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## 'Lord, There Are So Many Graves That Tear Our Hearts'

Rome — (RNS) — In a moving, heartfelt prayer, Pope Paul VI recited a litany of horrors for which man is responsible — nuclear-arms build-up, class hatred, racial exclusiveness, self-styled individualism, wars, slaughter, devastation — and cried out, "Lord, it is true! We are not on the right path!"

The pontiff said his prayer at the Church of Jesus, a 16th Century parish shrine, where he celebrated Mass on Jan. 1, the "World Day of Peace."

"Lord," he said, "our hands are still bloodstained from the last World Wars, so that not all our people have yet been able to take each other's hands in friendship."

The Pope noted that man now possesses "instruments of death" which "in a single instant could set the world ablaze and perhaps even destroy mankind."

In what appeared to be an implied reference to Russia and the U.S., Pope Paul strongly deplored the fact that "the development and prosperity of many of our giant industries" was based "on the diabolical capacity to produce arms of every size and

shape, all designed to slaughter and exterminate men who are our brothers." He also said powerful nations base their stability on "trading arms to poor nations lacking plows, schools and hospitals."

Speaking as a sinner acknowledging his sinfulness before God, the Pontiff said, "Lord, we have cruelly established the economic stability of so many powerful nations upon the trading of arms to poor nations lacking plows, schools and hospitals."

The Pope then expressed humanity's "mea culpa" ("Through my fault") for "allowing to reappear among us the ideologies that make men enemies of one another: revolutionary fanaticism, class hatred, nationalistic pride, racial exclusiveness, tribal rivalry, commercial selfishness, self-satisfied individualism that is indifferent to the need of others."

Referring, in sorrow, to the wars in Vietnam, Africa and the Middle East, he cried, "Lord, it is true! We are not on the right path!"

Pope Paul then listed the frightful results of war and hatred — "families broken up . . . women in tears, children dying, refugees and prisoners crushed by the weight of solitude and suffering."

On a note of hope, the 72-year-old pontiff called on the Lord to witness that "there are upright souls doing good in silence, courageously and unselfishly, and praying with penitence and with innocent hearts . . . who want to follow Your Gospel."



Pope Paul VI delivers a prayer for peace during the World Peace Day Mass. (Religious News Service)

## Pope Paul's Prayer for Peace

"Lord, our hands are still bloodstained from the last world wars, so that not all peoples have yet been able to take each other's hands in friendship."

"Lord, we are today more heavily armed than ever we were in centuries past, and we are so provided with instruments of death that we could in a single instant set the world ablaze and perhaps even destroy mankind."

"Lord, we have based the development and prosperity of many of our giant industries on the diabolical capacity to produce arms of every size and shape, all designed to slaughter and exterminate men who are our brothers. Thus we have cruelly established the economic stability of so many powerful nations upon the trading of arms to poor nations lacking plows, schools and hospitals."

"Lord, we have allowed to reappear among us the ideologies that make men enemies of one another: revolutionary fanaticism, class hatred, nationalistic pride, racial exclusiveness, tribal rivalry, commercial selfishness, self-satisfied individualism that is indifferent to the needs of others."

"Lord, sorrowful and powerless, we are listening daily to the news of three wars still raging in the world."

"Lord, it is true! We are not on the right path!"

"Lord, look nonetheless at our inadequate but sincere efforts for peace in the world. There are wonderful international organizations. There are proposals for disarmament and for peace-talks."

"Lord, there are above all so many graves that tear our hearts, families broken up by wars and death-inflicted repression, women in tears, children dying, refugees and prisoners crushed by the weight of solitude and suffering, and there are many young people rebelling that justice may be advanced and that concord may be the law of coming generations."

"Lord, you know that there are upright souls doing good in silence, courageously and unselfishly, and praying with penitence and with innocent hearts. There are Christians in the world — and how many they are, Lord — who want to follow your Gospel and who practice self-sacrifice and love."

"Lord, Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world, grant us peace."

## Collegiality to Be Primary Objective, Bp. Hogan Says

A "co-sharing of responsibility" with the clergy, religious and laity in facing the "challenges of each day" will mark the administration of Bishop Hogan in 1970, he promised the diocese in a New Year's Eve radio address carried by five stations.

"No program will be initiated without sufficient analysis of the problem by co-workers who are knowledgeable in the area," the Bishop declared in the latter third of a 14-minute talk broadcast by WSAY from the Bishop's study in the diocesan office building, 50 Chestnut St.

"You can expect to see in 1970 a greater manifestation of collegiality or, perhaps better, a co-sharing of responsibility, for this is your Church and your responsibility as well as mine."

