

Bishop Asks Clergy Poll on Draft Issue

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Auxiliary Bishop James P. Shannon has called on the 800 priests of the Archdiocese of St. Paul-Minneapolis to make clear that they do not support the "illegal" action of a Minneapolis priest who helped seize and burn draft records in Milwaukee.

The bishop proposed a mail ballot to secure the views of all the priests, stating that an earlier vote taken by 258 priests at a meeting of the archdiocesan Presbytery has raised "several serious questions."

The Presbytery, in a widely criticized resolution, voted 148

to 110 on Dec. 3 to "express its gratitude" to Father Alfred Janicko "for making us more sensitive" to the issues of war and peace through his actions in Milwaukee where he was jailed with 14 other draft protesters.

Father Janicko, assistant pastor at St. Philip's church, Minneapolis, is now free on bail awaiting sentence.

"It seems crystal clear to me that Father Janicko, good priest that he is, is leading his fellow priests into a mire of quicksand," Bishop Shannon wrote in the Catholic Bulletin, archdiocesan newsweekly.

"Only chaos and anarchy can result from following his example," Bishop Shannon said.

He offered to pay the cost of conducting a mail ballot if the presbytery would be willing to conduct it.

The bishop proposed that each priest be asked whether he favors or does not favor the illegal action of Father Janicko, and "the generous zeal and courage of Father Janicko in acting according to his own conscience."

Bishop Shannon said he believed the ballot would "show clearly the esteem in which our priests hold Father Janicko."

"I would hope," he wrote, "that it would also show clearly that most of his fellow priests simply cannot endorse his action in seizing and burning government records."

Recalling his own opposition to the war in Vietnam, Bishop Shannon said he does not differ with Father Janicko in this regard. "But," he went on, "I have always insisted that in this free country where so many different kinds of protest are legal, it is morally wrong to break laws as a form of protest. I simply can not see how Father Janicko's conduct can be squared with Catholic moral principals unless he and

his confreres have already concluded that our government is a tyranny and that violent political revolution is in order now."

"At least one of the Milwaukee Fourteen" has told me that he is prepared for such a revolution. I am not. And I hope Father Janicko is not."

Many lay Catholics are "confused, angry or hurt" by the Presbytery's expression of support for Father Janicko, he noted.

Perpetual Prayer For Vocations

Shrewsbury, Eng. — (RNS) — Roman Catholic convents throughout the Diocese of Shrewsbury are to maintain perpetual prayer during 1969 to help foster vocations in the priesthood and religious life.

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Bulgarian Church Catches Up

Sofia — (RNS) — The Bulgarian Orthodox Church has formally accepted a calendar which will synchronize its celebration of feast days with those of most other Orthodox Churches and will make its dates coincide with the generally accepted Gregorian Calendar.

It had previously used the old Julian Calendar, which was superseded in 1582 when Pope Gregory XIII introduced the Gregorian Calendar.

A spokesman for the Bulgarian synod said that the use of the new calendar would abolish "the anomaly of celebrating the New Year during the pre-Christmas period of fasting." He added that the change reflected a "striving for the uniformity and unity of Christian faith."

"Army" Concert in Cathedral

London — (RNS) — John Cardinal Heenan gave the blessing when, for the first time, the Salvation Army staged its "Festival of Carols" in Westminster Cathedral.

The occasion, a major pre-Christmas event here, raised funds for the Church Music Trust Appeal, designed to insure the maintenance of the famous choirs of the Catholic cathedral and of Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral.

Paganism Seen Threat In New Nation

Santa Isabel, Guinea — (RNS) — This new nation, the only one in Africa with an overwhelming majority of Catholics, is threatened by strong pagan influences, according to Bishop Nze Abuy of Rio Muni.

The threat comes from tribal customs, particularly polygamy, the bishop said. Of the 275,000 inhabitants of Guinea, 228,000 are baptized Catholics.

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"An American Tradition"

The good Lord once described His disciples as householders who bring out of the storehouse both new and old. (Matt. 13:52) At the New Year it has become an American tradition to look back and look forward. It is a time of reflection — a time to admit our failures honestly and simply; but it is also a time to renew, with courage and confidence in God, our values, goals, and personal ideals.

That is what we are doing at the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Humbly, we recognize both our accomplishments and our failures during the past year. Many things continue to disturb us: widespread hunger in the world; decline of missionary vocations; increased rate of disease and death due to a scarcity of medical facilities and personnel; lack of interest and concern of those who could help, but do not.

