

Women Named Chairman Of Diocese Advisory Unit

Baton Rouge, La. — (RNS) — A woman of many "firsts," Mrs. Peggy Fauver was elected chairman of the advisory council of the Baton Rouge diocese, making her the first woman to attain such a high post in the U.S. Catholic Church.

Mrs. Fauver now heads the council which is foremost among 27 consultative organizations on the diocesan level, giving her the top office among the 180,000 Catholic laity in a 12-county area.

Mrs. Fauver, a graduate of Louisiana State University became (in 1964) the first full-time woman teacher at Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, and served on the original steering committee of the Diocesan Lay Congress. She was chairman of her delegation and represented her parish, Sacred Heart.

Following the lay congress, she was elected a member of the lay senate. At the same time, she served as the first chairman of Sacred Heart parish council.

Elected to the Diocesan Advisory Council, Mrs. Fauver served as a member of the ad hoc budget and revenue committee. As chairman of the diocesan administrative board, she was one of the two lay representatives at the Dallas regional meeting to select nominees for the U.S. Catholic Conference's Advisory Council.

Last year, Mrs. Fauver was the only non-clergy representative to the first annual Mississippi Catholic Convention in Jackson.

Married to William D. Fauver, she is the mother of two children, both in college.



Interfaith Service

Representatives of four Christian bodies take part in a Christian Unity Week service at the Catholic Church of St. Germain des Pres in Paris. From left to right are Francois Cardinal Marty of Paris, president of the French Catholic Bishops Conference; Pastor Charles Westphal, president of the Protestant Federation of France; Bishop Meletios, president of the Orthodox Inter-Church Council of France; and the Very Rev. Sturgis Riddle, representative in France of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Brazil Bishop Proposed for Nobel Prize

The Hague, The Netherlands — (NC) — Archbishop Helder Camara of Olinda and Recife, Brazil, has been proposed as a candidate for the 1970 Nobel Peace Prize by Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace movement.

A letter signed by Bernard Cardinal Alfrink of Utrecht, Pax Christi president, and C. Ter-Maat, the movement's secretary, said: "For years, Dom Camara has stood up for better world relations. As bishop of Olinda and Recife, he devotes himself to the cause of social justice. His example and endeavor is important for the whole of Latin America as well as for other continents."



Receive CYO Honors

New York Mets manager Gil Hodges, at right, chats with astronaut Neil Armstrong at the 34th annual dinner of the New York Archdiocesan Catholic Youth Organization in New York City. Hodges was given the John V. Mara Sportsman of the Year award while Armstrong received the Club of Champions Medal on behalf of himself and fellow Apollo 11 astronauts Edwin Aldrin and Michael Collins. (Religious News Service)

Missioners Hope For Return to Nigeria Work

Rome — (RNS) — Twelve of the 21 Catholic missionaries expelled from Nigeria for aiding secessionist Biafra arrived here with only one request — to go back to Nigeria "as soon as possible."

"We bear no ill will toward anybody. We have worked only as missionaries. We have never been politically involved in the cruel war in which we have had the privilege of helping those who were suffering and on the point of death," said Father John Daily, C.S.Sp.

Father Daily, who came here with 11 other Irish priests to report to the superior general of the Holy Ghost Fathers, said they were deported instead of jailed in what a Nigerian spokesman termed "an act of clemency."

"We accept this sign of clemency," the priest added, "as sincere and we express the hope that when the immediate postwar period is over we will be able to return to work in an atmosphere of that peace of God of which we are heralds among the Nigerian people, whom we love."

All 21 of those missionaries expelled — including one priest from the United States and another from Northern Ireland — reported upon their arrival in Geneva that they "were well-treated and well-fed" since their arrest last month.

Upon their arrival in Geneva many of the missionaries wore only light trousers and shirts and Caritas Inter-

national officials welcoming them quickly arranged for sweaters, coats and hats to protect them from the Swiss winter.

