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Pope May Expand College of Cardinals

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul VI is reported to have under consideration a plan to note the tenth anniversary of the opening of Vatican Council II in mid-October by holding a consistory for the creation of new cardinalships.

Last Aug. 14 the number of cardinals dropped to 117 with the death at 92 of Cardinal Paolo Giobbe, a veteran Vatican diplomat and longtime personal friend of the late Pope John XXIII.

The last consistory was held in April 1969 when 35 men were given red hats. Included in that

group were four Americans: Cardinals John F. Dearden of Detroit, Terence J. Cooke of New York, John J. Carberry of St. Louis, and John J. Wright of Pittsburgh.

That consistory swelled the ranks of the College of Cardinals to an all-time high of 134 members. The consistory also added to the growing international flavor of the college by the naming of new princes of the Church from Third World and other areas rather than concentrating on Europe in general and Italy in particular, as had been the practice for centuries.



Parish Council Set

By JOY CHALONE

Penn Yan — After five months of informational meetings, the submission of petitions of candidates and parish-wide elections, St. Michael's Church has established its own parish council. A constitution and by-laws were drawn up, and at its first meeting in August, officers were chosen. They are Anthony Pizanti, president; John Quinn, vice president; Mrs. Mary Scott, recording secretary; Mrs. Shirley Condella, corresponding secretary.

Standing committees were also set up. Religious Education, responsible for the development and maintenance of a religious education program for children not attending St. Michael's School and for adult religious education programs is headed by Kenneth Berkes. Human Development, responsible for the development of improved relationship with other church groups through sharing cooperative programs and by accepting membership on committees engaged in joint community projects as well as other social action, community relations and communication endeavors is headed by Mary Scott. Building and Grounds, concerned with repair, upkeep and maintenance of all parish properties including outdoor landscaping, snow removal, protection and proper lighting of the grounds, will recommend if additional building is required, will establish policies for janitorial employment and supervision, will submit annual operating expenses to the finance committee and is headed by Patrick Flynn. The finance committee will familiarize itself with the corporate structure of the parish, exercise prudent control over all parish expenditures, will cooperate with and if necessary organize special help for funds to be raised for the parish or diocese. It is responsible for an annual parish budget subject to parish council vote (and synodal requirements) for parish investments, insurance programs, and aid through other societies. It will submit to the council an annual audit of all accounts. John Quinn is council representative.

The education committee will be the School Board. Parish life committee is responsible for the development of a spirit of community among all parish members through social projects. It will also assist to provide lecturers, commentators, altar boys, ushers, etc., necessary for the enrichment of the new liturgy. They will cooperate with

Pontiff Sees Good Offsetting Violence

Castelgandolfo (RNS) — Pope Paul IV said here that he feels there is enough good in the world today to offset the violence and moral decay that appears to be infecting humanity.

"The sum of the good is immensely greater than that of evil," the pontiff said. "We must not permit ourselves to be taken over by fear and pessimism. We must have faith."

The pontiff's words of hope followed an exceptionally grim papal assessment of the world situation which touched on such wide-ranging events of violence and moral decay as plane hijackings, tribal wars, pornography and social climbing.

The Pope spoke to several hundred men, women and children gathered in the courtyard of his Summer residence in the hills some 20 miles from central Rome.

Referring to what he called "the unfortunate news of mean violence that infests the newspapers of the world," the pontiff said, "We see crimes of every type. We see premeditated crimes, organized, ruthless." He said these crimes include "thefts and armed holdups, extortion, blackmail, swindling, sabotage, revenge, tribal hatred and political passion."

"Criminals today violate every human and civil law," the Pope pointed out, observing that some of them "kidnap and kill innocent people" while others steal as much as possible, hijack planes, resist the guardians of

order and endanger the lives of innocent people.

The Pope said: "All of this is for greed of money or for political hatred, if not for criminal madness."

As critical as he found the world situation, Pope Paul said he found hope for a better world to come in noting how revolted people are at the criminal and other immoral incidents that are reported daily.

"Indignation (of people) over crimes is a sign that the moral spirit of mankind is not dead," he said.

"The forces of good must assert themselves with greater wisdom and courage," he insisted, adding, "Christians must give examples of a more dignified, demanding, and austere moral sensibility."

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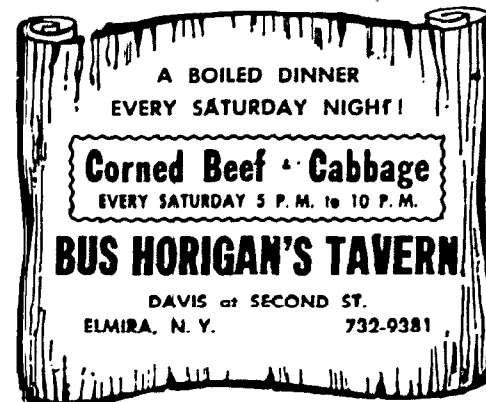
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