

Pope at Castel Gandolfo A Time for Rest... Almost

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Castel Gandolfo — The Pope, like any other international leader, carries the awesome burdens of office with him wherever he goes.

And his summer palace retreat in this hill country 18 miles southeast of Rome is no exception.

As has been the custom with pontiffs since the 17th Century, Pope Paul comes here for a month to six weeks each summer to escape the torrid heat of the city and avail himself of the recreational facilities and quiet of the countryside.

The palace overlooks Lake Albano, a flooded volcano, on which many popes in past decades rode in boats for recreation. Pope Paul and his immediate predecessors in office have passed up such recreation.

"The present Pope finds his enjoyment in strolling through the beautiful formal gardens or visiting the Vatican experimental farm when he is here," one source said.

"We see him going into the gardens sometimes but he does not take as much advantage of them as some popes have," the source explained. "He seems to spend most of his time in his private quarters when he is not receiving visitors."

On his arrival here after a motor trip from the Vatican, the Pope is accompanied by his priest secretary, a valet and three or four nuns who cook his meals and look after his quarters.

During the first part of his stay, the Pope's official schedule is drastically reduced. He holds Sunday noon general audiences in the palace courtyard and meets the masses on

Wednesdays in a 14,000-capacity audience hall in the gardens.

During the first two weeks of his stay, however, the pontiff suspends all private audiences except his regular meetings with the Vatican secretary of state and meetings of an extremely urgent nature.

"The regular audiences with the heads of congregations and other Curia officials and the reception of diplomats and other duties are suspended for this first period," the source explained, adding:

"The purpose of having the Holy Father come here is to give him the chance for recreation, cool, fresh air and rest and repose. But he never really leaves the pressures of office behind."

"Everybody here at the palace does all he can to try and stay out of the Pope's way while he is here," the source explained. "This is about the only place that a pope can get away from the terrible demands of his position and we try our best to avoid closing in on him."

"Even with that and the cancellation for the first two weeks of most of his audiences and meetings, a pope usually has so many important matters that require his immediate study and attention that he works long hours at his desk."

Near the close of July Pope Paul will leave on a three-day trip to Uganda, Africa. As he did at the summer palace before leaving for Bogota, the Pope certainly will be attending to last-minute editing of the talks he will give on that trip.

"We are working on about 30

speeches that the Holy Father will give during his trip to Africa," an official in the secretariat of state said. "Most, if not all, of the speeches will be given in English and this means a great deal of translation work."

Pope Paul writes his own addresses, usually in long hand and in Italian, French or Latin. They then are translated into the language to be used in giving the address and into other languages for distribution to the news media.

"He also is very much of a stickler for the correct pronunciation of proper names such as cities and people," one source said. "If he comes across the name of a town, for instance, he will ask someone from that country exactly how it is pronounced by local residents."

The private papal section of the palace comprises about 15 rooms. It includes a bed chamber, study and library and is located on the first floor of the palace — what normally is the second floor of an American building.

Even when he is not in residence, security precautions are tight at the palace. It is not permitted to take a photograph of the windows of the papal apartment even when it is empty.

Although the formal gardens at Castel Gandolfo are always in good shape, they are particularly well manicured during the papal stay. During the last three weeks before the Pope's arrival, the gardens become a beehive of activity with dozens of professional gardeners working long hours to put the flowers, shrubs and trees in perfect trim for the Pope's enjoyment.

Unity Urged Between Pope, Bishops

Vatican City — (RNS) — The second international Synod of Bishops, scheduled in Rome next October, must "reaffirm a deep unity between the Pope and the bishops," Jean Cardinal Daniélou, a member of the Roman Curia, said here.

In a front-page article in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican City daily newspaper, Cardinal Daniélou said that such a manifestation of unity is "essential" and criticized those who believe the Pope should delegate more power to bishops.

"Any idea of limiting the free exercise of the Pope's authority or of making it dependent on the episcopal college would be unacceptable," he said. Like several other recent articles by Cardinal Daniélou, this one seemed to be basically a reply to suggestions made by Leo Joseph Cardinal Suenens, Primate of Belgium.