Pope Praises Nigeria Action

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, praising the federal government of Nigeria for taking effective steps to "banish the spirit of revenge," said he counted on "the good will of the federal authorities" to allow deported missionaries to return to the country.

The Pope addressed a group of Catholic missionaries who were expelled from Nigeria for aiding secessionist Biafra.

Greeting them warmly, the pontiff expressed his gratitude for "the news you bring us concerning Nigeria, a land we love so dearly."

This news, he said, "confirms us in our hope for the restoration of normal life in the areas which have suffered most in the sorrowful conflict now ended."

The Pope went on to say that "this recovery is due to the immediate intervention of the federal government which has taken effective steps to banish the spirit of revenge."

NCEA Slates Annual Meeting

Atlantic City, N.J. — (NC) Eighteen thousand educators are expected to attend the National Catholic Educational Association's annual convention, slated for March 30 to April 2 here, to explore the "global dimension" of Catholic education.

Among those who will highlight the convention program are Dr. James E. Allen, Jr., U.S. Commissioner of Education; Joseph Califano, special assistant to former President Lyndon Johnson; Terence Cardinal Cooke of New York; Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday Review;

James Farmer, assistant secretary for administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Brother Albert Kessler, S.M., an official of the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education; U.S. Sen. Edmund Muskie of Maine, and Charles A. Malik, former president of the United Nations General Assembly.

Honorary convention chairman is Bishop George H. Guilfoyle of Camden. Father Joseph A. von Hartleben, Camden diocesan school superintendent, is general chairman.

WANTS TO RETIRE

Paderborn, Germany — (RNS) — Lorenz Cardinal Jaeger, Archbishop of Paderborn, confirmed here that he will ask Pope Paul VI for permission to retire this year. The Pope declined to accept the cardinal's retirement application two years ago. Cardinal Jaeger, 77, expressed regret that his intentions were made public prematurely in a declaration by a progressive priests' group demanding participation in the "election" of his successor.

Catholic Draft Seminar Held

By BARBARA ANN PLEISCHL (NC News Service)

Cleveland — The Division of World Justice and Peace of the U.S. Catholic Conference last October 15 recommended "that each diocese initiate or cooperate in providing draft information and counseling."

The Newman Campus Ministry here responded by sponsoring an all-day Selective Service Pre-Counselor Training Workshop. Linda Falstein, representative of the Chicago office of the Midwest Committee for Draft Counseling, conducted the seminar-style program.

Pre-counselors face the same problems as counselors. She described pre-counselors as those who usually have the first contact with a young man seeking advice about what to do about the draft. Frequently pre-counselors are college personnel and, in increasing numbers and impor-

tance, high school counselors.

Like other counselors, those working in selective service are not there to impose their own ideas. Miss Falstein said:

"The first information a young man should have is exactly what are his responsibilities, under the law, to Selective Service. Lack of knowledge about or total ignorance of those responsibilities will not make him exempt from the penalties of failing to comply with the law."

Most young men facing the draft today, she said, have two major problems — a "shameful shortage of real details and facts about Selective Service and its alternatives," and the "widespread attitude that there is something unpatriotic, immoral and unmanly about seeking a deferment or a 1-O or 1-AO classification."

The 1-O classification is for conscientious objectors who cannot, without violating re-

ligious principles, participate in the military. They usually serve two years in a civilian job related to public welfare when their draft number is called.

The 1-AO is for those who cannot serve in combatant capacity. They serve two years in the military in non-combatant areas.

Conscientious objection and how it affects Catholics was a topic Miss Falstein called "the most misunderstood aspect of counseling." The idea that a Catholic can't be a CO, she said, is "inappropriate from both religious and legal viewpoints."

Miss Falstein urged Catholic counselors to "meet the great responsibility of educating people that Catholics can legitimately request a 1-O classification." She said they should educate local Selective Service boards, especially by making sure that individual registrants know their rights and how to use them properly.

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