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Year of Renewal

Above is the special logo for the Year of Renewal. Courier readers will see the logo through-out the coming year, marking stories and notices of events associated with the diocesan program. At left the year is officially begun by Bishop Joseph L. Hogan in a Mass concelebrated Sunday with Father Bernard Carges at Sacred Heart Cathedral. In his homily, the bishop promised that this year of dedication would be made meaningful with carefully prepared programs.

Munich 'Massacre' Condemned by Pope

CASTELGANDOLFO (RNS)—Pope Paul has appealed for calm thinking and compassion to avoid a bloody retaliation against the Arab slayings of Israeli Olympic participants.

The pontiff told pilgrims attending his general audience here that the killings were a "shameful massacre" which besmirched the very theme of the international athletic competition — "a celebration of mankind's brotherhood."

"You all know how the episode of Israeli athletes and the Arab guerrillas who came with violent and bloody conflict in mind has climaxed in tragedy.

"It is a shameful and most fearful massacre. And we deplore this fact which really dishonors our time — a fact which took place in a site and at a time of celebration of mankind's brotherhood which has been interrupted. We hope it may resume."

Pope Paul made his remarks just prior to the announcement

of the decision of the Olympic organizers to resume the games in Munich.

"May God forbid that other similar episodes should occur," he said, noting what he termed the "nature of human weakness" which could bring another bloody episode in revenge.

"Hatred leads to hatred," he warned. "Blood calls out for blood, vengeance for vengeance."

The pontiff also spoke of his deep feelings of concern over the roots of the troubles in the Middle East.

"If there is this frenzy of exploding violence, it is a sign that there is a great malaise," the Pope said. "It is a sign that there are a great number of people who become blind and indulge in the explosions of vengeance and resentment."

The obviously deeply moved spiritual leader asked all those at his audience: "Strive to be better — to forgive."

Bishop Hogan's Call for Diocesan Renewal

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Bishop Joseph L. Hogan, in his column "Pastoral Perspective", describes the diocesan Year of Renewal as "a grace offered to you and me to re-examine the authenticity and sincerity of our Christianity — to ask ourselves whether we have been going through the motions of worshipping God, honoring Him with our lips while our hearts are far from Him — or whether our commitment is a conscious Christianity."

All diocesans should read and reflect on the Bishop's fervent call to conversion. His message is on Page 3.

In order to clarify some confusion resulting from the recent announcement from the Vatican on inter-Communion, the Courier-Journal has asked Father Albert Shamon, vicar for education, to write an explanatory piece on the topic. Father Shamon's article is on Page 8.

Father Shamon also figures in our centerfold feature this week which is appropriate for Christian Education Week, being noted in the diocese beginning

Sept. 17. Bishop Hogan's message reminds us to recall during this special week the true meaning of Christian education.

Meanwhile our resident iconoclast, George Beahon, has some news for Olympic fans which corrects an erroneous story that has been making the rounds for some 36 years. Turn to Page 20.