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## Brazilian Priest Murder Brings Vehement Protest

Rio De Janeiro — (NC) — Brazilian clergy and laity made vehement protest this week over the murder of a 28-year-old priest at the hands of ultra-rightists.

Statements issued by Archbishop Helder Camara of Recife and by priests of the archdiocese of Rio de Janeiro protested the government's news-suppression of the killing in May of Father Pereira Neto, a youth moderator, whose body was found near the State University of Recife. He had apparently been tortured before being shot.

"Priests in Brazil are being persecuted because they refuse to defend the established order by which a small class dominates the people," a document released by Rio de Janeiro priests said.

Father Neto of Recife "was killed not for the fact that he was a priest, but because he had the courage to protest against the existing oppression in Brazil," the document added.

The document endorsed a statement by Archbishop Helder Camara of Olinda and Recife that "as a Church, we must pledge our loyalty to the struggle for the total liberation of our people."

"To be a Christian," the priests said, "is not to be satisfied with mere almsgiving or Sunday Mass; to be a Christian is to join all men of good

will in the fight for a new, better society.

"A Christian cannot serve two masters, God and gold."

Archbishop Camara's statement said: "What is most serious in this crime, aside from its extreme perversity—the victim was bound, stabbed and shot on the head—is the certainty that this brutal killing emerges from a pre-established plan, well announced through threats and warning."

"First there were written threats on the walls of church buildings, often followed by 'fire-arms' blasts." The Marguinos residence was covered with signs, the archdiocesan secretariat and the headquarters of the Second Northeast Regional Plan were machine-gunned. The residence of the archbishop at Fronteras was also machine-gunned and marked with warnings written with tar.

The priest, ordained three and a half years before, was in charge of youth movements for the archdiocese.

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Father O'Beirne



Msgr. Schwab



Father Merklinger



Father Lynch



Father Davis



Father Wuest

## 3 Priests Retire; 28 Appointed

The Pastoral Office today announced the retirement of three pastors of the diocese, the appointment of six priests to pastoral duties and changes of assignment for 22 other priests.

In issuing the formal announcement, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen put a special preface on the list:

"The following appointments of the Pastoral Office are made after a three-fold consultation:

"1. The members of the Pastoral Office themselves.

"2. The Priests' Council represented by four elected members who swore themselves to secrecy and who meet on three different occasions.

"3. The consultation with those who were named to inquire of their willingness to accept the new appointments."

The six newly-ordained priests, still on vacation, will receive their assignments next week. All appointments will be effective at 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 25.

Two of the retirements are for reasons of age: Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, West Elmira, for 29 years, was 75 years old on June 8; Father John P. O'Beirne, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls, for 24 years, had his 75th birthday on May 31.

Father John M. Merklinger, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn, since July, 1962, has asked for retirement from heavy parish responsibilities because of ill health this spring. He will become the Spiritual Director of Becket Hall, the diocesan seminary.

Successors to the retiring pastors are: Father Francis Davis to Our Lady of Lourdes, Father Leo Lynch to St. Patrick's and Father Raymond Wuest to St. Alphonsus.

Msgr. Schwab, dean of the clergy of the Chemung-Schuyler counties, was ordained 51 years ago. His entire priesthood, except for six years on brief assignments in Rochester and Leicester, has been spent in Elmira: 16 years as assistant at St. Patrick's and 29 years as founder and pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Lourdes church, with an unusual grotto effect behind the altar of the appearance of the Blessed Mother to St. Bernadette, was dedicated in October, 1941. A parish school was built in '58 and a convent more recently.

Msgr. Schwab was named a monsignor by Pope John XXIII in 1959. He has served as an officer of the Elmira Catholic Family Service and

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## \$1.2 Million Deficit for N.Y. Archdiocese

New York — (RNS) — The Archdiocese of New York operated at a deficit of more than \$1.2 million during 1968, according to the first financial report issued in its history.

In the report, which Terence Cardinal Cooke discussed with the priests of the archdiocese, income for 1968 was listed as \$14,263,000, with special gifts and bequests totaling \$5,468,000.

Expenditures for the year on charitable, educational and pastoral activities totaled \$20,953,000 in 1968.

In a breakdown in the income of more than \$14.2 million the report shows \$3,775,000 collected in the Catholic Charities drive; \$3,019,000 contributed by the parishes of the archdiocese; \$4,405,000 from tithings; and \$3,064,000 from "marketable investments, royalties, and interest on notes receivable."

In the expenditures listed in the report, \$7,312,000 was for health and welfare, \$11,606,000 for education and \$2,035,000 for spiritual and pastoral service.

An introduction to the report notes: "The work of the archdiocese is essentially spiritual; but each man, woman and child is a full human person requiring food, care and comfort, and each person a mind reaching out for truth. And so the Catholic community called the Archdiocese of New York carries out a broad range of programs to enrich the whole person."

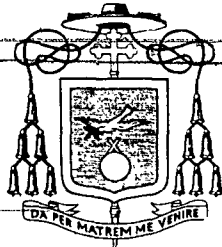
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## Diocesan Appointments Pastors Retiring



Rev. John M. Merklinger, from St. Alphonsus' Church, Auburn.  
Rev. John P. O'Beirne, from St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls.  
Monsignor Leo G. Schwab, from Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira.

