



New Host Demonstrated

Msgr. Alphonse E. Westhoff, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Kirkwood, Mo., holds a new type of host which could be used in the new Catholic Mass when it goes into effect. The new rite specifies that the matter used for the Eucharistic celebration should have the appearance of real bread, that it be unleavened, and be able to be broken into small parts for distribution to the faithful. Large churches will have to continue using the wafer-type host for practical reasons, but the new host, which is made out of whole wheat flour, is closer to the bread-baking concept of the original Eucharist. In the right photo, the new host, rests in the type of tray which may replace the traditional cup-shaped ciborium. (Religious News Service)

THE HOLY FATHER

Don't Supply Arms to New Countries

Vatican City — (N.C.) — Pope Paul VI has told a group of American governors returning from a study tour in Israel that he hopes the American people "will resist the temptation to furnish (developing nations) with armaments which menace human life and security."

The Pope received the group, which included the governors of Ohio, Florida,

Utah, Rhode Island and South Dakota on Nov. 17.

In his short discourse in English the Pope drew a bead on the United States' armament policies, saying: "To supply needy people with armaments instead of food and medicine would indeed be to give them, instead of bread, a stone; instead of fish, a serpent."

The Pope paid tribute to

the United States for its generosity in assisting developing nations, saying: "You and your people have been most generous in assisting less fortunate nations."

He also said: "We assure you of our prayers that God may guide you and your legislators in finding solutions which envisage the social and economic progress both of individuals and of the whole of human society, and which respect and promote true human values."

Pleas for Hunger Aid

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI for the third time has appealed for the establishment of a world fund against hunger.

The Pope made his most recent appeal in St. Peter's Basilica during a special Mass he celebrated jointly for delegates attending a conference of the United Nations' Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and for Italian independent farmers who are holding their annual meeting in Rome.

Pope Paul first appealed for a world fund to combat hunger when he was in India in 1964. He renewed the appeal again in his encyclical Populorum Progressio.

In his third appeal for such a fund the Pope severely warned: "Woe to those who

dissipate their wealth and their income on scandalous expenses either for luxury or for war."

The Pope repeated his words in his encyclical Populorum Progressio "When so many people are hungry every extravagance, either public or private, every expense spent on national or personal ostentation, every prolongation of the arms race becomes an intolerable scandal. We have the duty of denouncing them. We desire that those responsible hear us before it is too late."

He also said that the majority of humanity is hungry. But then we forget the many who truly are in need, who lack not only well-being itself but who from necessity, suffer, are in need and die."

Schools Must Teach Morality

Minneapolis — (RNS) — Law and order have left too many schools today because "we cannot talk about our Creator," a Lutheran educator told delegates to the state convention of the Minnesota Federation of Citizens for Educational Freedom (CEF) here.

Dr. John F. Choitz, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, advocated a recognition of morality and religion in both public and private schools. "Schools are the places where these should be taught," he said.

Unless the difference between right and wrong is taught in schools, crime in the streets could eventually destroy this country, he said.

The problem of teaching the difference between right and wrong is demonstrated in Detroit where, Dr. Choitz claimed, 65 black teachers send their own children to private schools so they can learn discipline, ethical standards and get spiritual guidance.

He said schools, public and private, must teach respect for God and a moral order and "then we will be making

a significant contribution." Parents and others "have to lobby for the cause of God and see to it that God gets a fair hearing in every school." Teachers, the educator said, must aid children by helping them grow up with respect for morals that have been lost in some schools.

The Minnesota Federation of Citizens for Educational Freedom is non-sectarian but has a predominantly Roman Catholic membership. The group, which has about 1,200 members, supports government aid to private and parochial school students.

Jesuit General Describes Renewal Plan for Society

By PATRICK RILEY
(NC News Service)

Rome — The general of the Society of Jesus has described a step-by-step program to renew the society through "a healthy pluralism" while preserving essential union.

In a letter to the world's

more than 33,000 Jesuits, Father Pedro Arrupe, S.J., remarked that, despite a rise in departures from the society and a decline in entries into it, "generous young men who are determined to work for Christ, for the Church and humanity" may be more numerous today than ever before.

Father Arrupe asserted that

such young men "seek a life which can guarantee them the fulfillment of the ideal that burns in their young minds." They are attracted neither by the "rigid or obsolete" nor by "the superficial, the glib or the naive."

The Jesuit general declared: "The strong arguments for winning vocations will continue to

be: the person of Christ, a complete dedication to the society's apostolic and missionary efforts, the service of the human community in which we live, the esteem in which we hold our vocation made transparent by our peace and joy."

