Labor Day Plea:

End Bias No Matter What it May Cost,

U.S. Bishops Urge in Annual Message

Washington, D.C .- (RNS)-Labor unions and management were urged

Declaring "we have researched the problem of race relations long

"The tragic dimensions of the crisis," it noted, "have been statistically

"The gravity of the problem and the pressing need for action." the

"To refuse to move into action now on the grounds that further study

"Labor and management share the responsibility of guaranteeing, in so

Representative spokesmen for both groups are fully prepared to admit

"Despite improvement through federal and private programs, he readily

The statement went on to add, "it is not our purpose to point the finger

None of us in the white community can afford to cast the first stone

to act "now" to solve the problems of unemployment and job discrimination

in the 1968 Labor Day Statement of the Division for Urban Life of the

enough," the statement said: "It is time to implement the recommendations

of the (Kerner) Report, whatever it may cost in terms of dollars and cents

graphed and charted down to the last decimal point in any number of recent studies and notably in the March 1968 Report of the National Advisory

statement pointed out, "are much too clear to allow further delay in adopt-

of the problem is needed, or because of the tragic war in Vietnam, would

far as it lies within their power to do so, equal employment opportunation

that much remains to be done before they can honestly claim to have met

concedes, Negro unemployment rates still indicate wide discrimination in

filiated unions, in the North as well as in the South, to practice racial

at any other segment of our society. We are all to deoply implicated in the

Rather it is our purpose to encourage the labor movement not to give

The statement praised the AFL-CIO National Council of the Building and Construction Trade Unions for their work in recruiting Negro member

American management was also cited by the Labor Day statement for

The National Alliance of Businessmen and similar organizations were

its failures, not "to taunt American industry" for these, but to stimulate

praised for "their efforts to provide on the job training for the hard-core

for Negro workers and the members of other disadvantaged minorities.

and whatever painful changes it may require us to make.

## Liturgical Conference Backs Black Power

Washington, D.C.— (RNS) —Black power, the churches' use of economic power for social reform, and justice under law were advocated in resolutions approved by members of the National Liturgical Conference at its annual convention here.

The resolutions were passed at the final general assembly of the Liturgical Week, attended by some 4,500 priests, nuns and laymen.

Black power was defined as "the right of black people and all other minority groups to control their own communities," with special reference to economic, political, religious and educational interests.

The resolution supported black ownership of businesses in black communities; "control over the administration of justice, the police, welfare and all other public services"; control over religious institutions, including schools, hospitals and parishes; control of public school boards, ad-

ministrations and faculty. It also resolved to seek "the opening of all church buildings for the total service of the community, at

United States Catholic Conference.

Commission on Civil Disorders."

be a perilous form of self-deception . . .

ing its recommendations.

scandal of white racism.

up, but to fight harder.

ship in apprenticeship programs.

additional programs of positive value.

whatever time of the day or week that the community is able to use

Justice under law is necessary, the third resolution said, because the Conference "stands appalled at the barbaric call for the indiscriminate shooting of looters." One of the causes of riots the resolution added, is "institutionalized injustice."

The conference issued "a Christian call to every parish, a call to action in which these parishes will demand that local courts and police execute justice rather than mere control."

The 1968 Liturgical Week also featured (Aug. 21) a rite of recondiation using a mixed media approach. The Mind Garage, an electronic rock band, played while a light show, slides and commentary all worked at producing a fusion of psychedelic 'mind-blowing" and new forms of liturgical worship.

Reaction among the 5,000 participants was mixed, with some expressing uneasiness with the new media and wishing to have more of a message than the medium, and others enthusiastically entering into the experience and expressing the thought that this might offer a new frontier in human communication and wor-

Still others felt that the "happening" service lacked authenticity, that the medium was being "put on" by the predominantly middle-aged, middle-class clergy and laity ,and was not genuinely "their thing."

This last group did not question that such psychedelic multi-media services have relevance to worship forms, but that for the liturgical week participants, the form was not appropriate or meaningful. This group thought that the "happening style" would have relevance to younger people but saw the espousal of it by the liturgical conference as somewhat "phony."

# Pope Strongly Reaffirms Birth Control Encyclical

Bogota, Colombia — (NC) — Pope Paul VI strongly reaffirmed his recent encyclical on birth control in the final hours of his visit to Latin America. He said that it was "ultimately a defense of life" that did not diminish parental responsibility or liberty nor slow the progress of scientific research in the population

The encyclical, Humanae Vitae, the Pope said when formally opening the Latin American bishops' assembly, while it "excludes the use of means which profane marital relations" it does not forbid couples "a moral and reasonable limitation of births."

