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Pope Urges Recognition For Sisters

Vatican City (RNS)—Pope Paul VI urged Roman Catholics throughout the world to give "honor, respect and recognition" to the members of religious communities of women who dedicate themselves to the service of the poor and needy.

The pontiff, speaking to a crowd which had gathered in St. Peter's Square for the noon recitation of the Angelus, noted how the members of women's religious communities have dedicated themselves "humbly, freely, and perpetually" to the service of mankind.

"We must pay tribute to this evangelical phenomenon—a phenomenon that has spread into so many religious communities that are still receiving many women who are privileged only in their unbinding love for Christ and their own total sacrifice.

"These women give up everything without a murmur—their names, their youth, their beauty, all their rights and all their dreams. They are happy to serve and pray."

"This unusual state of love of Christ," the Pope continued, "is amazing and not always recognized for what it is—a phenomenon of the highest spirituality lived in pure, ascetic, poor, austere, and simple ways."

Noting that society currently is "profane and given to a life of license and pleasure," Pope Paul urged all to recognize the nuns in the world as individuals capable of love which is carried to a "religious extreme which presupposes grace, a vocation, and a complete giving of oneself."



A child plays ball with the Pope, even if nobody else does. Authorities in Bad Godesberg, Germany, are debating where to place the work by Italian artist Bodini. It was borrowed for a German-Italian festival week and was so admired that the community would like to keep it. The youngster would probably miss his new friend too.



MSGR. DUFFY

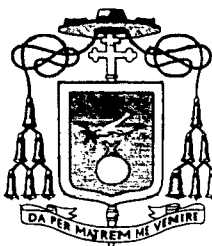
Msgr. Duffy Named Pastor

Msgr. John F. Duffy, newly-appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dansville, has been director of the diocesan office of the Propagation of the Faith Society, world wide papal agency for collection of contributions to the missions, for the last eight years.

The diocese's six newly-ordained priests received their assignments and took their new positions Wednesday night. See box at right.

Born in Rochester, he attended St. (Continued on Page 2)

Diocesan Appointments



Monsignor John F. Duffy to be Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Dansville (from Diocesan Director, Propagation of the Faith).

Rev. Gregorio Garcia Martin to be Director of the Spanish-speaking Catholic Family Movement and Spiritual Director of "Catholic Brothers" (Hermanos Catolicos), an apostolate for migrant workers. In residence at St. Francis Xavier, Rochester.

Rev. Jose La Calle to be Director of Jornada Movement (for Spanish-speaking youth). In residence at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Rochester.

Rev. Patric J. Doyle to Holy Rosary Church, Rochester.

Rev. William Endres to St. Stephen's Church, Geneva.

Rev. Ronald P. Frederick to Good Shepherd Church, Henrietta.

Rev. William D. Lum to St. Margaret Mary Church, Rochester.

Rev. Mark A. Miller to St. Ambrose Church, Rochester.

Rev. Richard J. Shatzel to St. James Church, Waverly.

Danger: 'Moral Decay'

(Other story, picture Page 5)

New York — (RNS) — America's greatest danger, evangelist Billy Graham declared here, is not communism, but "moral decay from within."

The famed Baptist preacher reiterated, at a press conference marking the close of his 10-day New York Crusade, his contention that the United States is morally "deteriorating." He urged New York's three mayoral candidates to speak out on the issue of pornography and narcotics addiction.

He conceded that the Crusade (estimated attendance, 234,000, with 11,152 walking to the front of the new Madison Square Garden to register as "inquirers") was not easy for the press to interpret.

While he said the Crusade might not result in an immediate membership increase in area churches, he said one church reported it expects to triple its membership as a result of involvement in the Crusade.

The evangelist expressed some disappointment that the Crusade hadn't drawn more young people. In his pre-Crusade press conference he had said he would put a special emphasis on youth. (One of the features of the evangelistic campaign here was a special coffee house which drew up to 1,000 young people each night.)

Mr. Graham, asked to comment on complaints that his message emphasizes man's sin more than man's potential, said he agreed 100 per cent with emphasizing man's potential, but asserted that he talks about sin to show people what their basic problem is.

Saturday Privilege Approved in Boston

Boston — (RNS) — Saturday evening Masses will be permitted in more than 400 churches of the Boston archdiocese beginning July 5, thus allowing Roman Catholics to fulfill their Sunday Mass obligation, Richard Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston, announced.

The privilege, he explained, is not a "general" one however, and individual pastors must ask authorization for their parishes.

The Boston archdiocese, second largest in the United States, thus joins the New England Dioceses of Fall River, Manchester, N.H., Burlington, Vt., and Portland, Me., in granting the Saturday Mass privilege.

Ordination Class Is Detroit's Last

Detroit — John Cardinal Dearden ordained 22 priests here—the last class to be ordained as a group in the archdiocese.

Beginning next year, deacons will petition the Cardinal to be ordained to the priesthood when each feels himself to be prepared. The Cardinal will turn the petition over to a review panel whose members will decide if the candidate is ready.

