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## Cdl. Wright: Celibacy An Essential

Milan, Italy — (NC) — "Priestly celibacy is an absolute essential to the total consecration the priest must make and which the world has a right to expect of him," said John Cardinal Wright in a definitive interview with Milan's prestigious daily "Avvenire."

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The prefect of the Congregation for the Clergy, who recently was Bishop of Pittsburgh, Cardinal Wright had stern things to say about the current clerical critics.

On celibacy, the cardinal offered as his stand the contention that a man in love with his wife and devoted to his children could not make the same totality of generosity in his heart for his priestly work.

Further, the prelate felt that there is now becoming vibrant in the Church the sense of co-responsibility with the lay people in the ordinary functions of parish life. "This should free the priest more to do what only a priest can do and ought to do, allowing him to devote his entire heart to his work," stressed the cardinal.

As for the clerical critics of the day, especially those demanding a change in the structure of the Church, he observed that they are always inventing structures to put into the place of the ones removed.

"Their contention that change is necessary still rests with them for the burden of proof. Let them contest—deny them that, but let them be logical, convincing, and, in the final analysis, let them give way to the judgment of the people of God," he declared.

## Bp. Defregger: I Am Innocent

Munich—(RNS)—Auxiliary Bishop Matthias Defregger of Munich, in a taped 20-minute interview on West German television, declared that he feels "legally and, above all, morally not guilty" in the World War II incident which has made him controversial in both Germany and Italy.

He had previously admitted involvement, 25 years ago, in the execution of 17 hostages in the Italian village of Filte, in Camarda, 60 miles northeast of Rome.

The bishop, who had been a captain in the German army, claimed that he had resisted the execution order repeatedly and had managed to reduce the number of men to be executed before passing the execution command on to a lieutenant.

A German prosecutor had dropped charges against the bishop before the incident was made public in the weekly news magazine, Der Spiegel, but the case has now been reopened.

Although he insisted on his innocence, Bishop Defregger said he has "carried a heavy burden with me" since the 1944 incident.

"It would be easy for me to say I would do it differently today," he said in the television interview, "but only one who has been an officer, responsible for the lives of men, in such a critical situation in a war with two fronts, can be allowed an informed opinion of this situation."

As for the real motivation behind the campaign against him, he called it an attack on the German army, past and present and on the Catholic Church, particularly his own superior, Julius Cardinal Döpfner, Archbishop of Munich.

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# POPE'S TRIP A ROUSING SUCCESS

From Courier-Journal Services

Castel Gandolfo — Despite the never clearing clouds cast by the war in Nigeria, Pope Paul's historic journey to Uganda was a rousing success, perhaps the most successful of the seven journeys of his reign.

Certainly the Pope was pleased with it. He almost danced as he described his experiences to crowds gathered at Castel Gandolfo on the Sunday morning of his return from Africa.

It was Pope Paul's second visit to Africa, though his first since his election to the papacy, and the eighth trip outside of Italy in his pontificate. Australia is now the only inhabited continent that has not received a visit from Pope Paul.

Previous papal trips have been to India, the Middle East, Portugal, Switzerland, Colombia, Turkey and the United Nations headquarters in New York City.

The Pope's voice took on a special warmth as he spoke of the "beautiful and luminous eyes of Ugandese children." He spoke of the joyfulness of African nuns and, spotting a group of Sisters in the crowd below, he asked them: "Have you ever seen Sisters dance? There they dance with religious feeling," he continued and, sulking action to his words, the Pope lifted his arms above his head and moved his body rhythmically for a moment or two. (See picture at left.)

While nothing concrete seems to have been achieved for an immediate settlement of the bloody strife in Nigeria, nevertheless representatives of both sides were brought to Uganda to discuss their positions with both the Pope and President Obote.

The Holy Father met each delegation twice. Shortly after the Pope flew out of Uganda to Rome the two hostile delegations met on their own twice, for the first time since talks were broken off 15 months ago.

During the 51 hours he spent on African soil, Pope Paul VI followed a schedule that would have worn out many men of half the 71-year-old pontiff's age.

Yet he seemed actually to gain energy as he went through the grueling agenda, catching some of the contagious enthusiasm of the large crowds which formed around him, cheering, waving banana leaves and offering him flowers, wherever he went.