He asked: "How is it possible to prevent the dwindling of vocations when we ourselves appear as victims of a sense of frustration?"

Father Arrupe attributed at least some of the departures from the Society of Jesus to lack of personal prayer, refusal of all spiritual guidance, or the seeking of worldly contacts and diversions while leading a completely secularized life.

Membership in the Society of Jesus was put at 36,000 in 1966. At the beginning of 1968 there were 34,700 Jesuits throughout the world, and at the beginning of 1969, 33,800.

Yet at no time in its more than four centuries of existence has the Society of Jesus included so many priests as at present: 21,000. Net losses have occurred among Jesuits preparing for the priesthood.

Father Arrupe's 1,500-word letter dealt with "the collaboration of all" in renewing the Society of Jesus. It was premised upon results thus far yielded by a sociological survey of the society in progress for the past three years, and on Father Arrupe's consultations with Jesuit provincial superiors throughout the world, and also on letters

and personal meetings with individual Jesuits.

He described a step-by-step plan, already implemented in part, to renew the society through "a healthy pluralism born from apostolic adaptations in various regions," while preserving essential union.

His first step was to meet all provincial superiors personally in "sincere and open dialogue."

The second step is for the provincial superiors to call a meeting of local superiors to discuss the same points.

"As a third step," wrote Father Arrupe, "each local superior will have to gain the effective cooperation of the members of his community. While looking out for the greater good of each individual as well as of the community, he will then in a practical way, with everybody's help, bring down to the concrete what was determined more universally for the province."

In explaining this third step, Father Arrupe seemed to put the traditional Jesuit emphasis on obedience in the new light.

Peace Marchers Plan Christmas at Home

By BURKE WALSH
(NC News Service)

Washington — Leaders of the Vietnam moratorium are likely to find their three-day (Nov. 13-15) demonstrations here a hard act to follow.

The rally brought together on the Mall Nov. 15 the largest outpouring of demonstrating people in the history of this capital city, and perhaps the nation.

It has been announced that the December anti-war demonstrations will not have a nationwide focus, but will consist of individual community efforts, with public meetings, visits to military establishments, and talks with congressmen. These demonstrations will be held Dec. 12 and 13 and on Christmas Eve, and will seek to capitalize on the peace-on-earth spirit of the Christmas season.

This announcement gave a partial answer to a question asked after the rally: Where is the peace movement going now? It would appear the movement will continue much as it has been, a loosely-knit structure sheltering a number of different elements.

Leaders of the rally expressed themselves as "ecstatic" over its success, and asserted that the participants adhered 99 and 9/10th percent to the advance promise of nonviolence.

There was violence, generally attributed to radical elements. The Metropolitan police handled the situations well, and even drew compliments from some of the marchers.

A "modest" police estimate said 250,000 people were brought together here, but other estimates ran as high as 350,000. It was asked whether such an outpouring could be duplicated, but perhaps a better question was whether it should be repeated. There are many who think it should not be.

Some Anti-Semitism in Passion Play

Obenmmergau — (RNS) —

Despite assurances by the mayor of Obenmmergau that "all anti-Semitic passages" would be deleted from the text of the famous Passion Play, Anton Preisinger, director of the play, declared here that "some anti-Jewish references" will remain in the text to be used next year.

Preisinger said a special committee of German priests and a theologian from Rome agreed to keep, substantially, the controversial Alois Daisenberger text of 1860.

"The text has been thoroughly overhauled," the director said, "but we cannot change what the Bible says."

At times the Bible does use hard words about the Jews."

He stressed that the text does not suggest that Jews were guilty collectively of the death of Christ.

Preisinger told newsmen that the committee had largely rejected a new text by Father Stefan Schaller, from the nearby Benedictine monastery at Ettal. This script did eliminate offensive references to Jews, but the committee felt the Schaller text used such modern language and idioms that it lacked the element of "majesty required by a Passion Play."

Earlier in a letter to Julius Cardinal Doepfner, Archbishop

of Munich, Dr. Joachim Prinz, head of the American Jewish Congress Commission on International Affairs, urged that the 1970 production be free from "the scandalous anti-Semitism that has disfigured performances in the past."

"It is hard," Dr. Prinz said, "to have confidence in the competence and intentions of the mayor of Obenmmergau and his friends when their position throughout has been that the original grossly anti-Semitic play was completely proper and acceptable."

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