

# Speak Out on Celibacy, Pontiff Asks Bishops

By PATRICK RILEY

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has asked the world's bishops' conferences to speak out on the value of priestly celibacy and clear up "an atmosphere of such ill-omened uncertainty."

"If we did not do all in our power to check the current hardening against priestly celibacy, we would be guilty before God for its grievous consequences."

The letter asked: "Have we realized what dissociating the priesthood from celibacy would mean for the Church? Have we truly measured the full extent of the upheaval this would bring not only in the priestly life but also in the life of the entire ecclesial community?"

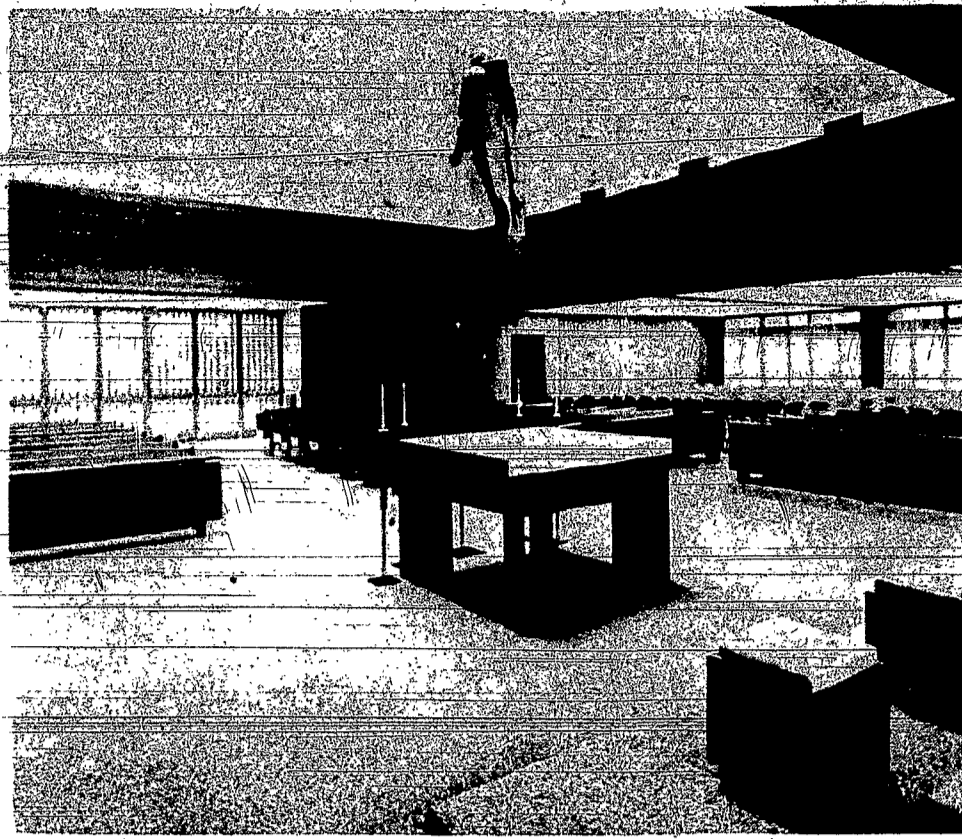
Priests who believe in celibacy "are the immense majority," the papal letter asserted, but are sometimes subject to "a certain inferiority complex."

The Church faces "a current of opinion which risks dragging along with it more than one priest, more than one theologian and even perhaps more than one bishop."

Fidelity to celibacy cannot be reduced "to respect for a law." It is rather "the witness of the priest who, in order to be a pastor with Christ and in His name, in order to be unreservedly at the service of his brothers," offers himself entirely to the One who has chosen him, to the One who can and must fill his life.

After declaring that priests "as a body" are faithful to both the ideal and the practice of priestly chastity, the letter proceeded:

"It is our duty to sustain and encourage in them these dispositions, as well as to illumine those who do not share them because of the influence of debates which generate an atmosphere of such ill-omened uncertainty."



