



Pope Paul VI is carried through the audience hall at his summer residence in Castel Gandolfo, Italy, during the last audience before he returned to Vatican City (RNS)

# Where Is the Love for the Church?

Castel Gandolfo, Italy — (NC) — "Love the Church," Pope Paul VI told his final summer audience at his summer residence here and; "beware of the corrosive spirit of criticism that has become fashionable in some sectors of Catholic life."

Speaking in the audience hall at Castel Gandolfo the day before he returned to the Vatican, the Pope stressed the need to pay attention to the teachings of the Second Vatican Council. "We must meditate on and apply the many and great ideas, which the council itself has left us," he said.

But, he noted, "some think that the council has already been surpassed and they, remembering only its drive toward reform without taking into account what was established at those solemn Church assemblies, would go further, envisaging certainly not reforms but upheavals which they believe they can authorize on their own and which they judge to be all the more clever, the less they are faithful and consistent with tradition, that is to say, with the life of the Church, and all the more inspired the less they conform with the authority and discipline of the Church itself, and, lastly, all the more plausible the less they differ from the mentality and morals of the century."

The Pope continued by saying: "A corrosive spirit of criticism has become fashionable in some sectors of Catholic life. There are, for example, magazines and newspapers which seem to have no other function than that of reporting unpleasant news regarding facts and persons in the ecclesiastical area."

These stories, said the Pope do not help form objective judgment but create "negative suspicion... a preconceived lack of esteem for ecclesiastical persons, institutions and activities, and therefore lead readers and followers to throw aside the respect which any good Catholic and, indeed, any honest reader should feel

for the ecclesial community and authority."

Citing the occupation of cathedrals, the approval of inadmissible films (such as an Italian film given a Catholic award at the Venice Film Festival recently and later classified by Italian Church authorities as "condemned") and the "collective and concylical, the propaganda of political violence for social purposes," the Pope asked:

"Where is the coherence and dignity proper to true Christians where is the love for the Church?"

"The love for the Church! We still wish to suppose that it has not been extinguished in persons who call themselves Catholics and who appeal to Christ... The more we desire this ecclesial love the greater is our regret at noting how many of these unquiet Catholics started from a high vocation for the apostolate, that is to say, being at the service of and for

the spreading of the Church, and how — because of that acid spirit of negative and habitual criticism of which we are speaking — have become impoverished and at times emptied of apostolic love to the point where, in certain cases, they become a cause of trouble and are harmful to the Church of God."

The Pope also declared:

"The Church presents today a countenance more worthy of admiration than of reproach and commiseration. Throughout the Church today we note magnificent efforts of authentic renewal, of Christian vitality, of sanctity which is less due to habit and environment, if you will, than of other times, but more personal and aware and also more united and active."

Pointing to the renewal being experienced on all levels of the Church, the Pope declared: "All the faithful are called to perfection, every layman to apostolic activity, each Church group is called to responsibility for

the Church's activity each conscience and every community to missionary expansion and the entire Church to the sense of its own unity and of its own catholicity, while the hard but loyal and ardent resumption of ecumenical contacts leads Catholics back to their own reform and to the renewed capacity for a cordial dialogue with the separated brothers."

## English Urge Tolerance on Birth Issue

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be invoked as a reason for refusing assent to the encyclical."

The statement said that the fact that the Pope had created a commission to review the question of contraception tended to confirm doubts about the Church's earlier interpretation of the moral law in this matter. It was widely believed that a change in the Church's attitude would be announced.

"Undoubtedly many wives and husbands, anticipating the promised statement of the Pope, have come to rely on contraception. In this they acted conscientiously and often after seeking pastoral advice. They may now be unable to see that at least in their personal circumstances the use of contraception is wrong."

"Particular difficulty faces those who, after serious thought and prayer, cannot as yet understand or be fully convinced of the doctrine as laid down. This is not surprising in view of the dissensions of recent years, which have resulted in the present controversy."

"For others the problem of putting the doctrine into practice is actually seems insuperable because of ill health or other serious obstacles, sometimes because of a conflict of duties."

## Be Obedient, Jesuits Told

Rome — (NC) — The general of the Society of Jesus has summoned all Jesuits to explain to the world the meaning of Pope Paul VI's condemnation of contraception.

He appealed to the core of the Jesuit's personal vocation, which is to serve God through obedience to the Pope. He appealed to the Jesuit's public vocation which is to make the Church's thought understood and loved.

Father Pedro Arrupe spoke in a 1,000-word letter addressed "to the whole Society." He stated at the outset that he was writing "because opposition to the encyclical has become widespread."

The only response Jesuits can give

to the Pope, he said, "is an attitude of obedience which is at once faithful, loving, firm, open and truly creative."

Of the assent owed to the Pope's encyclical, Father Arrupe observed that "a teaching such as the one he presents merits assent not simply because of the reasons he offers but also, and above all, because of the charisma that enables him to present it."

The Pope, the general of the Jesuits declared, is a safeguard for the transcendence of the human person. "For this reason the service which at this difficult moment we as Jesuits owe to the Holy Father and to the Church is at the same time a service we owe to humanity itself."

# Catholic School System To Continue, Bishop Of Burlington Pledges

Burlington, Vt. — (NC) — Bishop Robert F. Joyce pledged the Catholic school system will be continued, making an "irreversible contribution to the spiritual and moral life" in the statewide Burlington diocese.

