

# Radical Secularism Rejected

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul observed the feast of Christ the King with a call for a worldwide rejection of "radical secularism," that he said is invading the world.

The Pope made the remark in addressing a large crowd of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square beneath his private apartment windows.

He warned that the forces of secularism in the world today are attempting to sidetrack Jesus and religion from the mainstream of modern life. This, the Pope said, constitutes a clear threat to the salvation of mankind.

Pope Paul's comments were interpreted as criticisms of certain groups of theologians and sects that recently have been contesting the divine nature of Jesus Christ.

"The proclamation of the complete and definite royalty of Christ sinks its roots in time, in our time, because our personal destiny, in respect to that final and universal triumph, will be decided in this present life," the pontiff said.

He reminded his audience that the destiny "for our eternal tomorrow" defends us from the invasion of radical secular concepts "which close the horizon of our temporal experience to impede it from receiving the religious relationship of our true salvation."

Pope Paul said secularism fails to "support itself, as a global vision of life," even if it does "serve well in its limits of competence."



**Suharto and Pontiff**

President Suharto of Indonesia clasps his hands and bows as he presents Pope Paul VI with an engraved silver tea tray during a private audience in the Vatican. Man in center is an interpreter. The pontiff met with the Indonesian leader and his wife for an hour during which Pope Paul said he was happy to return the very cordial welcome he received in Jakarta two years ago during his tour of the Far East. (RNS)

## Keeping Tabs

Rochester Chapter, College of St. Rose Alumni Association, will hold a Christmas party at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 9, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Barrett, 49 Sherwood Ave., Webster.

The Corpus Christi Mothers Club will conduct a bazaar in the church hall, E. Main at Prince, Friday, Dec. 8, 5-9 p.m., and the following Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The club's Christmas party is scheduled for 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8. The club also makes early announcement of its public New Year's Eve dance because Dec. 16 is the deadline for tickets at \$18 per couple. After that, the all-inclusive price will be \$22. Reservations may be made with Chris Baird, 482-5350; Marge Malone, 482-9281, or Molly Baiamonte, 482-7224.

Children of St. Salome's school and CCD will present a play at the Women's Club Christmas party Monday, Dec. 11. The meeting will follow 7:45 p.m. church services. Reservations should be made with Marilyn Gladue, 266-3795; Mary Hefler, 467-7922, or Marlene Johnston, 467-5793. Madeline Miller and Mary Lou Napoleon are chairmen.

The Ladies of Charity sponsored a dessert card party last night at St. Casimir's, Elmira, to raise money for Christmas baskets.

Members of the 80th Seton Branch and their husbands will be entertained at a cocktail party Saturday, Dec. 9, at the home of Dr. & Mrs. William Ciluffo of Wilelen Road. Afterward, all will attend the Christmas Ball at Brooklea Country Club.

The Men's Club of St. Margaret Mary Church has scheduled a Christmas party for 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, in the parish hall.

St. Monica's Parents' Group will have a pot luck supper at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, in the rectory meeting room on Monica St.

St. Pius X Rosarians gave money for Birthright at their Christmas party. The Younger Generation, a singing group, entertained.

Sacred Heart Cathedral's Rosary Guild Christmas party will be at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11, in the rectory hall. Members of the school faculty will be guests. The Nazareth Academy Choral Belles will sing under the direction of Sister Rose Teresa.

The Holy Name of Mary Society of St. Stanislaus parish will hold a Christmas party at 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10, in the school auditorium. The Women's Choral Club will sing.

## Father Erb Hit by Car

Father Charles Erb, SVD, was hit by a car in Rome on Oct. 20. He suffered a broken leg and two broken teeth, and had injuries to his jaw, elbows, and right hand.

In a letter to his nephew, Father Francis Erb, associate pastor at St. Anthony of Padua, Rochester, Father Erb said he was walking to an appointment near St. Peter's Basilica when a driver skidded and threw him. He was taken to nearby Holy Spirit Hospital, where he is now recovering.

With his new teeth, he said he feels like "a model for a Pepsodent ad."

Father Erb, 66, is executive director of the Department of Social Communications for the National Catholic Secretariat in Ghana, Africa. He is a native of Rochester.

Mail may be sent to him via: Collegio del Verbo Divino, Cas. Post 5080, 00100 Roma, Italy.

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