Ascending Christ

This recently dedicated dramatic church of St. Leo in Boyes Springs, Calif., is the newest church in Contra Costa County's Valley of the Moon. The complete parish-building functions as church, social hall and classrooms. Central to the over-all plan

is this 60-foot-square chapel with seating for 260 people radiating around the altar, and the suspended figure of the Ascending Christ. Adjacent rooms can be opened to increase the chapel capacity. (RNS)

# Pope Changes Procedure for Canonization

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has smoothed out and shortened the road not to holiness itself — that remains rocky — but to the official recognition of holiness.

In a motu proprio document issued "on his own initiative," Pope Paul abolished a time-consuming triplication of effort involved in holding two fact-finding trials in the place where the candidate for canonization died.

Under new regulations, the preliminary trial by which a bishop opened a cause of beatification will be amalgamated with the so-called apostolic process, which, under the previous legislation, followed it.

The purpose of the preliminary trial called by a bishop has been to determine the existence of a belief that the person in question had achieved holiness or martyrdom, that no public veneration of this person had been approved by a bishop, and that any public veneration begun by local people had been halted by a bishop.

That done, the Holy See then decided whether the cause was to be continued. If so, the apostolic process was begun. The purpose of this second trial was to collect proofs of the martyrdom or heroic virtue of the person.

Like the first, it was held where the person died. The same diocesan court carried it out. The same witnesses were called. But it proceeded by virtue of the apostolic authority, delegated to local authorities.

The time lapse between the first and second trial often meant that more elderly witnesses became less trustworthy because their memories tended to become more confused and more idealized.

"Thus," said a commentary issued by the Holy See's press office, "the double trial had become in centuries a frequent occasion of loss of time, of work and of expense, without ensuring a better accumulation of proofs."

# Cardinal to Wear 'Hand-Me-Downs'

Boston — (NC) — Cardinal-designate John J. Wright of Pittsburgh disclosed his former "boss" here gave him some "old clothes" which he will wear when he is elevated to cardinal.

His former "boss" is Richard Cardinal Cushing of Boston. The cardinal-designate is a former auxiliary bishop of Boston.

Cardinal-designate Wright said: "I will be wearing the cardinal's old clothes at the elevation ceremonies. I am borrowing the robes the cardinal wore when he was elevated to prince of the Church."

# List Schedule For Consistory

Vatican City — (RNS) — The consistory for the creation of 33 new cardinals will extend from Monday, April 28 to Wednesday, May 1, according to the official schedule published here.

The lengthy and elaborate ceremonies will begin at 10 a.m. April 28 with the "secret" (private) consistory at which Pope Paul will present the names of the new nominees to the College of Cardinals and address the new cardinals.

The conferring of red birettas (rather than the flat, multi-tasseled galeros of ancient tradition) will be made at 6:30 p.m., April 30 in the Sistine Chapel.

On May 1 at 10 a.m., the Pope will concelebrate Mass in St. Peter's Basilica with all of the new cardinals. Their new rings of office will be presented to the cardinals at the end of this Mass.

# Pope Financing Heart Operation

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has given \$1,800 to a Roman mother to permit her to travel to the United States for an operation by the famed Houston heart surgeon, Dr. Michael de Bakey.

The request on behalf of Mrs. Valdivia Marino was made by Angelo Cardinal Dell'Acqua, vicar general of the City of Rome. He informed the 42-year-old housewife of the pontiff's gift and presented her with a check for \$1,800.

Mother of a 12-year-old son, Mrs. Marino has suffered for years from a complicated heart disease that her doctors said could best be treated in Texas. Dr. de Bakey was the first doctor to implant an artificial heart in a human being three years ago.

# Two Magazines To Pool Efforts

New York — (RNS) — The oldest Protestant magazine in the United States announced here that it is pooling its editorial skills with a Roman Catholic magazine in an effort to do "a more accurate and adequate job of communicating."