The bishop issued a statement after receiving a report from a diocesan task force on education regarding the school problems. He said the report, made after a year of "intensive study," is of "priceless value," with recommendations of how to meet present and future problems.

Bishop Joyce noted there are a number of ways the school system can be helped, both from public and private sources.

The statement asserted:

"The diocese of Burlington is committed to maintaining our Catholic school system. We believe it makes an irreplaceable contribution to the spiritual and moral life of the diocese, of the State of Vermont, and of all our communities and citizens."

"The diocese as a whole has an obligation to support these schools, as the state has an obligation to support local schools. All people benefit from them directly or indirectly. Plans for this subsidy are being made."

"The people of Vermont receive a subsidy of more than \$7 million each year, representing the cost of educating the students in Vermont Catholic schools. This takes no account of the cost of providing buildings, furnishings and equipment which totals many millions of dollars of capital investment."

"There are a number of ways, both from public and private sources, by which help may be provided, with due regard for legal and constitutional provisions, and we believe these should be used."

"The religious and moral education of the 28,000 children in public schools is likewise of primary concern. A notably greater investment of personnel and finance has already been made and will continue to grow."

"Adult education is a means of providing directly for children in their homes and daily life. Efforts already undertaken in this field are to be expanded."

"There are categories of adults and children who need special educational care, the retarded, the blind, the deaf, the crippled. Our programs are to be expanded."

### Cardinal Requires Instructions

Rio de Janeiro — (NC) — Jaime Cardinal de Barros Camara of Rio de Janeiro has established compulsory baptismal classes for all parents and godparents of children to be baptized in the archdiocese.

for these are developing along several lines.

"These outlines indicate the magnitude of the problems in Christian education which we face. They are great, but not beyond our resources and strength."

## Laymen Given Key Role In Chicago

Chicago — (RNS) — John Cardinal Cody has announced the appointment of an expanded archdiocesan school board in which parents have been given a strong voice in forming educational policies in the Archdiocese of Chicago, largest in the United States.

The new board, composed of seven lay persons, five priests, a nun, and a Brother, replaces one which has seven priests and three members of the laity.

Cardinal Cody said the new board would have responsibility "for developing policies to govern elementary and secondary schools in the archdiocese."

He said board meetings would be open to the public and public hearings on crucial issues will be arranged as needed.

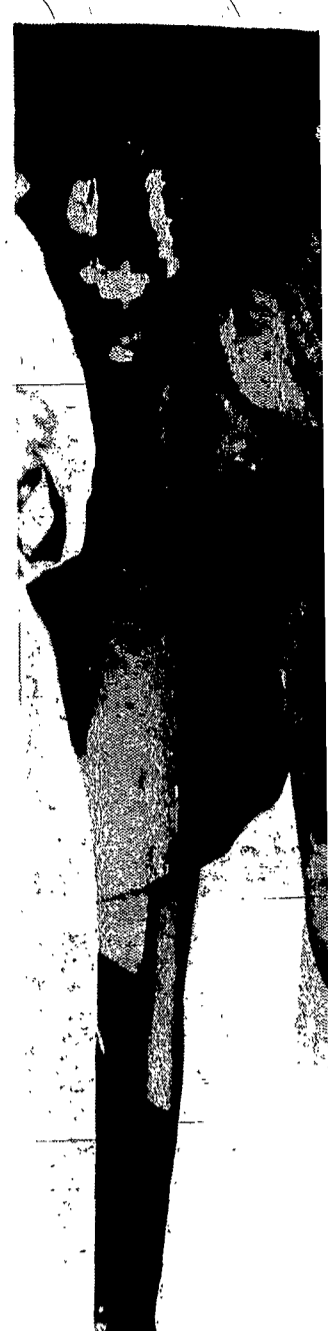
The prelate asked the new board not merely to advise him "but to work out practical policies which will merit the consent of all who are concerned about the Catholic education of the young."

He said that board policies would go into effect one month after they have been officially brought to his attention unless he sees a need to refer them back to the board for further study.

The seven lay members of the new board are all parents—they have a total of 27 children, ranging from pre-schoolers to college level.

All 14 members had volunteered for service on the board. The seven lay persons were selected from more than 300 applicants; the seven others from about 60 applicants.

According to the Official Catholic Directory, which was published in the Spring of this year, there are 342,185 students in the archdiocese's elementary and secondary schools. There are a total of 22,565 archdiocesan teachers with 5,535 of them lay.



Father Juan Manuel B. Mestral, member of the Morisco, will play six more games

## Spain Priests, Ac

Bilbao, Spain — (NC) — In the Basque region of S new dimension. One bishop to attend a reception for simo Francisco Franco, and strict outlines for sermons, and independent Catholic a erment publications are e disputes over how to re events.

Bishop Lorenzo Ber Balsesti of San Sebastian, resort in northern Spain, b tradition by failing to join ception committee when rived in the city at the summer season.

The government has civil rights in Guipuzcoa r in which the San Sebastia is located — in its fight ag it calls a terrorist organiz op Bereciartua protested i pastoral letter that pri being arrested and harass violation of the Spanish with the Holy See.

In the diocese of Bilb Pablo Gurpide Beope, a r has issued an outline for S mons and warned his prie to it.

"To follow this outline tory for all priests, dioces iligious" his order read. " from it means serious disot a superior authority who reasons for his decision."

He added that because anarchical preaching in many souls were suffering

His sermon restrictions the heels of the resignat priests who make up the C

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