Like a good householder, we also count our blessings; and we had many blessings during 1968. Let us recall but a few of them because they were also yours: In Kotara, India, a mobile medical unit has been given to the people of this poor fishing village to assist in the medical treatment of the poor villagers in the outlying areas.

A radio station has been installed in Wewall, Oceania. This system now provides vital communication between mission posts.

Your sacrifices have also helped to build a new wing for the Sacred Heart Leprosy Hospital in Kumbakonam, India. This hospital now offers up-to-date treatment as well as a complete program of rehabilitation for leprosy patients.

In Taipei, Taiwan, your assistance has provided training for catechists in an area where there is much interest in the Faith, but not enough priests to give instructions to prospective converts.

Because of your generosity, too, we have been able to provide assistance to the war-torn country of Nigeria-Biafra. Over \$1,500,000.00 has been sent into this ravaged area since the conflict began, and has been used for the needs of the Church in its mission of salvation and service. Your gifts and sacrifices are relieving human want and bringing the message and comfort of Christ to a suffering part of the world.

In Atlapo, Oceania, Propagation funds have helped in the completion of a secondary school for girls. This school not only equips young women with a fine intellectual background but it also gives them practical help for the future.

These accomplishments of the past year were made possible by YOU — that is, by your love-filled sacrifices and generosity, for which we are everlastingly grateful. May we express the fervent hope that you will continue with renewed zeal and generosity to make us the instrument of your love in mission lands.

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Revisions in Liturgy Mark Nixon Wedding

NEW YORK (RNS) — Miss Julie Nixon and Dwight David Eisenhower II were married here Dec. 22 in a new Reformed Church ceremony revised slightly by the bride and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who performed the wedding.

The 15-minute service in Marble Collegiate church where the Nixons have often attended but of which they are not members was dignified and joyous. Five-hundred invited guests only partly filled the large sanctuary as Secret Service men and New York police guaranteed tight security both in and outside the building.

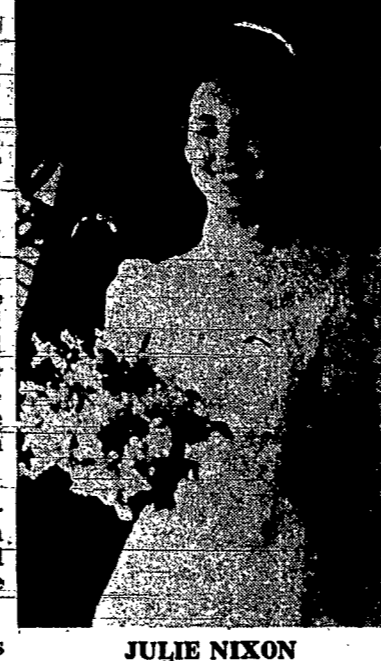
Dr. Peale used the new edition of the Reformed Church in America's liturgy (issued this year), making some changes to suit the couple.

The most obvious changes were omission of any suggestion that the bride should "obey" her husband, and the changing of the word "you" in the service to "thee and thou." Julie explained she wanted the latter change in keeping with her Quaker beliefs.

Another change was apparently unexpected. After President-elect Nixon gave his daughter away, she turned and kissed him instead of the bridegroom.

The new Reformed Church liturgy differs from an earlier edition in that it excludes the bride's promise to "obey" her husband, but the new edition does include a section asking the couple to hear what the Apostle Paul says: "Wives, be subject to your husband as to the Lord, as the Church is subject to Christ." That section was deleted from the Nixon-Eisenhower ceremony.

The author of The Power of Positive Thinking said he has never used the word "obey" in weddings he has performed. In



JULIE NIXON

an interview, Dr. Peale explained that he tells couples that they should be patient, "a team," and that "neither one is a boss. They are equals and should work together, supporting each other's weaknesses and strengths."

State to Arraign War Protesters

MILWAUKEE (NC) — Thirteen war protesters accused of burning draft records have been ordered to appear for arraignment Feb. 14 by Circuit Judge John L. Coffey.

The defendants include five priests, a Christian brother and four ex-seminarians. They are charged with being a party to burglary, theft and arson in connection with the destruction of selective service files here Sept. 24.

Judge Coffey set the arraignment date at the conclusion of a hearing in which he denied motions by defense counsel to dismiss the state charges.

The 13, along with two others, have been indicted by a federal grand jury in connection with the draft records burning. All are free on bond.

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