The United Church Herald, published by the United Church of Christ and The Lamp magazine, an ecumenical monthly published by the Atonement Friars of Graymoor, a Catholic religious order, will share adjoining editorial offices and jointly collaborate in the production of some articles and formats.

The Herald traces its history through prior publications back to 1804.

# 30 Philosophers Pledge Allegiance to Pope Paul

New York — (RNS)—Thirty Catholic philosophers issued a statement here pledging their allegiance to Pope Paul and deploring the present turmoil in the Church brought about by "a rebellious minority."

The statement was signed by philosophers who were here to attend the annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association. Four of the signers are past-presidents of the ACPA and one of them had just received its annual Aquinas medal for outstanding contributions to philosophy.

"We affirm our allegiance to the pontiff," the declaration said. "We support him in his efforts to bring about internal peace in the Church and to promote a greater degree of orderly freedom."

"We are convinced," it continued, "that Paul VI is attempting to expand the area of freedom within the Church without doing violence to its essential structure."

"Such a work cannot be accomplished overnight and will never not even in the Church of God, be perfectly achieved. But the very thrust toward overnight and will never, not even it is today imperiled by disruptive forces."

The philosophers expressed their hope for the future of the Catholic Church. "The oldest institution in the Western world may be undergoing a crisis," they said, "but we do not believe it is destined to succumb to the current ephemeral winds of doctrine or to a rebellious minority of its sons and daughters."

# U.S.-Born Prelate Visited by Pope

Rome — (NC) — Pope Paul VI visited (April 8) his "dear friend and brother" New York-born Archbishop Joseph McGough, apostolic nuncio to Ireland, who is ill in a Rome hospital.

During his visit at the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary Hospital, the Pope paid tribute to Archbishop McGough, "whose devotion to the Church and whose self-sacrifice in the service of the Holy See we have long known and appreciated."

Pope Paul said that Archbishop McGough's "readiness to face difficulties and hardship in order to assist in the universal mission of charity, which is the divinely given duty of this See of Rome, is for all a model and inspiration."

How long has it been since you paid this little for a Wamsutta sheet?

# WAMSUTTA WHITE LUSTERCALE SHEET SALE

Twin size, flat or fitted regularly 3.40

1.90

Full size, flat or fitted . . . regularly 3.90 NOW 2.60  
Standard cases . . . regularly 1.75 NOW 1.50 pr.

Forman's turns the clock back to give you savings prices you haven't see in years! Take advantage of them this week and stock up! Put new silken Wamsutta Lustercales on every bed in the house and cottage. Pure cotton percale, 186 threads to the inch. Flat and fitted twin and double sizes. Relive past prices now in Forman's Linen Shop, Lower Level, Midtown; Culver-Ridge and Pittsford. Order by mail or phone 325-1800.

B. FORMAN CO.

# Write Your Legislators

To All Our Readers:

The next few days may be crucial to New York's abortion law. There seems to be a strong possibility that new legislation will be considered in Albany this week.

We urge our readers to write now to their state assemblymen and senators, to express their opinions on the right to life and education bills.

## STATE SENATORS

Thomas Laverne, 50th District  
4199 St. Paul Blvd., Rochester, N.Y. 14617

James E. Powers, 51st District  
17 Evergreen Drive, Chili, N.Y. 14624

William T. Smith, 48th District  
Smithome Farms, RD 1, Elmira, N.Y. 14903

Theodore D. Day, 49th District  
RD 2, Interlaken, N.Y. 14947

Thomas E. McGowan, 54th District  
704 Brijbane Bldg., Buffalo, N.Y. 14203

## STATE ASSEMBLYMEN

Donald C. Shoemaker, 130th District  
833 Lake Road, Webster, N.Y. 14580

Raymond J. Lili, 131st District  
130 Wolfert Ter., Rochester, N.Y. 14621

S. William Rosenberg, 132nd District  
1866 Clover Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14618

Frank Carroll, 133rd District  
613 Elm Grove Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14606

