



Cardinal and Pontiff

Pope Paul VI gives a photograph of himself to Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York during an audience at the vatican. The cardinal and other American prelates were in Rome for the regular semi-annual meeting of the episcopal board of the North American College for U.S. seminarians and clerical graduate students in Rome. (RNS)

Pope to U.S. Priests: Be 'Tireless' Servants

Vatican City — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI called on Catholic priests in the United States to "serve the People of God with wisdom" and to "enlighten and stimulate" them by giving an example of "saintliness" and "tireless service."

The pontiff made the appeal in a meeting with Cardinal Terence Cooke, archbishop of New York, and other members of the episcopal board of the North American College, a residence and house of formation for U.S. seminarians and clerical graduate students in Rome.

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'Horrifying', Says Vatican of Abortions

Vatican City — (RNS) — Vatican Radio, in a report on what it called the "horrifying" abortion statistics in various countries, described the figures as "an interminable necrology — obituary notices — of lives without a history, sacrificed upon the altars of selfishness, dishonor and often cowardice."

"Human life is sacred, right from the very beginning," the radio affirmed, "and as we know, every suppression of it, every attempt on it is morally to be condemned."

The broadcast then listed what it said were figures gleaned from recent newspaper reports.

"In the Federal Republic of Germany," it said, "every year there are from 100,000 to 500,000 interruptions of pregnancy, mostly illegal."

"More than 100,000 human lives were suppressed last year in England through abortions."

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for the board's regular semi-annual meeting.

Pope Paul praised the work of the North American College, which has housed American seminarians studying in Rome for more than a century.

He said that Rome was a "perfect site" for the college, noting that the city "is a meeting place where members of the universal Church from all over the world come and get a more profound awareness of the unity and catholicity of the Church of Christ."

The Pope urged the bishops to see to it that the college continued to inspire young priests to "tireless service."

Some 3,000 abortions were performed on foreign women in Great Britain.

"Other dismaying statistics refer to the United States, Switzerland, Italy, France and Japan," it added.

Vatican Radio said that in the face of such figures and in the face of (abortion) "laws which propose remedies that are either false or unilaterally defensive of the supreme value of life," it is necessary to "transform customs and social structures" in such a way as get at the root of the problem of unwanted pregnancies.

The radio mentioned the recent announcement by the bishop and auxiliary bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Shrewsbury, England, that the full resources of the diocese would be put at the disposal of any woman facing an unwanted pregnancy provided she was willing to let her baby be born and not aborted.

Vatican Hails Anti-Abortion State Drive

Rome — (RNS) — Vatican Radio, in a series of broadcasts, highlighted efforts by Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York, Catholic bishops of New York State and the Knights of Columbus aimed at countering the "wholesale destruction of unborn human life" brought about by the state's liberalized abortion law.

The broadcasts, in several languages, gave full details of a "special Mass" celebrated by Cardinal Cooke and noted preparation for a Knights of Columbus protest march in New York City and a protest rally in the state capital.

The broadcast also quoted at length from a pastoral letter, prepared jointly by all the New York bishops and read by Cardinal Cooke at the special Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral. (The letter appeared in the April 12 issue of the Courier-Journal).

In commenting on the liberal abortion law which took effect in New York State, July 1, 1970, the pastoral said that "the beginning of pregnancy is the beginning of human life separate from the mother."

The pastoral charged that the New York statute has already accounted for the "abortion of 300,000 unborn children — one child killed every three minutes," observed Vatican Radio.

As a followup to the pastoral letter, Vatican Radio said, a series of "pro-life" activities stressing opposition to the New York State law were slated.

Besides the rallies on or about April 16 — Right to Life Sunday — special information booklets are being distributed in Catholic parishes through the state.

Vatican Denies Pope Paul Plans to Resign

Rome — (RNS) — Several published reports here repeated the rumor that Pope Paul will resign in September on his 75th birthday.

The unconfirmed reports were denied, as they have been in the past by the Vatican Press Office.

"This is hypothesis inspired by imagination," said the Vatican official spokesman, Federico Alessandrini.

The rumors about the Pope's possible resignation began soon after he took office and were fanned into a blaze of published reports when he issued a decree some time ago that all bishops volunteer their resignations when reaching 75.

Later, the rumors got new life when the pontiff ordered that all cardinals reaching 80 must resign from leadership posts in the Vatican and may not have a voice in the election of Popes.

Only one other Pope in history ever resigned while occupying the throne. He went into a monastery and spent the rest of his life in seclusion.

INDIA CATHOLICS PRAISED

Vatican City (RNS)—Vatican Radio said that although there are only 7.5-million Roman Catholics among India's population of 550 million, they exerted a "great influence" because of the "high quality and breadth of their activity in social and educational fields." The Catholic Church in India, Vatican Radio said, also carried out "substantial" endeavors in the field of health and welfare, with more than 200 hospitals and dispensaries for medical concerns, and 600 other institutions caring for orphaned and abandoned children.

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People on the Fringe Listen to Them, Pope Exhorts

Santiago — (RNS) — Pope Paul VI, in a special message to delegates assembled here for the third United Nations Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), urged the group to listen to the voice of "millions of men, women and children living on the fringes of modern economy."

The Pope said he was addressing the conference as the head of the Roman Catholic Church, "which desires to march along with mankind and to share in mankind's lot in history."

The month-long conference, which opened April 13, will be concerned with solutions to the ever-increasing imbalances between poor and rich nations. It promises, observers say, to be a historic confrontation between Third World spokesmen and those of developed countries.

The pontiff called on the Santiago conference participants to give a hearing "to the voice of the most deprived of those millions of men, women and children living on the fringes of modern economy."

He said that "in many cases" it was the "very structures of power and decision-making" that had to be altered "in order to bring about everywhere — on political, economic, social, and cultural levels — a better sharing of responsibility."

"Does not justice demand," asked the Pope, "that all peoples, whatever their degrees of economic power, should have real participation in all negotiations of worldwide importance?"

DAY CAMP

The Sisters of Mercy will conduct a non-denominational day camp for children 6-10 years old. Camp Silver Birch will run July 3-Aug. 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on the grounds of the Mother House on Blossom Rd. Activities include swimming, nature study, crafts, cookouts, hiking, sports, games, and physical fitness. Sister Kathryn Wahl is director. Her phone number is (716) 663-5856.



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