He asserted that "the great majority of the Church has received it with favor and trustful obedience," while realizing the spirit of sacrifice and the need for a strong moral issue it encompasses.

He then said of the encyclical: "It is a moral and spiritual education that is coherent and profound. It excludes the use of means which profane marital relations and which aim at resolving the great problems of population with over-facile experi-

"It is, ultimately a defense of life, the gift of God, the glory of the family, the strengths of the people."

By FR. VINCENT T. MALLON, M.M.

Bogota - St. Cecilia's Church was chosen for Pope Paul VI's Mass in the slums here (Aug. 23) mainly because there are good roads leading

## Pope Names Two Bishops

Washington, D.C. —(RNS)— Pope Paul VI filled two vacancies in the American hierarchy when he named bishops for Ogdensburg, N.Y. and Rockford, Ill.

The appointments, announced by the Apostolic Delegation here, were: Auxiliary Bishop Stanislaus J. Brzana of Buffalo to head the diocese in northern New York, and Msgr. Arthur J. O'Neill, pastor of St. Peter's in Rockford, to head the

jary to Bishop James A. McNulty of Buffalo in May 1964. The 51-year-old prelate was ordained a priest for the Buffalo diocese in 1941. In addition to serving as an assistant in several parishes, he was an Army chaplain from 1944 to 1946.

After the war, he returned to the diocese to serve as director of the Catholic Information Center, From 1950 to 1953, he attended the Gregorian University in Rome where he received a doctor of theology degree. Upon his return, he was named vice-officialis of the tribunal

St. Cecilia's was described by Father Rene Arango, attached there for the Pope's visit, as "a typically underdeveloped Latin American parish, with prospects for development.

There are 23,000 people in the lower middle-class parish, with one priest in residence, Father Jaime Sanchez, the pastor. Various diocesan and Religious priests help the pastor on Sundays.

The parish church, which is still being finished, is small, too small for the huge population for which it was built. It will seat about 300 people. There are no nuns attached to the Parish, but there is a group of Sisters teaching in a "cooperative school" nominally attached to the

St. Cecilia's is surrounded by abjectly poor parishes, with rutted unpaved streets. These were not chosen for the Pope's visit because of "security and transportation problems," according to -informed sources.

One hundred sick were brought to the church for the Pope's visit. The Pope gave first Communion in the church to 18 children from different parts of Bogota, most of them poor.

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Bishop John J. Wrigh views with Caesar Cha fornia's Farm Workers nual meeting of Pax Catholic Movement fo

## Cardinal O'Boyle

## Washington, D.C.—(RNS) Cardinal O'Boyle, Catholic

op of Washingon, charged a group of theologians "serio represented my position" on tion of their right to diss the teaching of a papal end The cardinal issued a stat response to press reports of ing which he had held wit ologians from Catholic U here. Acting as chancellor o versity, Cardinal O'Boyle s to the meeting a group of th who had signed a statemen

Two of the priests at the told the press afterward tha lieved the cardinal had acce right to express dissent.

ing from Pope Paul's ency

The meeting proved, Fathe Curran, said, "that our diss a rebellion, that our position mate and, therefore, accepta Such statements were cal and misleading" by Cardina who said they "suggested effort to be fair implied a v of the claimed 'right of diss as a faithful Catholic and of this diocese, I want to absolutely clear that there such vindication. Listening tience does not imply agree Catholics may fail to ob

Church's teaching, "throu ness" and be reconciled by and Communion, Cardina noted. "However, no Cathol fied in evading or setting obvious meaning of Pope Pa ing-which is simply the forms his judgment and s action," he said.

'common teaching' about di no evidence that the Cat tolerated dissent of the som are carrying on and even in Cardinal O'Boyle remarked

"In fact, I wonder whether is not being perverted from office in the service of th Faith into on instrument for ing the faith and replacing

## 800 Latin Priests H )ppressor

Buenos Aires — (NC) — American bishops have bee 800 priests to summon all of the continent to join in tion against the "violence pressors."

In a letter addressed to American bishops, the pri the prelates meeting at the assembly in Medellin, Co proclaim the right of the peoples of Latin America mate defense."

"For some time, the let the real violence "has been by a minority of the privile the great majority of the public."

"It is the violence of sta equality and underdevelop letter said, "of persecution sion and ignorance, of orga titution, and illegal but e cial, intellectual and eco crimination."

The political systems are by an oligarchy, and "in t tries the military is the pressure group that contr rection of politics," it said countries, it continued, " represents a certain pov And, shamefully, that has Church to align itself with of the civil and military po

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