Charles F. Stockmeister, 134th District  
74 Second Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14612

Don W. Cook, 135th District  
P.O. Box 181, Henrietta, N.Y. 14467

George Michaels, 132nd District  
10 Norman Avenue, Auburn, N.Y. 13021

Mrs. Constance E. Cook, 125th District  
Coy Glen Road, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850

L. Richard Marshall, 126th District  
7 Strathurst Park, Elmira, N.Y. 14905

Charles D. Henderson, 127th District  
39 Church Street, Hornell, N.Y. 14843

Fredrick L. Warden, 128th District  
100 Lewis Street, Geneva, N.Y. 14456

Joseph Finley, 129th District  
RD 1, Walworth, N.Y. 14568

James L. Emery, 136th District  
5477 Lakeville Road, Geneseo, N.Y. 14454

# Need for Reverence Cited

St. Louis — (RNS) — The Roman Catholic bishops of the four dioceses in Missouri have issued a joint statement citing the continued need for reverence in acts of public worship.

The statement, which makes no reference to any specific event or practice, was drafted at a meeting of Cardinal-designate John J. Carberry, Archbishop of St. Louis; Bishop Charles H. Helmsing of Kansas City; St. Joseph; Bishop Joseph M. Mar-

ing, C.P.P.S. of Jefferson City; and Bishop Ignatius J. Strecker of Springfield-Cape Girardeau.

Terming reverence "inseparable from the practice of religion," the statement noted that the administration of the sacraments, "especially the Eucharist, must reflect the interior reverence due sacred matters.

Posture and demeanor during solemn moments of the liturgy were also stressed.

MEL MEL

# A NEW IDEA

FOR ORGANIZATION FUND RAISING

# Money Labels

If You Have Not Attended  
One of The ML Meetings That  
Were Held Across The Diocese  
Don't Despair.

A NEW SERIES WILL BE  
STARTING VERY SOON.  
FOR FULL INFORMATION  
CALL OR WRITE

MONEY LABELS of ROCHESTER

# 546-5140

MEL MEL



Harvard and Radcliff dissidents from Harv...

# Catholic On Gov To Nor

By WILLIAM R. (NC News Serv)

Detroit — Catholic leaders met here to discuss "things" and agreed there is a favorable attitude toward state aid to public schools.

They concurred in state focus on aid to the nonpublic school system, and agreed there is a growing awareness among Catholic parents and the parochial and other private schools that Catholic schools must be willing to meet the financial needs of their students.

These were the chief findings from a meeting of representatives of government programs sponsored here by the State Catholic Conference.

Bishop Joseph L. Bernini, general secretary, in a speech at the convention, also mentioned public accountancy schools. He said people who support the public schools should have a right to the general public also.

The panelists discussed nonpublic school aid legislation in Michigan and other states, as well as programs in Ohio, elsewhere, and major legislation now pending in some states.

Chances for passage of public school legislation in Michigan were "favorable."

The Connecticut General Assembly is now considering a bill which calls for reimbursement of parents or guardians in nonpublic schools of tuition charges.

Pending in the Missouri legislature is the so-called Parochial Bill which would allow up to \$40 million in aid to nonpublic schools as a supplement program.

Virtually all participants in the meeting agreed that certain services provided even some federal benefits from the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

# No Apparitions At Garabanda

In response to inquiries reported apparitions in Garabanda, Spain, NC vice recently issued an advisory to editors of diocesan newspapers.

The late Bishop of Saragossa, which Garabanda is in the diocese, said in 1907:

"There have been reports of the Blessed Michael the Archangel and any other celestial beings."

"There has been no explanation."

In October, 1968, Cirarda Lachiondo upheld the ban of apparitions on Marian devotion at the alleged site of Garabanda.

The bishop in Saragossa and faithfulness from visiting a chapel built at Garabanda in honor of the Virgin Mary, a sign of resistance to the "Church" called apparitions.