



### Nun to Help Biafrans

Sister Vivian Votruba examines an Indian boy in Peru's high Andes. Soon the Maryknoll nun-doctor will concentrate her efforts on the starving children of Biafra. Sister Vivian, who has two brothers living in St. Paul, Minn., is a pioneer in medical work for more than 20 years. For the last 10 years she has been operating a clinic in Peru and the headquarters for the religious community in Maryknoll, N.Y., said that this experience will be put to use in starvation relief camps for Biafran children established in the Ivory Coast. (RNS)

### Pope Hails Expansion of Peace Talks

Vatican City — (RNS) — The expansion of Vietnamese peace negotiations in Paris may be "the first happy symptom" of an ending of the war there, Pope Paul VI said in his regular Sunday noon address from the window of his private study.

Briefly addressing a large crowd in St. Peter's Square before he led in the recitation of the Angelus, the Pope said that peace in Vietnam is "the wish of the whole world, a wish for a common good which might be the prelude to the end of the old and destructive way of settling by war the internal and external relations between peoples and nations."

But he added, "we realize at once that peace, true peace which respects the freedom and honor of the conflicting parties, will be attained with difficulty, calling almost for a miracle for its achievement. For it requires, in the hearts of the authorities and in the peoples themselves, great and magnanimous virtues: wisdom, clemency, moderation and above all, love."

### Contributions Skyrocket For Housing Foundation

Nearly \$10,000 have been contributed to the Bishop Sheen Housing Foundation since New Year's Day, the Pastoral Office announced this week. Previous gifts sent to the Bishop since the project was begun in mid-1967 had totaled only \$4,000.

The Bishop's proposal to raise

\$72,800 toward Rochester's inner-city housing needs had been made on June 18, 1967 in a sermon at Immaculate Conception Church.

He had called for "70 persons to donate \$10 a week for 24 months". The "10-24-70 Club", as he styled it, would provide the funds required as a "credit base" for federal money for housing.

### Bishop Sheen Back at Work

Bishop Sheen was released from St. Mary's Hospital on Saturday, Jan. 18, following a 4-day stay after fracturing his upper left arm. He was at his desk in the Pastoral Office on Monday but will have a somewhat limited work schedule for a while.

The Bishop broke his arm in a fall on the sidewalk outside the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse on East Avenue on the evening of Jan. 14.

Spared from a heavy plaster cast, the Bishop's arm is immobilized tightly against his body in an elasticized sling and his wrist is supported by a shirt. Therapy exercises to regain full use of the arm will not begin for perhaps a month.

The Foundation idea came into the news again recently when the Bishop told newspaper interviewers on Dec. 31: "There has been an inability to arouse the whole Catholic population to the needs of inner city." He publicly regretted that his housing plan had received only \$4,000.

Donations had languished after a strong beginning because publicity for the project had been asked to wait until the Foundation was granted New York State letters of incorporation. Such incorporation was not obtained until July, 1968.

The Bishop's office announced that contributions to the non-profit Foundation are tax exempt. Gifts may be sent directly to the Bishop or the Foundation at the Pastoral Office, 50 Chestnut Street.

## Accidental Tragedy Strikes 3 at St. Anthony's Parish

Father Nicholas P. Alletto, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Church, continued a fight for life yesterday against carbon monoxide poisoning which earlier had taken the life of the rectory housekeeper and overcame Father James S. Russell, assistant pastor.

The three were found about 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the Rectory at 60 Lorimer St.

Mrs. Pauline Clark, 62, the housekeeper, was lying dead at the entrance of the upstairs living room where she apparently fell while trying to reach the priests to warn them.

Father Alletto was found unconscious on the living room floor, and Father Russell in his bedroom. Firemen and ambulance attendants administered oxygen to the two priests before they were taken to hospitals.

Investigators discovered that monoxide fumes apparently seeped into the rectory from the attached rear garage. They said Father Alletto's car was found with the keys in it, the ignition on and the gas tank empty. It apparently had been left running the night before.

Father Alletto, 49, was listed Thursday as critical at Genesee Hospital, where a spokesman said "he has not yet responded to treatment."

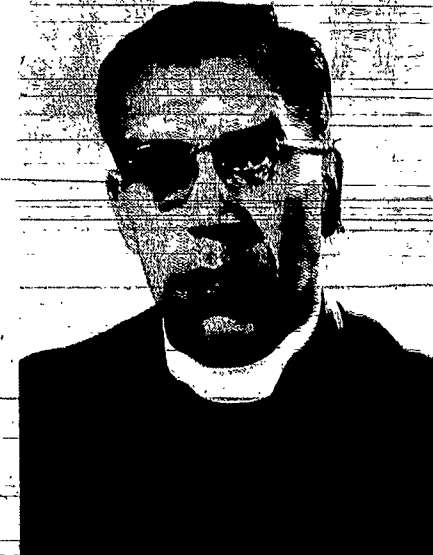
Father Russell, 35, was described at St. Mary's Hospital as "beginning to respond."

Wet napkins, apparently used by Mrs. Clark to fend off effects of the gas, were found on the stairway leading to the priests' quarters, lending weight to the conclusion that she had died while endeavoring to reach them.

The three were found after parishioners became alarmed when the priests failed to appear for the 7 and 8 a.m. Masses in the adjoining church.

Clifford Destouet, a caretaker, entered the rectory and found the three. Lights were on and a television was on in the living room. Mr. Clarke's television also was on in her downstairs room.

Later investigation disclosed that Father Alletto's 1969-model car, driven only 1,088 miles, showed the generator and oil warning lights on.



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Father Eugene R. Weiss, assistant at nearby Holy Apostles Church said the two priests were unconscious when he reached the rectory and appointed them at about 8:30 a.m.