### New Pastors Appointed

Rev. Francis R. Davis to Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira (from Librarian at St. Bernard's Seminary).  
Rev. James Doyle to St. Rose's Church, Lima (from St. Ambrose Church, Rochester).  
Rev. Paul J. Gibbons to St. Mary's Church, Dansville (from faculty of King's Prep, Rochester).  
Rev. Leo E. Lynch to St. Patrick's Church, Seneca Falls (from Chaplain of St. Ann's Home, Rochester).  
Rev. Andrew W. Teuschel to St. Joseph's Church, Rush (from Church of the Annunciation, Rochester).  
Rev. Raymond M. Wuest to St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn (from St. Mary's Church, Dansville).

### Special Assignments

Rev. Richard Brickler to the faculty of King's Prep (from Holy Family Church, Rochester).  
Rev. Robert D. Buckland to Secular Mission (from St. Stephen's, Geneva).  
Rev. David W. Connor to be Chaplain of Cornell University.  
Rev. William Donnelly to be Chaplain of Monroe Community College (from St. John the Evangelist Church, Humboldt Street).  
Rev. John J. Hempel to be Diocesan Director of Human Concern.  
Rev. John M. Merklinger to be Spiritual Director at Becket Hall (from St. Alphonsus Church, Auburn).  
Rev. Raymond F. Moore to be Chaplain of St. Ann's Home, Rochester (from St. Rose's Church, Lima).  
Rev. Lawrence Murphy to the faculty of King's Prep (from Becket Hall).  
Rev. Eugene P. Sweeney to be Chaplain of De Sales High School, Geneva (from Sacred Heart Cathedral).

### Assistants' Changes

Rev. Albert L. Delmonte to St. Anne's, Hornell (from King's Prep).  
Rev. John D. Dillon to St. Mary of the Lake, Watkins Glen (from St. Boniface, Rochester).  
Rev. David L. Gaesser to St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt St. (from Holy Trinity, Webster).  
Rev. Richard Hart to Sacred Heart Cathedral (from De Sales High School, Geneva).  
Rev. William H. Hickey to Church of the Annunciation, Rochester (from Holy Rosary, Rochester).  
Rev. William Hogan to St. Boniface, Rochester (from St. Mary's, Corning).  
Rev. James Kelleher to Christ the King, Rochester (from St. James, Waverly).  
Rev. Gerard J. McMahon to St. Mary's, Corning (from St. Mary's, Ontario).  
Rev. Nell Miller to St. Lawrence, Greece (from St. Mary's of the Lake, Watkins Glen).  
Rev. William Mitehatek to Holy Trinity, Webster (from St. Lawrence, Greece).  
Rev. Foster Rogers to St. Christopher's, Chili (from Christ the King, Rochester).  
Rev. Joseph M. Sasso to St. Mary's, Ontario (from Good Shepherd, Henrietta).  
Rev. Robert Smith to St. Louis, Pittsford (from Cornell University, Ithaca).

## Debate Arises About Permanent Diaconate

Detroit — (NC) — Although considerable controversy has surrounded the structure of the permanent diaconate program scheduled to open at Sacred Heart Seminary here in the fall, John Cardinal Dearden of Detroit has made the decision to proceed as planned.

Since May 15, when the program was outlined, inner-city vicars, priests and interested parties have argued that the permanent diaconate plan supposedly was being designed for use by the black community.

Auxiliary Bishop Walter J. Schoenherr, in announcing the cardinal's decision, said 26 men already have submitted applications for the program. He said it is the cardinal's decision that these men should be given the opportunity to complete the two-year program which will lead to their ordination as deacons.

"I feel that the inner-city complaints are against Rome," Bishop

Schoenherr said, "rather than against those of us who have worked to formulate this program. If we are going to have a diaconate, we have to follow rules laid down by Rome."

"The inner-city's basic objections to the program concern the minimum age of 35 and the celibacy-marriage stipulation," he said. "This is not to say that there cannot be exceptions from the guidelines. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of Rochester just received a dispensation to ordain a 34-year-old."

"The Cardinal is not averse to a lay leadership program being set up, but the men graduating from the program cannot be called deacons," Bishop Schoenherr said.

The permanent diaconate program came under heavy fire primarily for demanding that all applicants be over the age of 35, and that they be married. If they are single or a widower, applicants may not marry after they are ordained deacons.



### Pope Addresses Crowd in Geneva UN Courtyard

Pope Paul VI, first Roman Catholic Pontiff in more than 500 years to visit historic Protestant center of Geneva, Switzerland, speaks to public assembled in United Nations Palace courtyard. The Pope addressed the International Labor Organization in Palace on its 50th anniversary, and also visited headquarters of World Council of Churches during his 12-hour visit. (RNS).

## Pope's Trip Termed Success

By ROBERT HOLTON  
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Special Correspondent

Vatican City — Officials and observers here — many with a cautious hand — pasted a "success" label on Pope Paul's trip to Geneva.

Although most conceded that all the returns were not yet in, the initial general feeling was that the causes of peace, brotherhood, freedom from want and ecumenism were given a big boost by the pilgrimage.

However, Protestants and Catholics alike still are probing deep into several facets of the one-day trip in

quest of answers to nagging questions: There was the matter of crowds that gathered to greet the 71-year-old pontiff.

The numbers fell far short of those anticipated. Along the paths the papal motorcade moved to and from the official functions, the number of spectators was embarrassingly small.

Father Stefan Bamberger, a Swiss

Columnist-housewife Sarah Child opened Pandora's box of household problems this week in "All in the Family." See Page 13.

Jesuit communications expert, said this gave him no cause for concern.

"The Swiss people, for one, are not natured like the Italians or the Latin Americans. They would not line a roadway just to get a fleeting glimpse of a passing dignitary," he explained, adding:

"Then you must remember that the people of Geneva are used to seeing all types of world leaders coming in and out of their city. But when it came to the official functions, such as the outdoor Mass, we had very good crowds."

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