

# Pope 'Cautious' on Worker-Priest Trends

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul has given a cautious word of encouragement to a growing movement of priests and religious who pursue their vacations while holding full-time jobs in industry and living among the laity.

In an audience on Oct. 12 with a group of French priests and prelates who have been studying the problems of pastoral work among industrial-class workers, the pontiff said, "The mentality and customs of the working world cannot constitute in themselves the ideal model for our ministry."

However, the Pope stressed that the priests and religious who elect to go among the people to work and live may do so if they first undergo specialized training.

He said these priests and religious should possess "a serious knowledge of the doctrines, the social systems, and the economic philosophies which touch the working class world and movement," warning that "good intentions are not enough."

Although he felt, he said, that it is good for specially trained priests to experience this close

association with the masses, the pontiff insisted that the priests maintain a certain "distance" by always trying to keep "the necessary detachment to be able to reach judgments with competence and discernment."

He said priests and religious who go into this type of community work must keep firmly in mind the fact that Christianity is far from a "simple ideology like any other ideology."

"Christianity is life and the inextinguishable sources of life in all domains," he said.

In working with the masses, the Pope said, the priest must ever be alert to the danger of revolution and violence as a means to accomplish liberation for the working people.

The pontiff said he did not deny "the need for liberation," but, "it must be liberation from all suffering and evil, including sin, hatred and selfishness."

The worker-priest movement had its beginnings in France and has spread to many areas of the world. However, the Vatican long has felt there exists a danger that priests and religious involved in this way of life might become too emotionally embroiled in situations and thus fall into the ranks of violent revolutionaries seeking to better the lot of the downtrodden.

## More to Life Than Profits, Study Shows

As a result of a recent study detailing the conditions of poverty in the United States, the Campaign for Human Development is calling for a solidarity among all Americans that will cut across racial and class lines.

"There is more to life than profits, dividends and technological growth. Human growth and development must become our goal," concludes the 40-page profile.

According to the poverty profile being distributed to all Catholic dioceses as part of the educational effort of the campaign, poverty is powerlessness. By working in concert, says the

study, different interest groups can gain strength, and human community may be created.

The study also exposes what it calls the unknown facts on poverty in the United States: most American poor—69 per cent—live in undeveloped rural parts of this country; 60 per cent are children under 18 or persons over 65; that 75 per cent are not capable of working; of the 25 per cent who are, 23.6 per cent actually do work but, because their jobs are unstable or low-paying, they cannot crack the poverty cycle; that only 40 per cent of all poor receive any kind of welfare assistance.

## THE SENATE

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ers said he is for repeal.

Anderson explained that he supported the abortion reform bill of 1970 "in the belief that it was not my responsibility to dictate individual morals and conscience. As you know, no woman under the liberalization authorized in 1970 is required to subject herself to an abortion. I am not by any stretch of the imagination presuming to tell anyone whether or not she should have an abortion. My vote was intended to put this issue where I believe it belongs—as a matter of free choice—provided it is a medically sound decision and does not constitute a crime under the penal laws of the state."

His opponent, Cheevers, said he would support repeal.

"To put this issue in its proper perspective," he said, "the governor's stand makes any change in the present law highly unlikely. Even though I have been advised to avoid the issue I feel that the voters have the right to know that I would vote for repeal of the present law. My personal conviction as to the value of life, both the born and those awaiting birth, transcends the possibility that my stand may cost me the election."

In the 50th District, which includes part of Cayuga County, Republican-Conservative Tarky M. Lombardi Jr. said he would vote for repeal as "this is consistent with my past voting record on this issue." His opponent, George W. Cregg Jr., Democrat, did not comment.

In the 51st District, which includes Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tompkins, and part of Tioga, Sen. William T. Smith, the Republican-Conservative candidate, did not give a yes or no answer on repeal but said he would vote for "modification" of the law. He voted against repeal last session.

Smith's opponent, Democrat-Liberal John B. Schamel, did not answer.

In the 52nd District, which includes Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Yates and part of Monroe, Frederick L. Warder, a Republican former assemblyman, did not indicate a yes or no answer but noted that "two years ago I voted against the abortion bill and this year I voted to repeal the law. I think my record speaks for itself and therefore I am adhering to my policy of not making commitments unless the specific wording of the legislation is upon my desk."

Joseph Luppino Jr., the Democratic candidate in the 52nd, said he would support repeal and noted that "there were legislators that voted against the bill and knew that the governor would veto the bill."

Conservative Laverne M. Sessler had no comment.

In the 53rd District, part of Monroe County, all three candidates indicated they would vote for repeal.

Republican-Conservative Gordon DeHond simply said yes without comment.

Father Joseph B. Dorsey, the Democrat, said he would vote for repeal and commented:

"Government's primary purpose is the protection of life. New York State's abortion bill denies that function of government to the most innocent and defenseless life—the developing baby."

Armand Schaubroeck Jr., the Liberal, said he would vote for repeal but commented:

"I would change the present law from six months pregnancy to up to four months. I do not favor total elimination of the abortion law for then it might make it possible to have an abortion up to the final times of pregnancy. If the state does not take a stand, there will be no control on abortion. Abortion has to be regulated for a time to be enforced."

"I would like to change that law so that the man involved also would have a say in the matter except in cases of rape and medical complications. I feel that men are capable of raising children and could be deeply hurt if their children are killed in abortions."

