

Don't Betray Priesthood, Pope Tells Newly Ordained

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Paul VI told 279 men he ordained in St. Peter's square on Pentecost Sunday never to betray their priesthood.

"Do not doubt your ministry," he told them. "Do not isolate yourselves from your functions in the Holy Church. Never betray it."

In a solemn ceremony, the Pope, the new priests and the crowd of thousands braved rumbles of thunder and finally a brief downpour. But the ordination went on without interruption.

The colorful ceremony in which young deacons from five continents were ordained honored Pope Paul's own ordination 50 years ago on May 29 in the cathedral of Brescia.

"Fifty years have not been enough to erase the memory of that beautiful episode of our humble personal existence. We have preferred to think of it again in exterior silence and interior meditation," the Pope said.

He said it was fitting that the men be ordained on Pentecost Sunday because their ordination was "truly pentecostal."

Recalling that Pentecost honors the mystery of Christ sending His spirit upon the Church, the Pontiff said.

"To you will be transmitted the power of Christ. You are to be transformed by the Holy Spirit and will be enabled to perform the ministry of Christ's priesthood."

While they lay prostrate in their white albs, the Sistine choir chanted the Litany of the Saints. After the litany, the priests rose and walked in pairs to the foot of the papal throne, and knelt before the Pope, who placed his hands on their heads, signifying that the Holy Spirit was within them.

Then the priests passed be-

fore 10 cardinals, including Cardinal John Wright, prefect of the Congregation of the Clergy, and Cardinal John Dearden of Detroit.

The cardinals anointed the palms of the new priests. Afterwards each received a paten and chalice which they would use to celebrate Mass.

Then they went to the Pope once again to receive an embrace and to exchange with him the kiss of peace.

The Pope then distributed Communion to the priests and their parents.

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others but almost immediately speaks with you as a friend.

Perhaps now his office places a necessary distance, but what must be understood about him is that he is not a cool intellectual, not just a dignified churchman, but a warm man who obviously loves people.

History books will speak of Pope Paul VI as the man who held together the Church by love.

He will be seen as the man who continued to move the Church on its necessary pilgrim-

age with all the change and renewal this requires but as a man who could not compromise in a way that would allow revolution to replace renewal.

But most of all, he will be seen as a man who was absolutely faithful to his responsibilities. And in doing this he will be seen as a man in all the agony of trial who still most of all loved those he was called by destiny to serve.

Some day he will be known as the Pope of love, love for Christ, love for the Church, love for the world and most of all, love for the people.

Pope Again Hits Extension Of Wars

Vatican City — (NC)—Pope Paul VI has once again deplored the extension of the conflicts in Southeast Asia and the Middle East, and has urged all who have "the power and the responsibility" to push for a negotiated peace.

"Not only are the fields of war operations extending themselves further, but the people directly concerned and in whose name the wars are being fought seem to count less and less," Pope Paul asserted.

The Pope was speaking to the college of cardinals in reply to an address of homage for the 50th anniversary of his ordina-

tion given by Cardinal Benedetto Aloisi Masella, acting as dean of the college.

