



Sentimental Journey

Mrs. Golda Meir, the prime minister of Israel, hugs a pupil during a sentimental visit to the Milwaukee elementary school where she began her education 63 years ago.

# Pomography, Drugs Draw Papal Wrath

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Paul VI has blasted modern-day eroticism which leads man to promiscuity, pornography and drugs.

At a general audience Oct. 1, the Pope spoke out sharply against contemporary morals which threaten man with "animalistic, barbaric and subhuman degradations."

Insisting on the Christian's need to be aware of his own dignity as a man and as a baptized person, Pope Paul warned against demagoguery, revolutionary violence, the demythologization of religion and especially the giving in to license, sensuality and pornography.

To counter present-day trends, the Pope urged Christians not "to lose your awareness of moral values. Do not lose the awareness of sin, that is, the judgment between good and evil. Do not let the sense of liberty, bound as it is to the sense of responsibility as a Christian as well as a man in civil society, to go to sleep."

In speaking of the dangers today to the dignity of man, the Pope said that the "most serious and most insidious" is the "threat which has become epidemic and aggressive, the threat of eroticism induced by unbridled public and advertised statements."

The Pope specifically cited a modern eroticism that has been aroused by "promiscuity, pornographic images and even drugs." There has been an "exultation and a darkening of the senses" that has perverted the word of God and attacked even the family, the school and leisure time, he said.

"Every defense seems to wear itself out and fail," he said. "Legality

(as it seems to happen in some countries) finds an excuse for every offense to public modesty and to the sacrosanct right of the innocent to their own protection."

It is as if, he went on, "almost a sense of fatality inhibits those responsible and blocks the legitimate and effective remedies."

## 2 Papers Stress Papal Authority

Vatican City — (RNS) — Two newspapers published here, the semi-official daily L'Osservatore Romano and the weekly L'Osservatore della Domenica, have both published articles stressing the authority and infallibility of the Pope and his right to make unilateral decisions, if he sees fit, for the entire Church.

In the weekly newspaper, the article was one of a series on the subject by a popular theologian, Father Gino Concetti. He said that the international Synod of Bishops, opening here (Oct. 11), is a study of ways to increase unity between the Pope and the bishops, not in any way "a reduction in the powers of the leader."

In L'Osservatore Romano, the French Jesuit, Father Charles Boyer, pointed out that the Second Vatican Council had "clearly recognized the Pope's supremacy."

The Church, Father Boyer said, has "only one head who enjoys both supreme authority and, under certain conditions, infallibility."

## Get Outside Help In Abortion Fight, Priest Suggests

Houston — (RNS) — A Catholic priest has suggested that enlisting the help of committed non-Catholics is the only way to oppose those advocating "abortion on demand."

Father William C. Hunt, professor of dogmatic theology at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., addressed a seminar at the National Conference of Catholic Charities meeting here.

Father Hunt said he had led the drive in Minnesota and elsewhere against relaxation of abortion laws and those advocating abortion on demand. He is a member of Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life, Inc. and distributed its literature during the seminar.

Father Hunt said the Catholic Church is wrongly characterized as the only body opposing relaxed abortion laws and thus is not listened to because "They know what we are going to say anyway." The Catholic Church is opposed to abortion unless the abortion is the unavoidable result of an operation to save the mother's life, he said.

# Gandhi's Zeal, Vision Praised by Pope Paul

(NC News Service)

Vatican City — On the occasion of the centenary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, Pope Paul VI has described him as a man who was "ever conscious of God's presence, especially in times of difficulty."

Pope Paul's words of esteem for the great leader of India came in a letter written in English to India's President Varahagiri Venkiah Giri.

The Pope said India is "rightfully proud" of a man like Gandhi whose influence will continue to be felt throughout the world.

Excerpts of the Pope's message: "Gandhi had a high appreciation of the value of human dignity, and a keen sense of social justice. With warm zeal and a clear vision of the future welfare of his people, he worked tirelessly to achieve his goals, ever instilling in his followers the admirable principles of non-violence."

"He strove to make his countrymen conscious of injustices in their social system, and to spread among them a spirit of equality and brotherhood. His efforts and example, even when not entirely successful, have left their mark upon the men of his own and our generation."

"One cannot forget Gandhi's profound admiration and esteem for the person of Jesus Christ, whose Sermon on the Mount greatly influenced his own thought and action. Ever conscious of God's presence, especially in times of difficulty, he realized the value of austerity, silence, fasting, and prayer, the ready acceptance of manual labor, and the giving up of worldly goods. He recognized the



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place of suffering and sacrifice in human life. His attitude to conjugal chastity enhanced the dignity and integrity of the family.

"India is rightfully proud of such a leader, and his influence will doubtless continue. May it lead your beloved people, and the people of the other nations also, to prize and practice the high ideals of peace and love among men."

Bombay, India — (NC) — Indian Catholics have been exhorted by their Church leaders to recall the ideals and spiritual heritage of Mahatma Gandhi and to participate in the centenary of his birth being observed this year.

Valerian Cardinal Gracias of Bombay was vice chairman of a citizens committee headed by Bombay's mayor to prepare celebrations here Oct. 2.



Father Jim McCormack leads a dual life. The 36-year-old priest, normally a chaplain at the Royal Navy hospital in Portsmouth, Eng., recently joined the ranks of Britain's toughest troops — the Commandos. He has received orders to serve as chaplain with the 3rd Commando Brigade in Singapore. Father McCormack, at top, wears his normal "working clothes" during a service in the Portsmouth naval hospital. Below, having switched to "fatigues," he makes his way across a river with another Commando. He carried a rifle during the course, so as to be on a par with the other troopers, but will not carry arms while on active duty.

## Father Kueng Urges Collegiality of Laity

Philadelphia (RNS)—Father Hans Kueng has urged the Roman Catholic Church to adopt a new "collegiality of the laity" which would admit the Catholic layman to "real participation" in the area of Church decision-making, including the election of bishops and popes.

Citing the Second Vatican Council drive of bishops for collegiality, on the "level of the universal Church over against papal absolutism," Father Kueng stated that now collegiality in the Church must begin at the "bottom levels."

Writing in the Fall issue of the Journal of Ecumenical Studies—published at Temple University—the famed theologian said that a laity which is allowed to work, and perhaps advise, but not to collaborate in decision-making, remains an inferior class.

Father Kueng, professor of religion at the University of Tuebingen, Germany, and the author of several often controversial works on Church reform and restructuring, said collegial leadership can begin with "democratic elections," with all ecclesiastics from pastor to pope elected by representative councils.

"It must be clear," he wrote, "how pressing the transfer of the election from the College of Cardinals, which is in no way representative and

in any case anachronistic, to the episcopal and lay councils is; today more than ever the Pope needs the broadest consensus in the Church."

### WORKER-PRIESTS

Buenos Aires—(RNS)—Antonio Cardinal Caggiano, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, has approved the experimental formation of a community of worker-priests who will live in one of the poor sections of the city.

The priests will work in factories and will have the same kind of food, clothing and housing as their co-workers. An evaluation of the program and a decision on its possible expansion will be made after one year.

### FEWER SEMINARIANS

Detroit—(NC)—Enrollment in archdiocesan seminaries shows a 20 per cent drop this fall, continuing the decline of the past few years. The total is 488, as compared to 608 last year and 642 in the 1967-68 academic year.

### NEW PRESIDENT

Houston—(RNS)—Dr. Raber Taylor, 60, a Denver attorney, has been elected president of the Superior Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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