In the 54th District, part of Monroe, Sen. James E. Powers, Democrat, will not support repeal.

"I have publicly supported the reduction in the number of weeks when an abortion can be performed," he said. "but I do not support an absolute ban."

"An abortion is always a sad event. However, it is no less sad when done illegally in the backroom than in a hygienic hospital setting."

"Decisions of federal courts indicate to me that an absolute ban on abortions, including pregnancies which result from rape, incest and the psychotic condition of the mother, are unconstitutional."

"The large number of illegal abortions throughout the nation also indicates that such a ban is unenforceable."

His opponent, Fred J. Eckert, Republican-Conservative, said he would vote for repeal.

"I believe that human life begins at conception and I believe that it is morally wrong to kill an unborn child to placate social convenience," Eckert said.

"I realize that my anti-abortion stand is not the popular stand in today's society, but I think that is the morally right stand and I hope that in time the public will come to recognize that."

The Liberal candidate, James D. Wilson, could not be reached.

In the 55th District, which includes Livingston County, Republican-Conservative Thomas F. McGowan, the incumbent, said he would vote for repeal. He did so in the last session.

His opponent, Democrat John F. Macauley, did not comment.

In the 56th District, part of Monroe, James T. McFarland, the Republican-Conservative candidate, stated that he would vote for repeal. Democrat-Liberal Harold H. Izard did not answer.

## State Assembly Roundup

A "Yes" response means repeal is favored.

### 123rd DISTRICT

(Part of Broome, part of Tioga)

Battisti (Rep) ..... No comment  
McCabe (Dem) ..... Yes  
Thomson (Cons) ..... No

### 125th DISTRICT

(Cayuga and Cortland)

Riford (Rep-Cons) ..... No comment  
Riordan (Dem) ..... Yes

### 126th DISTRICT

(Part of Chemung, part of Tioga)

Marshall (Rep-Cons) ..... No  
Lepkowski (Farm, Labor) ..... Yes

### 127th DISTRICT

(Steuben, Schuyler and part of Chemung)

Henderson (Rep) ..... Yes  
McConnell (Dem) ..... Yes

### 128th DISTRICT

(Yates, Tompkins and part of Seneca)

Cook (Rep) ..... No  
Studders (Dem) ..... Yes

### 129th DISTRICT

(Part of Ontario, part of Seneca, part of Wayne)

Hurley (Rep-Cons) ..... Yes  
Elzufon (Dem) ..... Commented

### 130th DISTRICT

(Part of Wayne, part of Monroe)

Hanna (Rep-Cons) ..... Yes  
Ciaccio (Dem) ..... Yes  
Slade (Lib) ..... No

### 131st DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe)

Wilson (Rep-Cons) ..... No comment  
Lill (Dem) ..... Yes  
Florence (Lib) ..... No comment

### 132nd DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe)

Phillips (Rep) ..... No  
Frey (Dem) ..... No  
Halter (Cons) ..... Commented

### 133rd DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe)

Carroll (Rep-Cons) ..... Yes  
Boryszewski (Dem) ..... Commented  
Wright (Lib) ..... No

### 134th DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe)

Steinfeldt (Rep-Cons) ..... No  
MacSuga (Dem) ..... Yes  
Shenk (Lib) ..... No comment

### 135th DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe)

Cook (Rep-Cons) ..... No  
Pappas (Dem) ..... No comment  
Germano (Lib) ..... No

### 136th DISTRICT

(Livingston, Allegany, part of Ontario)

Emery (Rep) ..... Yes  
Kennedy (Lib) ..... No comment

### 137th DISTRICT

(Orleans, Genesee, part of Monroe, part of Wyoming)

Knights (Rep) ..... No comment  
Weiss (Dem-Cons) ..... Yes

## State Senate Roundup

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### 45th DISTRICT

(Part of Cayuga, Jefferson, Oswego, part of St. Lawrence)

Barclay (Rep) ..... No comment.  
O'Brien (Dem) ..... Yes.  
Perciaccante (Cons) ..... Yes.

### 47th DISTRICT

(Part of Tioga, Broome, Chenango)

Anderson (Rep) ..... No.  
Cheevers (Dem) ..... Yes.

### 50th DISTRICT

(Part of Cayuga, part of Onondaga, Cortland)

Lombardi (Rep-Cons) ..... Yes.  
Cregg (Dem) ..... No comment.

### 51st DISTRICT

(Chemung, Schuyler, Steuben, Tompkins, part of Tioga)

Smith (Rep-Cons) ..... Commented.  
Schamel (Dem-Lib) ..... No comment.

### 52nd DISTRICT

(Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, Yates, part of Monroe)

Warder (Rep) ..... Commented.  
Luppino (Dem) ..... Yes.  
Sessler (Cons) ..... No comment.

### 53rd DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe)

DeHond (Rep-Cons) ..... Yes.  
Dorsey (Dem) ..... Yes.  
Schaubroeck (Lib) ..... Yes.

### 54th DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe)

Eckert (Rep-Cons) ..... Yes.  
Powers (Dem) ..... No.  
Wilson (Lib) ..... No comment.

### 58th DISTRICT

(Livingston, Wyoming, part of Erie)

McGowan (Rep-Cons) ..... Yes.  
Macauley (Dem) ..... No comment.

### 59th DISTRICT

(Part of Monroe, Genesee, part of Erie)

McFarland (Rep-Cons) ..... Yes.  
Izard (Dem-Lib) ..... No comment.