If the deacon is accepted, he will be ordained by one of Detroit's auxiliary bishops in his home parish.

Pope Decries 'Certain Lack Of Confidence' in Papacy

(From Courier-Journal sources)

Vatican City — Pope Paul VI, addressing a group of Cardinals this week, decried a "certain diffuse lack of confidence" in the papacy.

The Pontiff noted those causes for concern in a wide-ranging speech to the Cardinals present in Rome. They had come to wish him well on the eve of his name day, the feast of St. John the Baptist; he was christened Giovanni Battista (Montini).

The initial speech by Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College, the Pontiff's reply and a papal decree on the functions of papal nuncios and other Vatican diplomatic representatives were viewed here as parts of a whole — a Vatican reply, in indirect terms, to the broad criticisms of church organization voiced last month by Leo-Joseph Cardinal Suenens, the liberal Primate of Belgium and Archbishop of Brussels.

"We cannot be insensible," the Pope said, "to the criticisms, not all accurate and not all just, nor always respectful and opportune, that are directed from various sources against this Apostolic See, under the more easy vulnerable name of the Roman Curia."

The long decree on papal diplomats throughout its 12 articles, did anything but downgrade the power and prestige of the papal nuncios and apostolic delegates.

One passage noted that the pontifical representative had the "duty to aid, counsel and lend his prompt and generous support, with a spirit of fraternal collaboration, always respecting the (local) pastors' exercise of their own jurisdiction."

But elsewhere it confirmed the right of nuncios and delegates to add their own opinions to the recommendations of national hierarchies on episcopal appointments, and, as the Pope's delegates, to consult "in secret" with "prudent" laymen and clergy on all such matters.

The document recalls that the papal representatives are not members of the episcopal conferences of the countries to which they are accredited. But it specifies that they have the right to attend at least the opening sessions of such conferences and, "by explicit mandate of the Holy See," to participate in the deliberations.

"Some of the difficulties of our times," the Pope told the cardinals, "seem to conceal grave dangers for the Church of God. Some of these difficulties stem from erroneous interpretations of traditional Church teachings and a certain lack of confidence in us and in some of our brother bishops."

The Pope said that he is now calmly studying all Church reform proposals submitted to him, including the problems of the priesthood. He said that he was specially attentive to suggestions for making them more adaptable to modern society but did

Massachusetts School Aid Step Nearer

Boston — (RNS) — State aid to private and parochial schools has been endorsed by the Massachusetts Legislature under a proposed amendment to the state constitution.

The Massachusetts Constitutional Convention, meeting for the fourth time this year, quickly approved the plan to have the state pay for the salaries of private and parochial school teachers.

Speakers warned that the failure of the parochial school system in the state, already threatened, would "wreak havoc" with municipal budgets.

Those opposed to the measure claimed that passage of the bill would "open the doors to the possible breakdown of the separation of church and state."

State Rep. Joseph A. Langone of Boston, a vigorous advocate of the plan, said he "deplores the religious aspects of the controversy." "It isn't a problem of being Catholic or Protestant. It's a problem of education," he added.

The bill must be passed by the 1970 session of the state legislature. If that is done, the measure will be put on the ballot in 1972 for voter ratification.

Sarah Journeys To Quieter Times

The wonder, warmth and wisdom that filled her grandmother's kitchen in Sarah Child's home, as she takes us back to the days when the kitchen was the "hub" of the home, on Page 15.

not elaborate on such specific issues as the question of clerical celibacy.

"It is not easy to have a post of responsibility in the Church," the Pope said. "We shall not remain insensitive to criticism, though not all of it is justified nor accurate. We shall say only that we shall meditate calmly on the requests sent to this apostolic see with a double sentiment: that of humble and sincere objectivity, ready to consider the plausible reasons for these contrasting attitudes."

He then cited what he called the two major problems — "One is a lessened sense of doctrinal orthodoxy toward that jealous deposit of faith which the Church has inherited from the original apostolic preaching expressed in Holy Scripture and authentic tradition."

"And similarly, it seems to us that many ills which all should deplore if they truly love the Church, are caused by a certain diffuse lack of confidence toward the exercise of our hierarchical ministry which by the

mandate of Christ unites and guides the people of God at the various levels of his company."

The principal and proper mission of the papal envoy, declares the motu proprio Apostolicum Officium, is to promote the bonds of unity between the Holy See and the local Churches. He has also the duty of testifying to the good wishes of the pontiff for the country as a whole, particularly in the fields of peace, progress and the joint collaboration of nations.

In processing the nominations of bishops, the envoy or legate is to seek the advice of qualified persons, whether churchmen or the laity.

These and other duties are not new. The papal document adds, however, that the envoy should also promote contacts between the Catholic Church and other Christian communities and also with non-Christian religions. In this work, however, he is admonished to seek the advice of the local bishops as well as conform himself to the instructions of "the competent offices of the Apostolic See."

Liturgical Developments

Baptism Change

(NC News Service)

Vatican City—After 19 centuries and more of Christianity, babies will receive the sacrament making Christians of them in a rite that recognizes their babyhood.