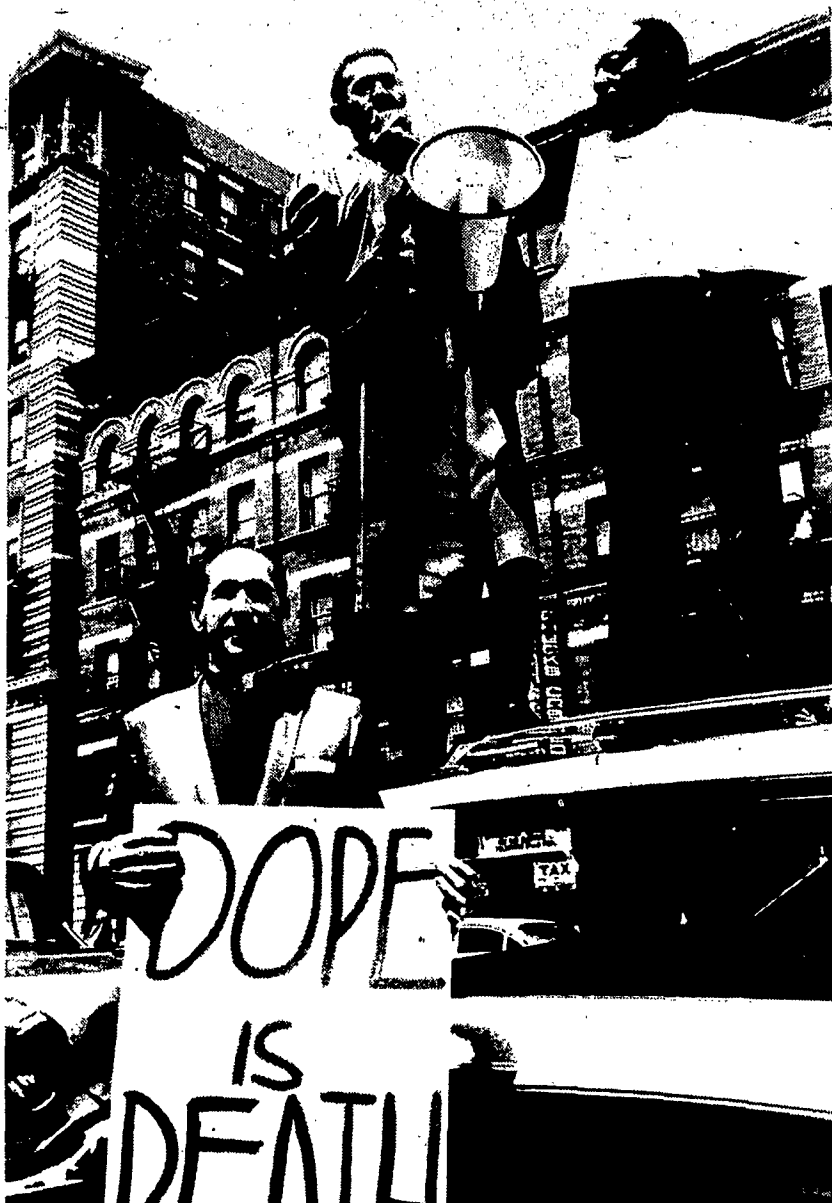
Pope Paul warned that the "deeper military commitment of the great powers" filled the situation with still greater perils, and addressed "a pressing appeal to all who have the power and the responsibility in the affair to be willing to apply — on both sides — every effort and some sacrifice if necessary to the search for a just and equitable negotiated settlement."

Such a settlement, he said, should "take account of the rights and legitimate interests

of all the people swept up in the conflicts."

Pope Paul also deplored the use of terror as a weapon against injustice and disorder.

"Also we cannot fail to deplore that there have been erected into a system those methods of terror which civil conscience rightly repudiates. It is not by means of new injustices that one combats those against which one has risen up. Nor is it in violating the rights of man that one can reestablish the order that has been disturbed even by criminal actions."



March Against Drugs

New York—Dr. Wyatt Walker, pastor of Canaan Baptist church, addresses a rally in Harlem following a march against drugs. Dr. Dan Potter, left, and the Rev. Charles Gray, officers of Council of Churches, of the City of New York, flank Dr. Walker. (RNS)

Fr. Hesburgh Lauds Nixon Education Act

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"A principal value of the President's message and the legislation he has submitted is that they come to grips with the very practical problem of how desegregation can be brought about successfully. The President's concern is with the goal of making the desegregation process work, and making it work now.

"Further, the President has recognized a basic weakness inherent in other well-intentioned legislative programs — attempting to accomplish more than is reasonably possible with the available funds — and the legislation he has submitted attempts squarely to avoid this," Father Hesburgh stated.

The language of the proposed legislation was changed at the last minute — reportedly by Nixon himself — to take a stronger stand than before

against federal financing of busing for racial purposes.

In addition to the usual prohibition of federal action to require busing of students solely to achieve racial balance, the new wording would also prohibit the use of funds in the program to "establish or maintain" such busing.

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Passing Time

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Mountain men pass time on the courthouse square while sitting on a "Jesus Saves" seat built in the form of a cross. Such religious signs are popular in the Kentucky hills. (RNS Photo by Don Rutledge)