

Cardinal Suenens: Holy Spirit at Work 'Everywhere'

By TRACY EARLY

New York — (RNS) — Cardinal Leo-Joseph Suenens, in a lecture here just before his return to Belgium, said he had felt the Holy Spirit at work "everywhere" he had gone in the United States.

This was true, he said, not only in the charismatic movement but in other movements as well.

The cardinal, who is archbishop of Malines-Brussels, reiterated the theme he stressed in other lectures across the country that a stress on the Holy Spirit would and should characterize church life in the 1970s.

The present is a "new charis-

matic time," he said, and the process of renewal of the church from the inside has started.

But though the emphasis of the 1960s, the institutional changes growing out of Vatican II, should take second place, he said, it should not be dropped.

Specifically, he called for continuing efforts to overcome separations between priest and people, bishop and priests and Pope and bishops.

But comparing the church with an automobile, he said the Holy Spirit's work in providing contact with Christ was like the key that provided the contact enabling the car to move.

Cardinal Suenens delivered the annual lecture sponsored

by the John Courtney Murray Forum. The late Father Murray was a Jesuit scholar who was influential at Vatican II, particularly with regard to the Declaration on Religious Freedom.

Speaking on the day before Spring officially began, Cardinal Suenens also compared the movement in the church to the seasons. The Winter is past, he said, but it is not yet Spring.

He said the church never experiences revolution in the sense of a break with the past. And he emphasized that the church's past included not only the apostles and later fathers, but also the Hebrew patriarchs and prophets before Christ.

The weak faith of the individual, he said, is supported by faith of the whole Church with this heritage.

But on the other side, he contended that "a certain Church is dying" and "a new Church is coming out." Though the new Church necessarily would have structure, he said that structure should be kept to a "minimum."

Introducing the cardinal who is internationally known for his progressive views, Father Walter Burghardt, SJ, declared, "He does need an introduction because he is not all you have heard."

"He is not an enemy of Pope Paul," continued Father Burghardt, a professor at Woodstock College here, "though he has written that the greatest day in the life of a Pope is not his coronation but his baptism."

Father Burghardt also asserted that despite progressive initiatives Cardinal Suenens was not turning the Church into a democracy, rejecting the Christian past or exhibiting indifference between the Churches.

"He is a cardinal," concluded Father Burghardt, "but he has transformed the meaning of that from prince of the church to servant of the church."

Legislature Winding Up

Albany — With elections for all state senators and assemblymen coming up in November many congressmen are already beginning to campaign. The present session of the state legislature is expected to end by late April.

The State Catholic Committee has urged citizens wishing passage of a particular bill to write, call, or visit their state representatives before this session closes.

There are more than 21,000 bills under consideration. Some of the issues mentioned by the committee are aid to parents of nonpublic school students, an end to abortion on demand, help for the mentally retarded, aid to the aged, and preservation of parents' rights to protect their children. All letters to legislators may be addressed: State Capitol, Albany, New York, 12224.

Bishop Persell To Speak Here

The Rev. Charles B. Persell, Jr., suffragan bishop of Albany, will lead the Good Friday meditations from noon till 3 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral.

Bishop Persell was archdeacon of the Episcopal diocese of Rochester 1944-50.

Very Rev. Donald Gratiot, cathedral dean, said Bishop Persell is well known here for his pastoral work with children and youth, and for his service with the Better Housing Association of Rochester.

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Ireland



Medal Presented

Ray Shahin, Bishop Kearney High School Band director, receives a medal depicting St. Patrick's arrival in Ireland in 432 A.D. from Mrs. Bob Briscoe, widow of the late member of the Irish Parliament and former Lord Mayor of Dublin. The presentation was made in Dublin at the opening of the band's tour of Ireland and Italy, during which they played for Pope Paul.

State, Religious Leaders Agree on Health Program

Albany — Attempts by religious leadership in the State to help the government move ahead in meeting the crisis in care for the retarded have met with success.

Last week, state officials working with the retarded accepted a five-point program outlined by religious leaders as an important next step in meeting the crisis conditions.

Under the plan proposed by the religious leaders and accepted by the mental hygiene officials, government and church groups will work together to:

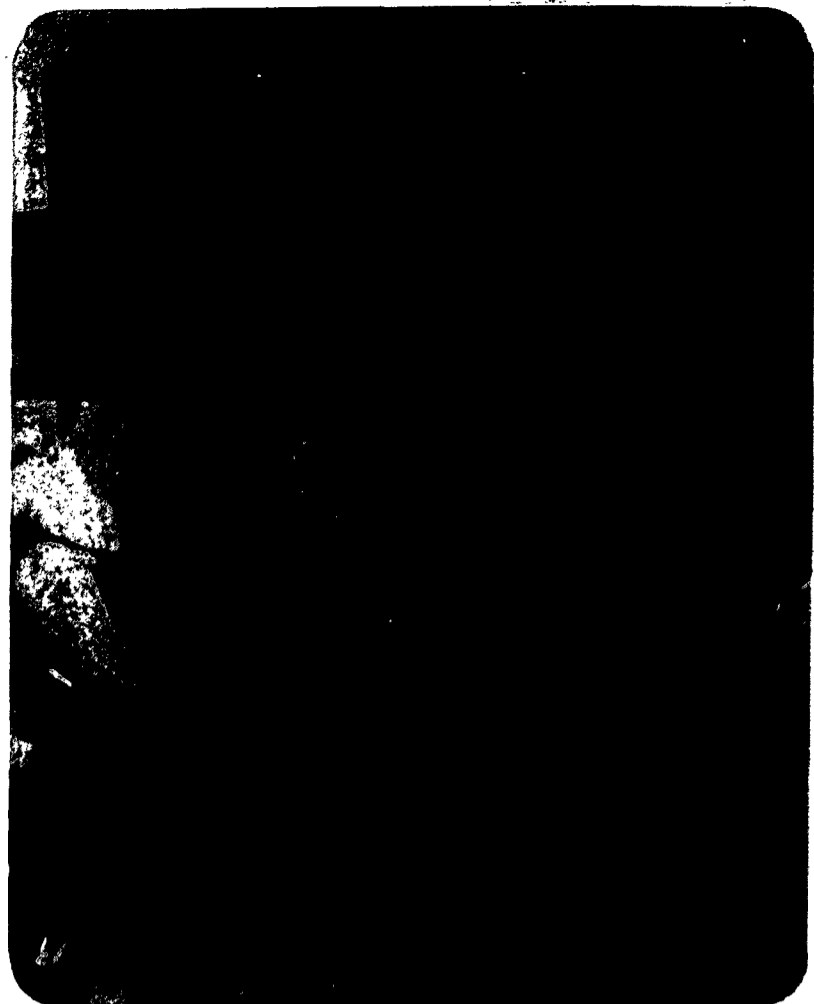
- Establish more voluntary day-care services for the retarded at church and synagogue facilities;
- Help recruit families willing to accept boarding patients in their homes under the foster care program;
- Find ways to promote greater parental involvement in the care and treatment of patients;

- Make churches and synagogues more receptive to providing programs for the handicapped including, for example, Sunday School classes for the handicapped;

- Initiate a vigorous new effort to promote additional volunteer work at the institutions.

The interfaith group has been meeting regularly in an effort to unite all groups in this special need. Their meetings resulted in the proposals outlined as well as additional proposed legislation particularly in the day care area for both retarded adults and children.

Catholic membership included three representatives of the State Catholic Committee, John P. Hale, James F. Twohy and John Szulgit. The Catholic Chaplain at Willowbrook State School, Father James Banks and the Catholic chaplain at Pilgrim State Hospital were also members of the group which met with State officials and came up with the new proposals.



Getting Acquainted

Cardinal William Conway of Armagh, Ireland's Roman Catholic primate, gets acquainted with one of Gulfport's younger citizens during a church dedication in the Mississippi community. The Irish prelate came to Gulfport to fulfill a promise to Msgr. Michael Campbell, pastor of the new St. John the Evangelist Church, built to replace the original structure damaged in 1969 by Hurricane Camille. Msgr. Campbell was born in the same Irish parish as the cardinal's mother. (RNS)

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Appointments



April

- 2 — Easter Mass of the Resurrection, Channel 10 - WHEC — 8:30 a.m.
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- 8 — Priesthood Ordination, St. Francis, Auburn — 10 a.m.
- 9 — Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. Margaret Mary, Rochester — 8:30 a.m.
- 9 — Confirmation, Our Lady of Good Counsel — 3 p.m.
- 11-13 — NCCB Spring Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 13-18 — Visitation of Selma Mission — Selma, Alabama.
- 19 — St. Bernard's Seminary Board Meeting — 10:30 a.m.
- 20 — Confirmation, St. Vincent de Paul, Corning — 7:45 p.m.
- 21 — Courier-Journal Board Meeting — 10 a.m.
- 22 — Priesthood Ordination, St. Mary, Auburn — 11 a.m.
- 23 — 125th Anniversary Celebration of Buffalo Diocese, St. Joseph's Old Cathedral — 2 p.m.
- 24 — Meeting of Spiritual Directors of Legion of Mary — 10:30 a.m.
- 24 — Confirmation, St. Hyacinth's, Auburn — 7:45 p.m.
- 25 — Campus Ministry Board Meeting, U of R Interfaith Chapel — 8 p.m.
- 27 — Concelebrated Mass with Area Coordinators, Victor — 5 p.m.
- 28 — Priesthood Ordination, Our Lady of Good Counsel — 8 p.m.
- 30 — Confirmation, St. Rose, Lima — 3 p.m.