The Bishop stated that his advisers, clergy and lay, will represent every area of the diocese and that meetings on diocesan issues will be decentralized to take the Bishop into various areas of the diocese to allow regional expression of opinion.

Primary among the issues set for immediate study, the Bishop revealed, are Catholic education, the apostolate for the underprivileged, ecumenical activity and the seminaries.

Announcements of immediate diocesan action ordered by the Bishop were the following:

• "You can expect an urgent appeal for greater circulation of the Catholic Courier-Journal with a goal of placing it in every home in the diocese."

• "With the establishment of the new Office of Diocesan Communications we hope to make great progress this year in letting everybody know what the Church in the Diocese is doing."

• "The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to those of junior high school age, grades 7 and 8." Guidelines for preparation for the Sacrament and directives for administration of the sacraments of First Communion and First Confession will be issued in January, he said.

• "During Lent of this year instruction will be given in every parish of the diocese to prepare our people for active and intelligent participation" in the new liturgy of Sunday Mass which begins in the U.S. on Palm Sunday, Mar. 22.

The Bishop prefaced the section of his talk on "plans and hopes for 1970" with a moving admission of his need "to tap very generously the ample reservoirs of talent, good will and dedication of the clergy, religious and laity."

"Be assured that your Bishop is

very well aware of his limitations and quite certain of the magnitude of his responsibilities. I promise you a life of prayer and dedicated effort to the tasks that lie ahead. I offer no pretense of personal infallibility — nor

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## Diocesan School Study Scheduled

A parish-by-parish study of diocesan schools to evaluate their functions and problems and assess the possible necessity of closing some schools later this year will begin next Monday, Father Daniel Brent, diocesan Superintendent of Schools announced today.

Sister Patricia Donovan (formerly Sister M. Declan), just finishing 5 1/2 years as principal of Notre Dame School, Elmira, will undertake the special six months assignment focusing on "the structural framework of the schools", Father Brent said.

Starting with visits to parishes which have reported grave financial troubles in maintaining their schools ("only about 20", according to the schools' office), Sister Patricia will eventually meet all 104 elementary school principals and pastors with survey-questions. Her investigation will later include the 15 high schools of the diocese.

"We are very optimistic about the future of the parochial schools of the diocese," Sister Patricia said. "We firmly believe that there will be a diocesan school system, but how many schools we shall have, where and what kind, we do not know and will not dare predict."

"Everyone recognizes the serious problems threatening the schools: heavy expenses, decreasing attendance in many schools, decline of religious teachers, some apathy about general parish support of the parochial schools. By June '70 the cut-back or closure of some elementary

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## Hospital Blocks Bishop's Plan To End Strike

Memphis, Tenn. — (NC) — With the new year came shattered hopes for peaceful settlement of the three-month-old St. Joseph Hospital strike. The hospital rejected a peace plan proposed by Bishop Joseph A. Durick of the statewide Nashville diocese.

Hospital spokesmen indicated earlier they would go along with all points of the bishop's proposal, strongly endorsed by many black and white leaders in Memphis.

But after 126 strikers marched back to the hospital to return to work, the hospital administration announced it would not go along with one item, calling for all workers to be taken back without reprisals.

J. L. Luton, associate administrator of the hospital, said 21 strikers would not be allowed to return to work. He said 12 of these were refused reinstatement because of alleged strike-related violence, four had resigned and the contracts of five who worked as vacation relief had expired.

## 22nd See Adopts Saturday Privilege

Cincinnati — (NC) — The Cincinnati archdiocese has become the 22nd See in this country to promulgate the privilege of allowing Catholics to fulfill the Sunday Mass obligation by attending Saturday evening Masses.

Other Sees which have adopted such programs are: Boston, Detroit, St. Louis, Portland, Ore., Denver, Duluth, Lafayette, La., Fall River, Madison, New Ulm, Minn., Superior, Manchester, Green Bay, Portland (Maine), Burlington, San Angelo, Tex., Wilmington, Pueblo, Davenport, Albany and Saginaw.

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## Take Action on Slums, Pope Tells Rome Mayor

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI has been striving to awaken consciences, both personal and public, to the "monstrous problem" of Rome's shantytowns.

His Christmas visit to a slum on Rome's desolate east side prompted him to fire off a telegram to Rome's Mayor Clelio Darida, urging him to mobilize "all forces sincerely sensitive to the lamentable problem of the slum-dwellers."

The mayor's prompt reply so heartened Pope Paul that he held it in hand like a trophy at his regular blessing of the crowds in St. Peter's Square the following Sunday (Dec. 28).