Co-responsibility, in Cardinal Suenens' explanation, involves not only the participation of the bishops in decisions formerly made by the Pope, but the sharing of episcopal power with the priests and laity.

Cardinal Daniélou said that there is currently a danger of dividing Catholic into two groups: those who see the authority of the bishops as deriving from the Pope and those who see the authority of the Pope as deriving from the bishops. "The thing which risks being most badly hurt by these differences," he said, "is not so much the authority of the Pope as that of the bishop."

Pope Pledged Support

Two Cardinals Urge Loyalty

Munich, Germany — (NC) — Two German cardinals voiced strong support for the primacy of the pope in sermons marking the sixth anniversary of the coronation of Pope Paul VI.

Julius Cardinal Doepfner of Munich and Lorenz Cardinal Jaeger of Paderborn also called for renewed loyalty to the teaching office of the Church.

Cardinal Doepfner urged his listeners to "oppose those trends which seek to weaken the function and mission of the papacy, and which consider religious obedience to the supreme pastor outdated."

Precisely in these times, in which humanity is growing closer together, a unifying center in the Church is necessary rather than outmoded, he said.

Cardinal Jaeger recalled that Pope Paul had proclaimed this the "year of faith." There were few echoes heard of the Pope's call for a year of faith and of his Credo of the People of God, however, Cardinal Jaeger said. They both are now "gone with the wind," he complained.

He warned that those who deny and attack the fundamental declarations of the Church can no longer be considered Catholic. Because they take their stand outside the faith and community of the Church, they can no longer have communion with the Church, he added.

Briton Signs Declaration

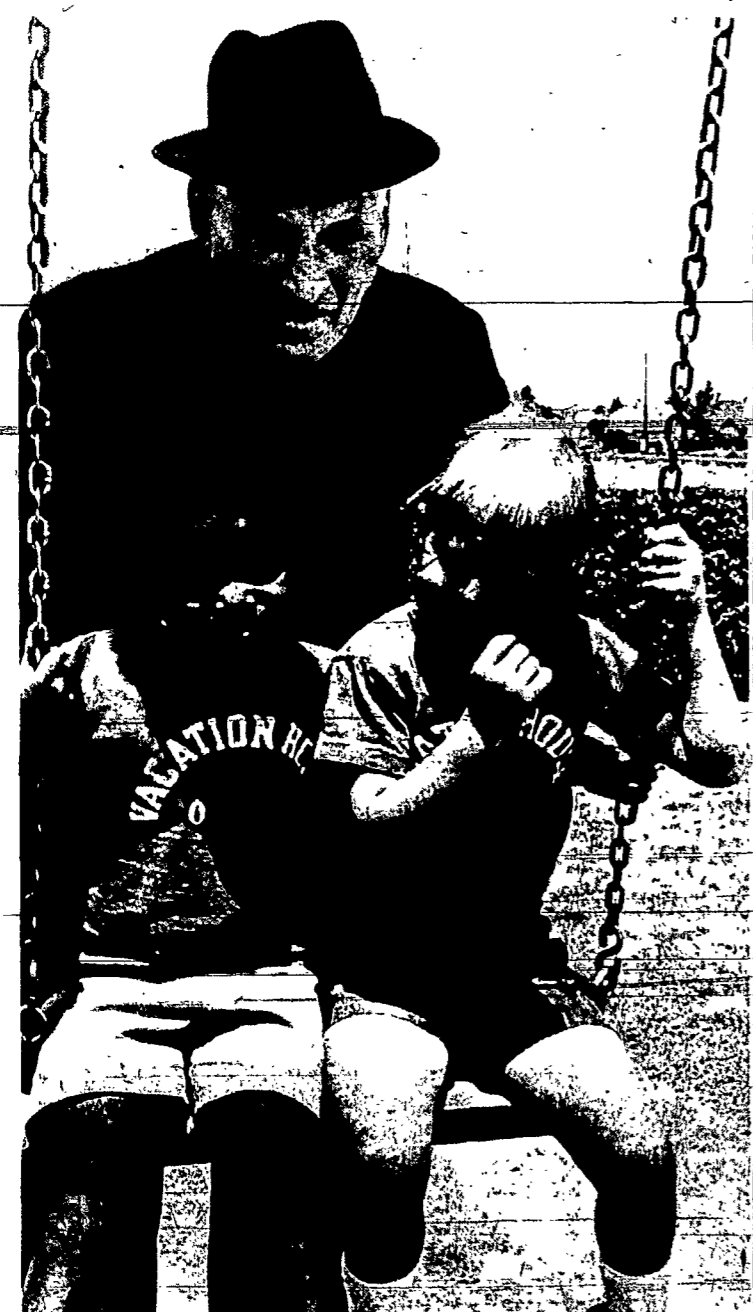
Glasgow, Scotland — (NC) — A group of prominent English and Scottish lay Catholics has issued a declaration of loyalty to Pope Paul VI and promised that a future loyalty statement will be signed by many thousands of other Catholics.

