



Pope Greets Romanian

Pope Paul VI exchanges gifts with Suffragan Bishop Antoine of the Romanian Orthodox Patriarchate during an audience at the Vatican. The pontiff expressed the firm hope that "mutual knowledge and reciprocal trust" would continue to make progress between the two Churches. (RNS)

Papal Medal Presented In Anglican Church

London — (RNS) — In a ceremony believed unique in ecumenical history here a Roman Catholic was invested with the medal Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice authorized by Pope Paul before a distinguished interreligious gathering in an Anglican church in central London.

The church was St. Andrew's in Holborn and the occasion was the closing service of the annual open meeting of the Ecumenical Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary, held in the church with permission of the vicar, the Rev. George B. Timms.

Recipient of the award was Martin Gillett, a Roman Catholic layman, writer and retired schoolmaster, who founded the society four years ago. The pre-



"Phonathan"

Sal Leccese, one of six chairmen for the 1972 Aquinas Principal's Appeal, is preparing for a "phonathon" which will begin April 3. For three days, Aquinas graduates will be making phone calls to their classmates, promoting the drive, which has a goal of \$50,000.

Vatican Blasts Segregation

Vatican City — (RNS) — In a hard-hitting editorial comment, Vatican Radio blasted racism and apartheid (racial segregation) policies as an "absurd affirmation of non-existent biological supremacy," a "too widespread plague," and a virtual "pathological state like war."

The multi-language broadcast commemorated the 12th anniversary of the massacre at Sharpeville, South Africa.

"Twelve years ago," the radio said, "on March 21, 1960, in Sharpeville, a town in South Africa, white policemen fired point-blank on a crowd of blacks, who were peacefully demonstrating against their country's brutal race laws. In the fusillade, 69 Africans died and 180 were wounded."

The Vatican broadcast continued: "The fact that racism is now applied openly in only a few well-known geographical and political areas does not mean that this danger to the whole world has ceased to exist."

"It often takes root under ambiguous demonstrations of equality, in the shadow of the most noble flags, in new forms which oppress human dignity."

Noting that there were "numerous examples" of various forms of racial discrimination throughout the world, the radio denounced the continuation of all such policies "under the pretext of economic interest of groups or classes, or even under the absurd affirmation of non-existent biological supremacy."

"Scientifically false, morally reprehensible, socially unjust and dangerous, racism—in spite of all condemnations—remains a plague that is still too widespread. It is a virtual pathological state, like war."

"Its absurdity is recognized; it is rejected in principle by many; and yet, it seems impossible to banish from human relations. Nonetheless, it remains a battleground for every man of conscience; it demands a radical and profound conversion — change of heart — at every level, individual, national and international."

EASTER MUSIC

A half-hour program titled "Music of the Resurrection" will be presented as an Easter Sunday special on the NBC's affiliate WROC, Channel 8 April 2 1:30-2 p.m. in color. The program, taped in the Sistine Chapel at Vatican City in Rome, features the singing of the Sistine Chapel Choir under the direction of Monsignore Domenico Bartolucci.

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Justice Key to Peace In Northern Ireland

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI has reaffirmed his conviction that peace cannot come to Northern Ireland until "a firm foundation of justice" is built

In a St. Patrick's Day message to Cardinal William Conway, Primate of All Ireland, the pontiff said that "the Christian sense of values" convinces man that "lasting peace can be built only on the firm foundation of justice."

If there is to be peace," he added, "there must first be justice. Everyone must play his or her part."

The message was the latest in a series of appeals for peace in Northern Ireland made by the Pope in recent months. In this message, as in earlier utterances on the subject, the pontiff avoided specific indictments of groups or organizations.

He noted, however, what he called "obstacles" to the achievement of peace, among them, "civil inequity, social and political discrimination, and mis-

understanding between individuals and groups."

Noting that the people of Ireland, both North and South, were "well aware" of the problems, Pope Paul said, "In the face of deplorable delays or even of continued disregard of the problems, the temptation to hasten their solution even by violent means may become even stronger."

But, he stressed, "the Christian faith must convince all concerned that violence is not an acceptable solution to the problems of Ireland." He added, "It is not easy to reconcile violence with the righteousness that it is intent upon claiming or defending, whether this violence comes as a reaction to injustice or as a means of maintaining public order."

Pope Paul closed his message with the plea that "all in Ireland may be drawn closer by their common faith in Christ" and that "sentiments of brotherhood reign in their hearts in a new era of justice and peace and respect for all."

College Plans Anemia Tests

Monroe Community College will become the first college in the area and one of the first in the nation to test its students for sickle cell anemia.

All black students at MCC will be tested from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 19 in Forum West at the college. The testing will be conducted by the University of Rochester's Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health in conjunction with the MCC Department of Health Services.

Sickle Cell Anemia is an inherited blood condition which affects an estimated one out of ten blacks in the United States.

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