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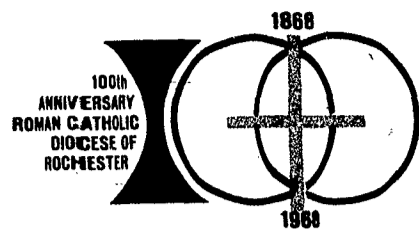
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## Jubilee Greetings!



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### Bishop James E. Kearney Ordained a Priest 60 Years Ago September 19, 1908 in New York City

"I looked forward with concern to what retirement might mean. But I reasoned: if the Holy Father asks for it, then for me it is the WILL of God."

Bishop Kearney sat in a deep leather chair in his home at 947 East Avenue last weekend reflecting on what he has done with nearly two years of retirement after three score years as an intensely active priest and bishop.

In mid-1966, at the age of 81, he yielded to the request of Pope Paul VI that all Bishops over 75 submit resignations. The Pope accepted his offer in late October of that year and Bishop Fulton J. Sheen arrived to

succeed him as head of the Rochester Diocese on December 15, 1966.

"I wondered what I would do with myself in the years the Lord would still give me. But I remembered my mother often said: 'The Lord fits the back to the burden'. And I can say now that when the Lord takes away burdens He adjusts the back to the future."

Sixty years as a priest began on the morning of September 19, 1908, when the future Bishop of Rochester was ordained in St. Stephen's Church, New York City by Bishop Thomas F. Cusack, Auxiliary Bishop of New York.

A year of study at Catholic University in Washington, 19 busy years as assistant at St. Cecilia's in New York, 4 years as pastor-builder of St. Francis Xavier's in the Bronx, 5 years as Bishop of Salt Lake City, brought Bishop Kearney to Rochester on November 10, 1937. His 31 years here have made him as well as ecclesiastical history.

"I intend to mark my anniversary on Thursday, the 19th, very simply and quietly," the Bishop said. "A Mass of Thanksgiving right here in our little chapel — just myself and the Lord, with my brother sharing and answering the prayers for me."

An 84th birthday and the 36th anniversary of his consecration as a Bishop will both occur on the same day next month, the 28th of October, and the Bishop admitted there might be "a bit more of a fuss made then."

A man in retirement has time for reading and Bishop Kearney revels in it. "There were so many books I had to put by when I was 'too busy' as Bishop. But, really, now I'm reading the old things with more pleasure than the new. I read more poetry than prose, I'll admit. Recently I've been having a wonderful time with Joyce Kilmer's works and an anthology of Catholic poetry he put together years ago."

Keen of mind and alert to every item in the throbbing world, the Bishop reads two Rochester papers and studies the NEW YORK TIMES every day and looks at a stack of weekly and monthly magazines both secular and religious.

Asked about his travels or holidays since stepping out of the burdens of the Chancery, the Bishop said he hadn't left the diocese for more than

occasional trips to New York since his retirement.

"I still ride the trains because I like them. I take an 11:30 train in the morning and the time passes very quickly with a good book. I like to read Shakespeare on trains. Usually I come back on the sleeper service from Grand Central."

The "renewal of the Church" began before the Bishop's retirement and it still concerns him. "Vatican II is unjustly accused of authorizing many things which are causing confusion today," he stated.

"Many good advances came from the Council but they are being abused by the extremists in liturgy and theology. In their zeal to popularize the liturgy these rash people are forgetting the majesty due to the King of Kings. However I have the utmost confidence in the Blessed Mother of the Church, Pope Paul in naming Our Lady Mother of the Universal Church anticipated that the Church would need the heart of a tender Mother and the strong arm of a heavenly Queen."

The Bishop's health is "excellent," he claims and attributes credit to his daily exercise of a mile-walk on East Avenue or in his backyard. "I walk briskly for 20 minutes on the driveway out here keeping track of my time by the clock I see through the kitchen window."

"The Bishop's social life is pleasantly full. He often goes to rectories for dinner parties, enjoys invitations to school functions, especially at the two colleges, visits St. Mary's Hospital regularly and goes to many funerals. "The charity of honoring the dead was often impossible for me when I had many commitments as a Bishop. Now I can make up for it by going often to give the final benediction of the requiem."

