



Our Living Saints At Least, the 'Critic's' Choices

Chicago — (RNS) — The Critic Magazine, which in recent years has selected the most important Catholics, the most contentious Catholics and the most hopeful bishops now presents its list of "living saints" on the cover of the January/February issue.

The choices are, from left to right beginning with the top row: Ethel Kennedy, Dom Helder Camara, Yves Congar, Mother Teresa, Alan Paton, Cesar Chavez, Andrew Young, Bishop James E. Walsh, Father Daniel Berrigan, Father Philip Berrigan, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, Bernadette Devlin, and Ralph Nader.

Poland's Bishops Call for 'Rights'

Warsaw (RNS) — Poland's Roman Catholic bishops have established their conditions for "full normalization" of relations between the Catholic Church and the nation's new Communist leadership.

A joint pastoral letter read in parishes throughout Poland on Jan. 1 demanded guarantees of freedom of conscience, religious life, and expression; social justice, truthful information and material conditions that would insure a "decent existence" for all.

The letter was signed by Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, Karol Cardinal Wojtyla, Archbishop of Cracow, and Bishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, secretary general of the Polish Bishops' Conference. There has been no formal reply.

The new Premier, Piotr Jaroszewicz, had said in his inaugural address, "We shall try to insure complete normalization of state-church relations, expecting at the same time that the government's efforts will be adequately understood by the ecclesiastical and secular Cath-

olic groups."

Clashes last month in several Baltic cities, touched off by food price rises, led to dozens of fatalities.

The bishops' pastoral letter referred to the riots thus:

"Resorting to means of suppression does not contribute to maintaining peace in social life, especially when they do not spare innocent people, even women or children."

It insisted that the nation's life cannot develop in an atmosphere of intimidation, and then listed the rights it said were "a condition for peace in social life."

"The right to freedom of conscience and freedom of religious life, together with full normalization of relations between the church and state.

"The right of freely shaping the culture of one's own nation in accordance with the spirit of Christian principles.

"The right to social justice, which will make it possible to satisfy just demands.

To Rule Is to Serve, Primate Reminds Powerful

Warsaw — (RNS) — Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, has appealed to the country's Communist rulers not to "overwork men 'beyond endurance'" and to learn that "to rule also means to serve."

In a sermon on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, in Warsaw's St. John Cathedral, the cardinal insisted that a man should not be forced to work "all month around," because this leads to internal fatigue and a lessening of resilience, so that, sometimes, he cannot control his actions.

The cardinal called for an end to Sunday work, especially in the mines, so that every man

could "at least once a week, see the sun and fill his lungs with fresh air."

"The more productive the economy," he continued, "the more it must take account of the right of a man to be treated like a man."

Cardinal Wyszynski recalled the teaching of Christ that "to rule is to serve." Otherwise, rule becomes tyranny and a man will reject it, he said.

He added, "Authority should be exercised in such a way that no citizen suffers harm, injury or abuse; let alone be deprived of his life. Contemporary development of penal law did not favor the death penalty."

Defendant to Ask Berrigans' Help

Minneapolis (RNS) — The imprisoned Berrigan brothers—priests convicted of destroying Selective Service records—will be asked to testify at the Minneapolis trial of the two remaining members of the Minnesota Eight to face trial.

Francis X. Kroncke, one of the defendants who is acting as his own attorney, said that the testimony of Fathers Philip and Daniel Berrigan would be crucial to his defense on charges of attempting to interfere with the draft system.

The defense will hold that in raiding a draft office in Little Falls, Minn., last July, Mr. Kroncke acted out of religious convictions that are in the mainstream of the tradition of the Roman Catholic Church.

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