Christians, Moslems, Animists from all parts of Uganda and Africa gave him a welcome as brilliant as the exotic flowers and the flowering countryside of their nation and continent. Light and power poles all along the route were decorated alternately with the colors of Uganda and Vatican City. The Pope's insignia of keys and tiara and his picture were repeated as frequently as were the arms of Uganda, a tribal shield with a shining sun and drum flank-

ed by an antelope and a crane and a portrait of President Obote.

In Kampala itself, sidewalk newspaper vendors had laid out a wide array of special booklets about the Pope's visit, side by side with Mao Tse-tung's report to the second plenary session of the central committee of the Communist Party of China, and a magazine entitled "The People of Vietnam Will Triumph! The United States Aggressors Will Be Defeated."

During the brief span from Thursday afternoon, July 31 to Saturday evening, Aug. 2, the Pope:

- Addressed the final session of the first All-Africa Bishops' Symposium, advising the Church in Africa to maintain its universality while expressing it in Africa's unique forms.

- Was formally received by the president of Uganda, Apollo Milton Obote, by four other African heads of state, by the Uganda Parliament, diplomats from the various African countries, and leaders and representatives of the Protestant and Islamic communities in Africa.

- Concelebrated a Mass with some 40 African bishops and consecrated 12 new members of the hierarchy — 10 native Africans and two missionaries.

- Visited an Anglican shrine commemorating the joint death by fire of 10 Anglican and 13 Catholic martyrs.

- Dedicated the main altar at the massive, still unfinished National Shrine of the Martyrs of Uganda at Namugongo.

- Received 22 new converts into the Catholic Church, symbolizing the 22 martyrs who were killed for the faith in 1885-87. (See page 3 for details of the martyrdom.)

- Exhorted the clergy, religious and laity of Uganda to be "strong in faith" and devoted to their bishops, during a special ceremony in the Kampala cathedral.

- Engaged in prolonged discussions with representatives of Nigeria and Biafra in an effort to bring about cease-fire talks and to safeguard the shipment of relief supplies to victims of the war on both sides.

- Visited a number of hospitals and other social service agencies, announced the establishment of a new

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Pope Paul VI raises his arms as he speaks from balcony of his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo, Italy, Sunday. The Pope spoke enthusiastically of his experiences in Uganda, where he said nuns danced with joy and religious enthusiasm was both great and spontaneous.

## For Religions in Africa

# Pope Encourages Unity Efforts

Kampala, Uganda—(RNS)—Efforts to promote religious unity in Africa were a significant part of Pope Paul's activities here together with purely Roman Catholic and civic functions.

For non-Catholic Africans, one of the most significant items on the Pope's busy agenda was his visit to an Anglican shrine dedicated to 10 Protestant and 13 Catholic martyrs who were burned alive together on June 3, 1886.

He also spoke to representatives of a large segment of the African population in an address to a group of Moslem dignitaries.

Talking to the Islamic leaders, he cited the bonds of martyrdom which link them with Christians in Uganda's history. In 1848, he recalled, the first martyrs of Uganda were a group of Moslems who paid with their lives for their refusal to violate the rules of their religion.

"Let the sun of peace and fraternal love rise on this land, soaked in the blood jointly shed by the noble sons of the Catholic, Protestant and Moslem communities of Uganda," he said in his talk to the Moslem leaders.

Through his meeting with them, the Pope said, "we wish to welcome the great Moslem communities scattered throughout Africa, allowing us in this way to express to you our deep respect for the faith you believe and our wish that what is common between us might for ever more unite Christians with Moslems in one authentic brotherhood."

At the Anglican shrine, a tiny, whitewashed church about 10 miles outside of Kampala, some 20,000 persons stood silently around the building and listened to the Pope speaking from a temporary platform beside the church. Earlier, they had danced, waved banana leaves and filled the air with joyful shouts as the Pope passed through the small villages of the neighborhood on his way to the shrine.

Catholic and Anglican prelates participated jointly in ceremonies at the shrine. In the congregation were the heads of state of five African coun-

tries: Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, Rwanda and Burundi.

Welcoming the Pope, Anglican Archbishop Erica Sabiti, Bishop of Ruwenzori and Archbishop of the Church of Rwanda and Burundi, recalled that Catholic and Protestants had once fought and killed one another in Uganda. The time has come, he said, to strengthen the spirit of friendship and cooperation.

He expressed the hope that the "whole Church on earth" might "grow into that fuller unity" which the martyrs had enjoyed in dying together for their faiths.