The Bishop would not be drawn into quotable discussion on current controversies like birth control, celibacy, papal authority, education or morality. But he spontaneously volunteered a quote about his successor:

"The Diocese is very fortunate in these times to have a leader of such spiritual and intellectual caliber as Bishop Sheen. His pastoral letters are forceful and very well thought out. They give us all a deep sense of confidence that a True Shepherd cares for this flock."

—Father Richard Tierney

## Assembly of Latin Bishops Calls for Crash Program Of Renewal, Social Justice

By JAIME FONSECA  
(NC News Service)

Medellin, Colombia — The second general assembly of the Latin American Bishops recommended a crash program of Church renewal and social justice to open the ways of salvation for millions of the poor in their countries.

The summary included a condemnation of radical nationalism, inefficient bureaucracy and political maladministration, as well as excessive government spending in areas unrelated to the needs and development of the people. It ended with a call for "all men of good faith to collaborate in truth, justice, love and liberty" for a new Latin America.

In a series of guidelines for the future work of their parishes and organizations throughout the continent some 130 bishops voted for deep changes in the following areas of pastoral work:

• **Justice and Peace:** They condemned violence, both in its armed form of rural and urban guerrillas, and in the "passive" form of violation of human rights, such as the inhuman conditions prevailing in many countries. They urged calls for governments and private leaders to increase production and distribute wealth, both in industrial and agricultural activities, and full Church support for these moves.

• **Family and Population:** They urged responsible parenthood following the encyclical *Humanae Vitae* and expressed opposition to government birth-control programs. They also expressed Church support of all efforts to educate the masses on parental rights and duties, and to increase production by the better use of human and natural resources.

• **Education:** "Institutional" education (schools, colleges, universities), they said, must reform attitudes, programs and methods to infuse a spirit of solidarity and social justice. A drive for development in the students' "Pastoral" education — the administration of the sacraments, preaching, counseling, catechetical instruction — they said, must enlighten the traditional faith and religious spirit, both at the grass-roots and elite levels.

• **Training of Priests:** Corrective measures to modernize teaching, to involve seminary living in community problems, and changes from large seminaries to smaller "family-like" groups were suggested.

• **Lay Movements:** They cited the need to promote integration of lay persons in pastoral work to provide good priest-moderators, to charge the laity with development projects and the financial support of parishes. They also urged the creation of a Latin American Lay Council.

• **Collegially:** Church renewal, they said, is bound to internal communication and dialogue regarding diocesan and parish work. Therefore, they explained, the pastor must count on lay advice, the bishop on priest councils. National bishops' conferences and the Latin American Bishops' Council (CELAM) must continue their coordination, they said.

• **Youth:** The bishops urged the establishment of pastoral programs and institutions addressed to the care of youth, stressing cultural, social

and economic change and the future responsibilities of youth in leadership and development. They said recognition must be given to the aims of youth — an outlook for the future, a truly fraternal society, a search for real evangelical values, and justice.

• **Poverty:** The Church, they said, must fully identify with the poor, as a prophetic, missionary force in a new world responding to the demands of the Gospel. Clergy and laity, they

added, must be witnesses for simplicity and solidarity in daily living. They urged a reform of the stipend system to separate it from the sacraments.

• **Social Communications:** The bishops also urged the use of more efficient modern means of social communication as an instrument of the Church in spreading the Gospel and promoting development and in helping to foster free public opinion within the Church.

## CELAM Head Urges U.S. Bishops to Back Papal Volunteer Plan

Washington — (NC) — Archbishop Avelar Brandao Vilela, president of the Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM), has asked the dioceses of the United States to promote the Papal Volunteer (PAVLA) program, which sends U.S. Catholic lay men and women to work in Latin American development programs.

The archbishop of Teresina, Brazil, addressed his plea in a letter to United States bishops. He noted the PAVLA program has developed greatly since 1961, when the first volunteers arrived in Latin America.

"We write to you in support of the effort being made by the program, Papal Volunteers for Latin America, which we consider to be of great value," Archbishop Brandao wrote.

"In its early years, the program was in need of better planning but at the present time we feel that its work is being conducted with greater

understanding of Latin America," he continued.

"The precise intention of the program, in its operation in the United States just as in many countries in which it assists, is to perform a very carefully selected task in such a way as to fulfill the necessary prerequisites — that is, knowledge of the required language, understanding not only of general Latin American culture but particularly of each country to which the program relates, the ability to identify with the problems of each country, and coordination with the Joint Pastoral plans of the countries of Latin America."