What Mayor Darida had said was that despite Rome's "well known financial difficulties" — the city coffers are just about empty — he and his city council have done all in their

power to find adequate housing for the city's slum-dwellers.

He cited a public housing program and city-sponsored attempts to find decent privately owned housing at low cost. But he said the city itself is not in a position to solve the problem, and had called upon the national government for help.

The government, Mayor Darida said, had responded favorably and was submitting its proposals to parliament at its next sitting.

Pope Paul, referring to this reply as a "positive message," told crowds in St. Peter's square that "social welfare, progressive and official, cannot exonerate anyone from doing something, even with limited means and in an incomplete way, when the needs uncovered are still so grave and urgent."

## Do You Know Any . . .

### Good News?

What stories haven't reached print that accentuate the positive, that tell what people have done or can do, rather than what they haven't done?

NC News Service, in collaboration with the Courier-Journal, is sponsoring a nationwide search for good news to start the 1970s.

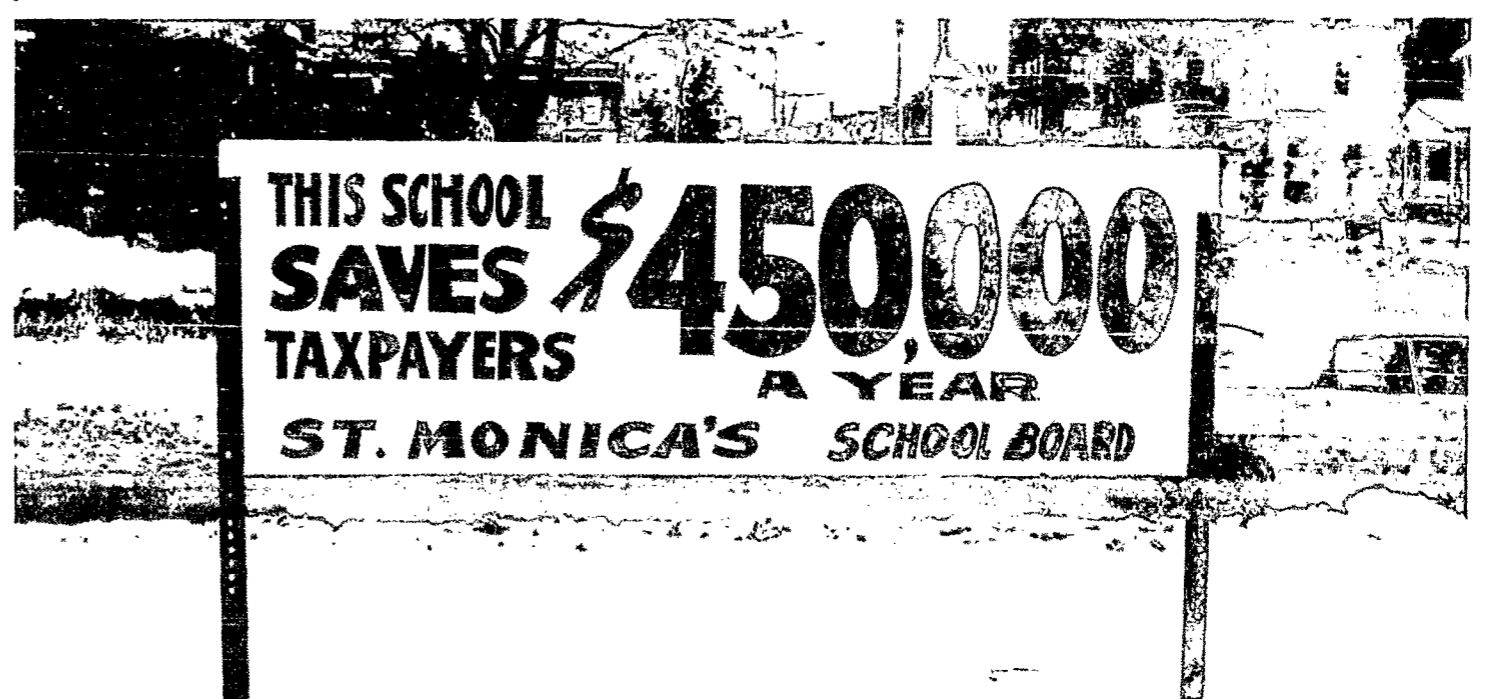
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## Signs of the Times?



Signs on the lawns in front of two Rochester parochial schools "tell it like it is" to area taxpayers. Figures, based on per pupil cost of educating a child in city's public schools, are reported by both parishes to be on the conservative side.

