary schools.

The proposal will be discussed by the General Assembly in September.

In a letter to Secretary General U Thant, the Italian government said it acted on the assumption that the United Nations has been poorly understood in its essence, its principles and its active existence.

"This lack of knowledge and understanding inevitably has an unfavorable effect on the political, economic and social life of nations, and on relations among the peoples of different countries," its memorandum stated.

Looking to the "truly young," Italy would fight "the inertia of psychological forces" in the primary and secondary schools where the mind is more easily moulded. It sees young people of today as "eager to know" and "dissatisfied with the society into which they were born and in which they are growing up."

Providence Diocese Begins Design for Low - Income Housing

Providence, R.I. — (RNS) — The Rhode Island School of Design's Department of Architecture will research and design low-income housing planned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence.

The project calls for about 100 units each in South Providence, a predominantly Negro section of the city, and Mount Hope, an area on the East Side to which Negro families have been moving in increasing numbers.

Homes for Hope, the new housing corporation of the

Catholic Diocese, is expected to be the official sponsor of the housing construction. Emphasis, according to William A. McNamara, executive director of the diocesan Human Relations Commission, will be on homes for owner occupancy.

There also is a determination, he said, to make the new homes a part of the old neighborhoods. "Community needs and the cultural-historical character of the neighborhoods will be taken into account in the planning," he said.

Milwaukee Tries 'Community' Church

Milwaukee — (RNS) — Social activists in the Milwaukee Catholic archdiocese have crossed parish lines to form an organization of about 90 lay men and women tentatively called the Community of John XXIII.

The community will have Sunday Mass said at "suitable locations" and also plans weekday Masses in homes of individual members, according to Father John Furtmann, its adviser.

They emphasized that members would also continue as members of their own parishes and would strive to use the information gained "to help stimulate the church on a local level."

Most of the members are married couples, including

some who have been active in the Christian Family Movement (CFM), of which Father Furtmann is archdiocesan chaplain.

Archbishop William E. Cousins announced his approval of the program in a letter to parish priests. The letter emphasized that the organization would not be a "floating parish" or an underground church, dis-associated from regular church structures, Father Furtmann said.

Approval also was given by the archdiocesan Priests' Senate, which advises the archbishop.

The community was set up as a one-year experiment and will be evaluated to determine its future.

Married Father of 3 To Become Priest

Sydney, Australia — (RNS) — A former Anglican cleric who has been given permission to become a Roman Catholic priest realizes he faces a "goldfish bowl" existence — at least for a short time after his ordination.

Peter Rushton, who has a wife and three children, has been granted a dispensation by Pope Paul VI to be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Hobart, Tasmania. The 41-year-old resident of suburban Ryde became a Catholic in 1956.

"It will be like living in a goldfish bowl for the first two or three weeks. After

that, I hope I shall be accepted like any other priest."

Mr. Rushton teaches history in the School of General Studies at Sydney Technical College and is a part-time lecturer in that subject at the University of New South Wales.

He expects to work in the Church as a teacher after his ordination. However, he reported that Archbishop Young has told him that his family comes first. The family includes his wife, Helen, who is a practicing psychiatrist, a daughter Anne, 15, and two sons, Jim, 11, and David, 2.

Spain Reported Pressuring Basque Priests

Paris — (RNS) — The Spanish government is cracking down on young Basque priests who are suspected of aiding Basque nationalist groups and opposing the Franco government, according to reports received here.

The reports said that more than 70 priests are under government surveillance, four have been fined and six others imprisoned from one to three months for refusing to pay fines.

Offenses for which the fines had been levied included refusing to allow the Spanish flag to be displayed in their churches, insulting the authorities and refusing to pray at public ceremonies attended by civil authorities.

Another priest, supported by a crowd of 300 laymen and 20 priests, had refused to be arrested, invoking a right guaranteed to the Catholic clergy under the Spanish-Vatican concordat. The police are expected to request the local bishop's permission to arrest the priest.

Some of the priests who are being kept under surveillance are reportedly suspected of harboring activists from nationalist organizations.

4 English Monks Set Up House In Peru Jungles

London — (NC) — Four English Benedictine monks are taking over 750 acres of the Peruvian jungle some 300 miles from Lima.

Their prefabricated monastery in the Apurimac Valley will help bring literacy, religion and also the teaching of new agricultural methods and domestic science to the Indians there.

The monks, from Worth Abbey, Crawley, in the south of England, will give a 20th-century touch to their order's missionary tradition.

Father Bede Hill, their leader, said Peruvian firms had promised to supply them with radio transmitters and receivers for broadcasting educational programs to the Indians.

Worth Abbey also hopes later to send out students from its school to do voluntary service there for a year before going on to university studies. After the monks are settled, missionary Sisters may also join them to teach domestic science and hygiene.

New Brazil Diocese
Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has established the new Brazilian diocese of Itapeva and named as its first Ordinary Bishop Silvio Maria Dario, currently auxiliary bishop of Botogatu.

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