The declaration, initiated by a Scottish retired Army Col. Alistair J. Cranston, particularly praised the Pope for his encyclical on birth control, Humanae Vitae. The loyalty statement said that in the encyclical Pope Paul had "courageously reaffirmed the infallible teaching of the Church on marriage and the family."

The signers of the declaration included Catholics from a wide range of fields and professions in England and Scotland — members of Parliament, educators, writers and professional men and women.

Col. Cranston said the declaration is a way of giving the "ordinary" Catholic a means of expressing his feelings on Humanae Vitae and other subjects affecting the Church.

Among the signers were novelist John Braine, economics professor Colin Clark, convert-author Sir Arnold Lunn, broadcaster Wilfrid Picklers, Scottish Judge Lord Wheatley and Charles Smith, chairman of the Edinburgh Lay Apostolate Council.



A Swinging Trio

Two young campers get into the swing of things at the Children's Vacation House at Sunset Point in Nantasket, Mass. Richard Cardinal Cushing provides a push for Shelley Pearson, 7, left, and Mary Trombley, 6. (Religious News Service)

Church 'Establishment' Prompts Columbia Action

New York — (RNS) — Columbia University changed its policy of having chaplains appointed from the outside for its students' needs so that religious advisers would not seem to represent the religious establishment, a former chaplain admitted here.

Rev. John Cannon, chairman of the committee which recommended replacing the denominational chaplains with the Center for Religion and Life, said the new plan is designed to help students "break out of their private worlds."

Under the new Columbia policy the school will provide office space for advisers named by any student group rather than merely accepting chaplains appointed by outside agencies.

Appearing on the CBS Radio program, "The World of Religion," Mr. Cannon said "the post of university chaplain imposes an unnecessary and unfortunate barrier to the development of religious values and serious religious inquiry by students."

The chaplain's office had been financed by the university and he had worked in consultation with advisers named by outside religious agencies.

"An average student, when seeing a chaplain or a campus minister, immediately feels that he is facing a representative of his own Church, which he has repudiated and has achieved distance from, or a representative from his parents' value orientation . . ."

in the realm of religious life — are individuals who are not representing a particular Church or denomination. They may be committed individuals, but not selected on that basis but rather on the basis of their capacity to relate to contemporary youth and to tune into them. It is important to reach students where they're inquiring and where there is concern. We're trying to do this . . ."

Modern Message Service Tried

Brooklyn — (RNS) — Educators in the Diocese of Brooklyn are experimenting with the sending of hard-copy messages over the diocesan educational television audio system.

The message-sending operation could speed communications between the Schools Department and schools in 220 parishes. Within six minutes, it is said, a hard-copy report sent from the superintendent of schools could be received via TV on a copying machine in each school.

The experiment is one of several under consideration in an over-all study "to integrate technology into the school system," according to Father Michael J. Dempsey, assistant superintendent of schools.

Father Dempsey noted that the experiment may be useful in an over-all study of how traditional school practices — grades, hours and so forth — should be restructured to utilize technology without increasing costs.

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