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NOBODY HAS TO BE POOR IN THIS COUNTRY...

...IF THEY JUST GO OUT AND WORK!



Antipoverty Fund To Head Agenda At Bishops Meet

Washington — (NC) — Anti-poverty fund raising will be among the matters discussed by the American Catholic bishops during their semiannual meeting here Nov. 16-20.

A progress report on the Campaign for Human Development, the bishops' domestic antipoverty drive, will be given by the campaign's chairman, Bishop Francis J. Mugavero of Brooklyn.

The fund-raising aspect of the campaign will end Nov. 22 with a collection in Catholic churches all over the country, although education of Catholics on what causes poverty and how to get rid of it will continue.

The more than 200 bishops attending the conference will also go to work on practical methods of implementing the ecumenical directives of Vatican II in seminars, through friendship and dialogue with other faiths.

Also to be discussed are proposed guidelines for the implementation in this country of

the new rules on mixed marriages earlier this year by the Vatican.

Other prime topics on the agenda include opening part of the bishops' meeting — but not this one — to the press, new national programs for Spanish-speaking Catholics, possible membership in the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches, and the possibility of introducing the practice of "Communion in the hand" into the Mass for the nation's Catholics.

The National Council of Catholic Bishops (NCCB) will deliberate on those and other issues, and try to issue guidelines for future action. Any decisions coming out of the NCCB meeting will be passed on to the United States Catholic Conference (USCC) for implementation. The USCC is the bishops' action arm between meetings, but does not form policy on its own.

Some of the proposals have already been put into effect in other countries. "Communion in the hand," for example, is in optional use in Canada.

Rome Sets Norms For New Liturgy

From Courier-Journal Services

Rome—A new Vatican directive on Catholic worship, the third in a series aimed at promoting "full use" of liturgical forms, urged bishops to take the lead in liturgical renewal but strongly discouraged "arbitrary adaptations" of church rites by priests.

The instruction, distributed by the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship, declared that "liturgical reform is not . . . synonymous with so-called

de-sacralization and is not intended as an occasion for what is called secularization."

While allowing bishops what it called "necessary and useful" experimentation with permission of the Vatican "in writing," the document declared that experiments must look to clearly defined norms and be closely supervised.

Essentially, the directive appeared to slow, if not stop, efforts toward what it calls "personal restoration of sacred rights" by the priest which introduces "individualism and idiosyncrasy" into the celebration.

The net result of the instruction will be continued approval of customary guitar Masses and home Masses where the local bishop assents, but an absolute ban on liturgies that approach the bizarre.

Only approved texts can be used in the readings at Mass, experimentation with the liturgy is restricted and priests are permitted to wear only the customary vestments in the liturgy.

Father John Rotelle, associate director of the secretariat of the U.S. Catholic bishops lit-

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FACT: 60% OF THE POOR ARE EITHER TOO OLD OR TOO YOUNG TO WORK. 40% ARE CHILDREN UNDER 18. 20% OF THE POOR ARE OVER AGE 65.

SOURCE: PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION ON INCOME MAINTENANCE

'Poverty Is An Unvarnished Evil'

(Second in a Series)
By JOHN R. SULLIVAN
(NC News Service)

If poverty is bad — an unvarnished evil — why don't we do something about it?

The truth is, we are doing something. Federal, state and local governments last year spent more than \$126 billion on social welfare programs — nearly 45 per cent of all government expenditures.

What that number doesn't tell us, however, is that those programs affect all Americans — not just the poor.

- For example:
- \$43 billion is for education for everybody.
 - \$48 billion is for retirement, disability and unemployment payments, programs workers contribute to.
 - \$8 billion is for veterans' programs.

And only \$13 billion goes toward public aid programs — welfare, job training, surplus food and food stamp programs, Job Corps and the Neighborhood Youth Corps.

There are at least two ways of looking at the figures: not very much is being directed toward the specific needs of the poor, and an awful lot is being directed at social needs generally — and what's wrong with that? Don't many of those programs keep other people from being poor?

Public programs seem to be aimed (and not many would argue otherwise) at the largest number of people. The result: Many people who are not in desperate need do receive aid, and many people who are needy don't get help.

In recent years, we have talked most about the very poor, but acted most to help the majority who aren't poor. Social Security, unemployment and other insurance-type benefits have risen more than \$11 billion since 1967. Aid aimed

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Look Around

Some Courier-Journal columnists found themselves in new slots this week. Bob Considine's trenchant views of the world are on Page 11B. Father Greeley cornered himself a spot on the editorial page, 18A; and Sarah Child edged her column onto the cover of Courier/2.

Next week they should return to their normal spots.

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