



Pontiff and Tito

Pope Paul VI talks with Yugoslavia's President Tito and his wife, Jovanka, during their private audience at the Vatican. The two leaders reportedly were in agreement on many of the world's problems. (RNS)

Pope Paul's Activities

Jewish Unit Received

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has met with a delegation of the American Jewish Committee in the Hall of the Vestments here.

He told the group he was happy to receive it at the Vatican "as the representatives of the American Jewish Committee."

He reminded the delegation that the Second Vatican Council,

in issuing its declaration on the relations between the Catholic Church and other world religions, "intended to lay the foundations for an improvement of relations between Catholics and the faithful of other religions."

"A special link" he said, "exists between Catholics and Jews. God Himself has bound us together through His revelation."

Morality Termed 'Strength'

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI called on Catholics to resist "temptations of the flesh," and prove to the world that chastity is not a "utopian" ideal, but a manifestation of "liberation" and "strength of spirit."

Speaking at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Basilica, the Pope explained that "in moral language" the word

"flesh" referred to what he called "the indiscipline of sensuality."

Recalling that every temptation results from "two stimuli—one interior, and the other exterior—" the pontiff observed that the interior stimulus becomes "more urgent" if it is not moderated by "strong will power."

Laity Council Extended

Vatican City — (RNS) — The five-year "experimental status" of the Council of the Laity will be extended another three years, according to a Vatican report.

The council, a body of lay persons constituting a department of the predominantly clerical Roman Curia, was established by Pope Paul in 1967.

Its "experimental status" was to have ended in 1972. Following the agency's ninth plenary assembly in Rome (March 22-25), it was announced that Pope Paul will extend its "experimental" period for three more years.

General purpose of the council is to promote the develop-

ment of the lay apostolate. Specifically, it is mandated to pursue that purpose as a service agency for coordinating apostolic works, for establishing liaison between lay persons and the hierarchy, for compiling doctrinal studies on the role of the laity in pastoral activity, and for maintaining a documentation center.

SLOW PITCH LEAGUE

A Parish Division of the Western N.Y. Women's Slowpitch League will make possible inter-parish competition this summer. Captains of parish teams can call Duane McCoy at 342-7355 to arrange a schedule.

Toronto Coadjutor Named Archbishop

Toronto, Ont. — (RNS) — Coadjutor Archbishop Philip F. Pocock of Toronto, has succeeded the ailing James Cardinal McGuigan, 77, as Archbishop of Toronto.

Archbishop Pocock, 64, was named the cardinal's successor in 1961, when Cardinal McGuigan went to Rome and asked to be relieved. At that time, in a pastoral letter, Cardinal McGuigan said, "The state of my health no longer permits me to attend to the ever-increasing burdens of the pastoral ministry."

Cardinal McGuigan's reign saw an end to old Protestant-Catholic feuds in Toronto, and an updating of the Church's attitude. When he was made Archbishop of Saskatchewan in 1930, at the age of 35, he was the youngest archbishop in the world. He was the first English-speaking Canadian to become a cardinal, in 1945. His successor is considered a liberal. Earlier this year he told the Metro Toronto Separate School Board that non-Catholics should be admitted to the school system. The board accepted his proposal.

Archbishop Pocock has served as bishop of Saskatoon and archbishop of Winnipeg.

Oldest Deacon

Orchard Lake, Mich. — (RNS) — "It's been a wonderful two years, taking this course, even if I never get ordained," said deacon-candidate Robert Bohmer several times during his training in the Roman Catholic diaconate program here.

But he will be ordained in May—and at 72 will be the oldest deacon in the United States.

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