The new baptismal rite for infants, published June 20 by the Holy See, is the first such in the history of the Catholic liturgy. The present ritual, promulgated three and a half centuries ago, is an abbreviation of the rite for the Baptism of adults.

Under the new ritual, which goes into effect Sept. 8, parents are given a more active role to play, while godparents continue to have an important part. The responsibilities of both couples are made clear.

Gone are the long interrogations to which the baby—crying or sleeping—has been subjected "as if he should or could reply."

Gone is the hair-raising exorcism. The new baptismal rite begins with the ceremonial welcome of the infant or infants and their family at the door of the church.

There follows the liturgy of the word, which sheds light on the meaning of Baptism. That finishes with a common prayer of intercession for the child or children to be baptized.

The core of the ceremony, consisting of the administration of the sacrament itself, is immediately preceded by the blessing of the baptismal water and by the renunciation and profession of faith (uttered on behalf of the child by the parents, godparents and entire congregation). It is followed by the anointing and the giving of the white garment and a candle lighted from the paschal candle.

The rite is concluded before the altar with the Our Father and the blessing of the priest, bestowed separately upon the newly baptized, the parents and all present.

Communion Same

(NC News Service)

Washington — (NC) — Petitions for permitting reception of Holy Communion in the hand before the communicant puts the Host into his own mouth, strongly opposed (1,233 to 882) by Bishops polled by the Vatican, have been formally rejected by Pope Paul VI.

An instruction from the Roman Congregation for Divine Worship sent to the U.S. Catholic Bishops here last week insists strongly on maintaining the traditional manner of giving communion.

The instruction on Masses for special groups does not substantially change the concessions and variations permitted by the publication of the revised Order of Mass last April 6. The readings from the Scriptures are not restricted on these occasions to the usual series but "readings adapted to the particular celebration can be chosen from approved lectionaries."

Encouragement is given to a period of meditation or instruction prior to Mass in special circumstances. The preparation of intentions for the prayer of the faithful by the individual participants is urged. No changes are made concerning the vestments of the priest or the use of sacred vessels.

The document on Communion describes the background of recent requests from episcopal conferences and individual bishops that "the eucharistic bread be placed in the hand of the faithful who communicates himself by placing it in his mouth."

The development of the present usage, now prescribed by custom and confirmed by the instruction, is explained as arising from a better understanding of the Eucharist, as well as a sense of reverence and humility so that the minister (priest or deacon) properly "places the particle of consecrated bread on the tongue of the communicants."

Guitar... the Rock of Ages

Chicago — (RNS) — Those who would argue that guitar-playing at religious services is a modern-day innovation are not going far enough back in history, according to "The War Cry," official publication of the Salvation Army.

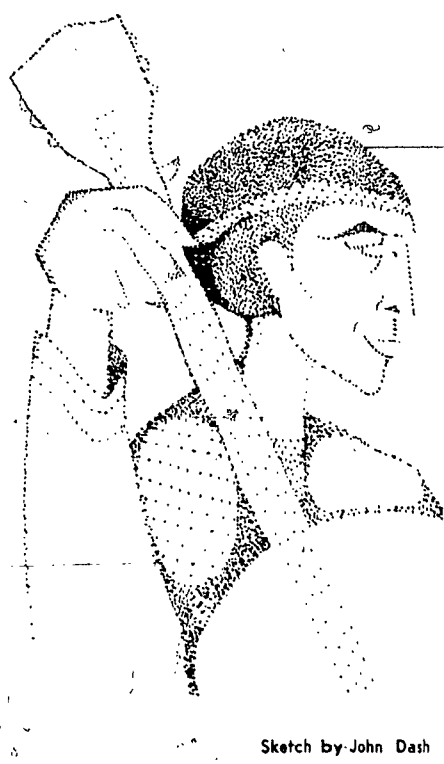
Jim Dwyer, in an article entitled "The Guitar Gets Religion," maintained that the instrument is "religiously traditional, being quite similar to the instruments played by David and the psalmists of Israel."

Noting that the guitar is going through a renaissance in its use in religious music, Dwyer attributed its more frequent use in the Roman Catholic Church to the Second Vatican Council's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

Father Pedro Arrupe, superior general of the Jesuits, was present at a folk Mass at Fordham University in New York City during a visit to this country. The Jesuit leader, who plays the guitar himself, said of the Mass's musical accompaniment, "It made me feel at home."

Andres Segovia, one of the world's foremost classical guitarists, is also cited by the author. "The guitar is intensely personal in an impersonal world. There is no obstacle between the instrument and the heart—only a slight layer of skin on the fingertips. The guitar is a small, gentle voice in the midst of this world's noise. That is why the world is listening."

Dwyer, citing tradition, predicted increased use of the guitar at re-



Sketch by John Dash

ligious services: "Playing and singing of the psalms were among the most prominent features of the liturgy of ancient Israel," he said. "The Bible today calls for the accompaniment of singing instruments when the psalms are sung. These instructions, long neglected because they were not understood or not considered applicable to the new Israel, are beginning to be more frequently observed by the use of guitars and other instruments."

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