## 10 U.S. Men Training For Fulltime Diaconate

Collegeville, Minn. — (RNS) — Ten men among the first to be chosen for training as Roman Catholic deacons began their studies at St. John's University here.

With the permission of the Vatican, the American hierarchy authorized the training of men for the permanent diaconate which was reestablished in the Church at the Second Vatican Council.

So far only one deacon has been ordained in the U.S. He is Rev. Mr. Michael Cole, a former Anglican minister who is married and was ordained for work in the Rochester Diocese. Because of his previous theological training it was not necessary for him to take additional studies for his work.

St. John's will train men for the permanent diaconate both in Summer workshops and in a full-time program during the regular school term. Candidates will be eligible for ordination after five Summer sessions or two academic years of concentrated

training. The Summer workshops are supplemented by further study at home and by field work.

When they are ordained, the permanent deacons will be able to distribute Holy Communion, administer Baptism, assist at marriages, read Scripture at Masses, visit and counsel hospital patients and engage in pastoral work. Unlike priests, they will not be able to hear confessions, say Mass or give the last rites.

Some of the men expect to devote full-time to deacon duties, while others will do it on a part-time basis, continuing in their present occupations.

Six of the men starting the program here are married, three are widowers and one is single. The married men will have their wives with them "in order for both to establish a common purpose and direction in the diaconate," said Father Kieran Nolan, O.S.B., Benedictine priest who directs the program here.

## New Marriage Liturgy Explained by Vatican

Rome — (NC) — The Vatican has issued some clarifications about the new rite for marriage because of inexact reports carried in some newspapers.

Among points touched in the clarification issued by the Congregation for Divine Worship were:

- It is up to the local Bishop to determine if there is to be a procession of the celebrant and the couple to be married from the church door to the altar. The procession does not necessarily have to be held.

- Use of the Offertory procession is to be determined by local authorities and, in any case, the hosts to be

used are to be placed in a ciborium and not as erroneously reported on a tray.

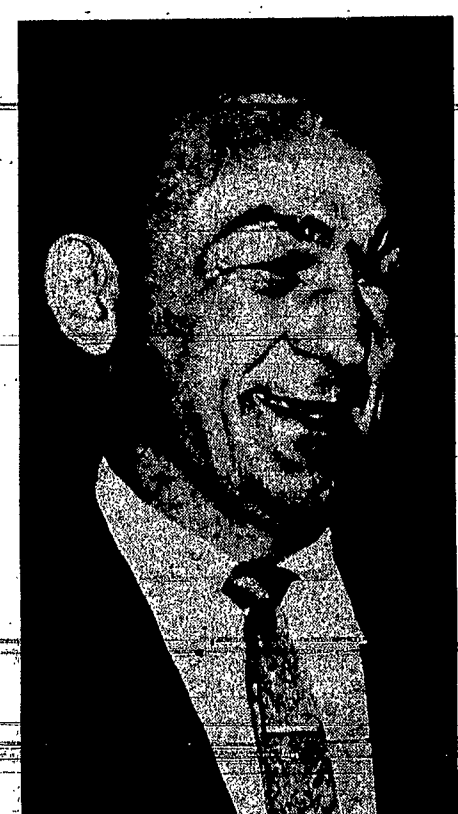
- The kiss of peace does not necessarily entail the public exchange of kisses on the cheek by the bride and groom. Rather the outward sign of love is to be determined according to custom by the episcopal conferences in each nation.

- Lastly, it is not provided that the groom offers the consecrated Host and the chalice to the bride. Rather, it will be the celebrant who offers the Host and chalice at Communion time if Communion is received under both species.



## Lots in Common

Two beauty queens from the same high school in successive years make a rare picture in the history of the Monroe County Harvest Queen competitions. Mercy High School boasts of Mary Kimberly Lowenguth, 16, a senior-to-be (left), crowned this week as 1969 queen and retiring Queen Mary Pat Elkins, a '69 Mercy graduate, shown here just before the traditional crowning. Runnerup among 25 contestants from the whole county was Barbara Dixon, a senior at Bishop Kearney High School. Kim, from Our Lady of Lourdes parish, daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Loewenguth, Castlebar Road, is a member of the Spanish Club, Ski Club and CSMC at Mercy. Mary Pat, from Blessed Sacrament parish, will enter R.I.T. this Fall for courses in physio-therapy.



CARMEN BASILIO  
A 'mean fighter' talks about violence.

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