

Pope Greets Pilgrims

Pope Paul VI greets pilgrims and tourists in the garden of his Summer residence at Castelgandolfo, Italy. Visitors were greeted in the garden after audience hall was filled to capacity. The pontiff used the occasion to cite "ways in which modern life degrades the dignity of man." (RNS)

Pope's 'World Day' Theme

'If You Want Peace Work for Justice'

Vatican City — (RNS) — "If you want peace, work for justice" has been chosen by Pope Paul VI as the theme of the fifth World Day of Peace to be observed next Jan. 1.

The theme was explained to newsmen by Bishop Raimondo C. Torrella, vice president of the Pontifical Commission on Justice and Peace and of the Council of the Laity.

Bishop Torrella said the theme, taken from the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Justice will bring about peace," had a special relevance today "because its point of departure is a definite lived reality — the countless injustices throughout the world, and ever-present need to fight against them."

The theme is also relevant, he said, "because one of the two major themes of the forthcoming Synod of Bishops is 'Justice in the World.'"

A statement distributed to newsmen pointed out that the 1972 World Day of Peace theme was in "direct line" with the teaching and "interventions" of Pope Paul as expressed in his 1967 encyclical, "Populorum

Progressio" (On the Development of Peoples) and his Apostolic Letter "Octogesimo Adventus" (The coming Eightieth Anniversary) of May 1971.

The Pope's recommendations that men should work for justice with the aim of building peace are "enclosed" within two complementary truths, the explanatory note said.

"That there can be no peace without justice," the note said, "appears clear because peace is something very different from any and all established orders, or orders at any price. An apparent order, free from civil or international agitation, can conceal or give legal status to a real disorder."

At the same time, it continued, "it is equally true that there can be no justice without peace. One can demand one's full rights or even assert those of others in such a way as to end up by destroying them or by making society unjust and intolerable."

Bishop Torrella was asked whether it would not be advisable for the Vatican to make specific, concrete and practical

proposals for peace initiatives "in view of the frustration among Catholics at the way that papal appeals for peace often went unanswered."

The Spanish-born prelate replied that the Commission on Justice and Peace tried to educate Christians to be interested in peace, "but did not enter into specific problems of individual countries."

"This," he said, "should be left to local communities and individuals, who should try to take concrete action befitting their own responsibilities."

Asked to give examples of such "concrete action," Bishop Torrella said that the 1971 World Day of Peace theme, "Every Man Is My Brother," had been taken up by local Catholic communities in many parts of the world.

One example, he said, could be given from an experience in his own country, Spain, "where Catholics made efforts to integrate gypsies into Spanish society as a direct result of the World Day of Peace theme."

Pope Notes 'Dangers' In 'Search for Novelty'

Castelgandolfo — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has stressed again the necessity of pursuing renewal in the Church with "due order" and a lively "sense of the Church," while avoiding "dangers."

Speaking Aug. 4 to pilgrims and tourists in the courtyard of his Summer residence, the Pope said that Vatican II had given birth to what he called the "novelty" of promise of widespread "spiritual reawakening and renewal."

"This sense of renewal must remain," he said. "It must also be operative and must be welcomed as an invitation from Christ to rejuvenate his Church, to make it aware of its hidden energies, to show itself capable of ever greater conformity to the spirit of the Gospel, to stimulate it into daring to undertake new schemes for promoting its mission of salvation."

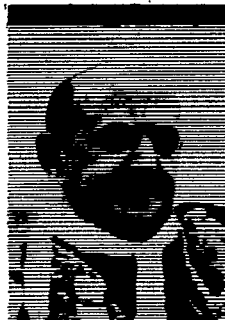
The pontiff referred to various expressions of post-conciliar renewal: liturgical reform, the

setting up of bishops' conferences, the revision of rules for religious orders, the promotion of Catholic cooperation with local and international organizations in social endeavors, and progress in ecumenical relations.

"We trust," he said, "that still more will be done to perfect, expand, and accelerate activities of Christ's Mystical Body; the Church, so that the work of renewal may proceed with due order and a lively sense of the Church."

"But, we must pay attention to certain dangers which the search for novelty can produce and which can lead to results opposed to those hoped for by the Council."

"Novelty for novelty's sake cannot be justified, especially if we give way to some of the temptations characteristic of our age, such as too little regard for tradition, history and the experience through which the Gospel has come to us."



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Worcester Bishop Assails U. S. Policy in Indochina

Worcester, Mass. — (RNS) — In one of the strongest condemnations of U.S. policy in Southeast Asia issued by an individual member of the American hierarchy, Bishop Bernard J. Flanagan of Worcester scored "the apparent deafness of our national administration to every kind of reasoned proposal for declaring an end-date to our involvement."

The bishop spoke during the homily of a Mass for peace in St. Paul's Cathedral here.

Bishop Flanagan, in his homily, went beyond the statements of the 14 New England bishops

and received a standing ovation from the priests who concelebrated the Mass with him here and a huge congregation that virtually filled the cathedral.

Even the "most traditional" Catholic morality, the bishop said, rejects "direct indiscriminate attack on civilians . . . no matter what the cause." The "enormous number" of refugees resulting from massive air strikes on Vietnam and the "permanent ecological damage" to the Indochina peninsula "are well-attested-to by our own government officials," the bishop said, adding: "This war must be brought to an end."

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