Police, fire and laboratory officials said they were unable to determine when the victims were killed by the tasteless and odorless gas.

It appeared that the monoxide from the running car motor probably was forced through an opening in the garage to a sink in the community room above.



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Father Alletto was said to have returned to the rectory at approximately 5 p.m. It was concluded that if he had been in a hurry, or was distracted, he might not have noticed that the car motor was still running over the noise of an exhaust fan which runs while the garage door is open. The door closes electrically.

The two priests, Sister Aneline, SSJ, principal of St. Anthony's School, a Trinitarian Sister and about 16 lay men and women had at

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### Baptism for Kennedy Child

Michael and Kerry Kennedy are the godparents for their infant sister, Rory Elizabeth Katherine, at her christening in McLean, Va., conducted by Archbishop Terence J. Cooke of New York. Rory is the 11th child of Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, widow of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. (RNS)

### Pope Paul Sends Best Wishes to President Nixon

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI cabled Richard M. Nixon assurance of his prayers for God's protection and guidance as President of the United States.

The Pope's telegram, published on Inauguration Day (Jan. 20), read:

"As you solemnly undertake the responsibilities of your high office, we ask God to protect and guide you, to grant success to your efforts for unity and peace, and to bestow copious blessings upon you, your family, and the beloved people of the United States of America."

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## Ecumenical Services ... They Come in Many Varieties

### United Church ... Thought-Provoking

By MARCELLA ENNIS  
By this time many Catholics have probably attended one or more ecumenical services; they're no longer a novelty. A few years ago, just after Vatican II, we were present at one of the first of these services in the country, at Irondequoit's United Church of Christ. The overflow crowd which came from many parts of the community was receptive but cautious.

After all, this was perhaps the first time Catholics had descended on a Protestant church, and each "side" watched covertly for the reaction of the other. Not that the atmosphere was unfriendly — on the contrary, the ministers of the host church were very gracious—but the service itself was formal and restrained. The only departure from this restraint came in the hymn-singing where the entire congregation responded with tremendous enthusiasm. In this wholehearted singing alone, the Catholics there knew they were making history.

Since that time a good many such events have taken place, so many in fact that a fairly predictable program has evolved — the opening prayer, the homily, the readings from Scripture, etc. We'd say it was completely predictable if we hadn't attended

the service held last Sunday evening at Bethany Presbyterian Church on Dewey Ave. near Stone Rd.

Sponsored by the Greece Pastors Association, a closely-knit group of area clergy whose association is personal as well as professional, this event was something new. It wasn't new in being the first ecumenical gathering in Greece — this town has probably had a greater and more varied number of these than any other — but new in its approach to community worship.

Colorful posters, back of the altar, on the pulpit and in the rear of the church, proclaimed the service's theme, "The Spirit of the Lord Is Freedom." Four youth groups, complete with guitars and other folk instruments, were seated at each side of the altar. The fact that all were from Catholic churches (Holy Name, Our Lady of Mercy, St. John the Evangelist and Mother of Sorrows) seemed to point up the fact that our brothers in Christ have evidently not yet been invaded by the little folk.

Throughout the service these groups led the singing of "Here We Come," "Let There Be Peace," "Come Away" and "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love." Though these

"hymns" are not the old familiar, the congregation swung into them with zestful unison.

After the customary "Call to Worship" and readings from Scripture with the congregation responding, we were treated to the first of the innovations. An "interpretive dance" to the music of the spiritual "Precious Lord Take My Hand" was performed by Miss Gretchen Glover.

With hair severely coiffed and clad in black from leotards to flowing cape, Miss Glover demonstrated one of the newest, yet oldest, forms of worship.

Though it was carried out with reverence and decorum, we must confess that the idea of dancing in church will take some getting used to.

During the Prayers of the Faithful the petitions were spoken not by a clergyman but by various individuals in the congregation.

As for the Offertory or Collection, there was nothing new in that part of the service. Regular church-goers could feel right at home regardless of their church affiliation. Whatever

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### Midtown ... New Twist

Religious unity was unveiled with a new twist last Sunday afternoon in Rochester's Midtown Plaza mall when some 200 laymen from four "hosting" Christian groups staged a "seek-it-to-me unity" celebration.

One of the groups was the 50-member Community of the Servants of God, Catholics who are endeavoring to step up the pace of liturgical and church renewal. Existing without a parish structure, they meet regularly for worship at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church.

Highlighting the demonstration were folk songs led by a guitar and singing group, prayers led by lay representatives of the participating organizations, a Kiss of Peace, a procession enlivened by some 50 modern-language signs carried by both adults and children, common recitation of the Our Father, unison recitation of "the words of institution and consecration," and the consuming of bread and wine in symbolic Communion.

It was a seemingly loosely-organized program which drew varied reactions from observers and casual mall visitors. The setting and atmosphere, with streamers, banners, signs and balloon-carrying chil-

dren — was the antithesis of normal, sedate worship.

Two priests were present, but took no official part. One was Father Raymond Kenny, leader of the Servants of God. Three Sisters of Mercy were in the guitar group, and five or six other Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St. Joseph participated in the program. Two students of St. Michael's Seminary carried identification signs.

Strung above the mall's Clock of Nations was a large banner proclaiming: "Blow Your Mind on Unity." Another sign contended: "Unity Now — Pray Later."

Somewhat distracting throughout was the background music usually featured at the mall.

Four laymen and a lay woman were at the microphones at the table containing loaves of bread and paper-cups of wine. They led prayers, Scripture readings, and directed unison recitation of the following "words of institution and consecration" from Matthew 26: 26-28:

"While they were eating, Jesus took the bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to his

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