"Within this spirit, we consider very useful the cooperation of the personnel that North America is able to offer to our continent and to the Church in which we are all vitally involved," he said. "We hope that the dioceses of North America will respond affirmatively to this program and we eagerly await that response."

## High School Students Show Overall Increase

The ten major high schools of the Rochester Diocese are holding their own and even gaining a little, enrollment figures indicate.

The current total of 9,664 shows an overall net gain of 153 over last year's figure.

Continued growth of the two co-educational schools in Rochester's northern suburbs more than offset scattered losses elsewhere. Bishop Kearney High School in Irondequoit gained 100 pupils, for a total of 1,912. Cardinal Mooney, in Greece, has 90 more than last year, or 1,420.

Our Lady of Mercy, a girls' school that draws heavily from suburban areas, went up by 45, to 1,026.

The greatest single loss was in Elmira, where Notre Dame High School increased tuition \$100, to \$300, and enrollment dropped from 649 to 583.

In no case was a gain or loss found entirely in the entering class. Several administrators pointed out that enrollment figures are not final this early in the term.

In Rochester, Nazareth Academy dropped from 1,045 to 1,008, but St. Agnes held steady at 897, despite a somewhat smaller freshman class.

McQuaid Jesuit gained 17 boys, for a current total of 818. Aquinas Institute reported a rough total of 1,200, or the same as last year's.

In Auburn, Mt. Carmel noted an increase of 20, to 761. DeSales High in Geneva registered 392, showing a loss of 14.

A further loss, not included in the totals for the large schools, results from the imminent closing of The Academy of the Sacred Heart in Rochester. This school, which will go out of business next June, had 85 girls in its secondary department last year, and is down to 43 now.

## Inquiry Set on Encyclical Dissension

(From Courier-Journal Sources)

Washington — An extraordinary 10-hour meeting of the trustees of the Catholic University of America — called to consider whether to fire Father Charles Curran and 17 other professors who have disagreed with Pope Paul on birth control — resulted in a compromise calling for an inquiry "through due academic process."

The dissenters were warned however that if they speak out against the encyclical or church authority during the inquiry they will be suspended from teaching, but with full pay.

Before the meeting, faculty sources said that if dissenting faculty were fired it would result in another strike like the one that closed down Catholic U. and turned back an attempt to fire Father Curran in the spring of 1967.

In a statement after the meeting in the Hotel Madison, the trustees called on the 18 faculty members who have publicly opposed *Humanae Vitae* not to engage in activities that involve

the name of Catholic University and that are "inconsistent with the pronouncements of the ordinary teaching authority established in the church, above all that of the Holy Father."

Neither the university nor the trustees would clarify what kind of activities would bring about suspension. Most faculty members, however, interpreted it to mean a ban against all public speeches or writings against the encyclical, but not a limitation on what might be said in the classroom.

The only direct criticism of the theologians contained in the trustees' statement, which was read to the press by Board Chairman Carroll A. Hochwalt, was the following:

"The style and method of organizing and publicizing their dissent have raised serious questions as to the conformity of their actions with responsible academic procedure as well as with the spirit of this university."

It was reported unofficially that the investigation committee would be made up of the theologians' professional peers, that is, of other university professors.

The trustees' meeting, expected to last only through Thursday morning, did not end until shortly after 9 p.m. It was attended by 23 of the 29 mem-

bers of the board, including four of the six American cardinals who are ex-officio members, Patrick O'Boyle of Washington, James F. McIntyre of Los Angeles, Lawrence Shehan of Baltimore and John Krol of Philadelphia.

Father Curran declined comment on the trustees' action and left Washington soon after the meeting.

The trustees said a suspension with full pay during an investigation of a teacher would be in accord with the standards of the Association of American University Professors.

\*August Bolino, president of the campus AAUP chapter, said the chapter planned no immediate action because the 18 theologians involved have not been officially notified of any action by the trustees.

The essential question determined by the trustees was not whether the theologians have the right to dissent, but whether in fact their participation in drafting, signing and soliciting other signatories to a statement opposed to the Pope's encyclical exceeds their rights as professors. Their actions on the statement, although executed as individuals, inextricably tied the university's name to the opposition action, many observers hold.

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