

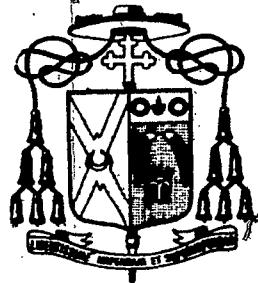


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Challenging Afternoon

Donna Fink laces up for an afternoon of skating as Jeanette Di Cesare, left and Kathy Mc Tammany, right, look on. The skating party was held by St. Lawrence's youth group, Challenge, at Olympic Park on Thursday, Feb. 22.

The Bishop's Public Appointments



March

- 3—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Watson Homestead Workshop, Coopers Plains — 11 a.m.
- 4—Centenary Celebration of St. Mary's Church, Elmira — 11:15 a.m.
- 6—Priests' Council Meeting, Becket Hall — 10:30 a.m.
- 8—Clergy Day of Prayer, Northwest Region, St. Bernard's Seminary, 10 a.m.
- 8—Regional Conference for North Region, St. Ann's Home — 7:30 p.m.
- 9—Interdepartmental Staff Meeting — 11 a.m.
- 10—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Catholic Community, Cornell University — 5:15 p.m.
- 11—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, Catholic Community, Cornell University — 9:30 and 11 a.m.
- 12—Confirmation, St. Lawrence, Greece — 7:45 p.m.
- 13—News conference on Diocesan Year of Renewal, Sacred Heart Cathedral rectory—10 a.m.
- 13—Confirmation, St. Lawrence, Greece — 7:45 p.m.
- 14—Executive Committee Meeting of Major Superiors of Religious Women of New York State, Mercy Motherhouse — 10 a.m.
- 15—Priests' Council Agenda Meeting — 9:30 a.m.
- 17—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily in honor of St. Patrick, Corpus Christi Church — 12:05 p.m.
- 19—Installation of Most Reverend Edward D. Head, new Bishop of Buffalo, St. Joseph's New Cathedral — 11 a.m.
- 20—Confirmation, Holy Ghost, Coldwater — 7:45 p.m.
- 21—Religious Sisters of Mercy Council Meeting, Mercy Motherhouse — 10 a.m.
- 22—Confirmation, St. Casimir, Elmira — 7:45 p.m.
- 23—Confirmation, St. John the Evangelist, Humboldt St., Rochester — 7:45 p.m.
- 24—Radio Message, Family Rosary Network — 7 p.m.
- 25—Celebration of Eucharist and Homily, St. Vincent de Paul Church, Corning — 11 a.m.; Homily — 12:15 p.m.; Holy Hour — 7:45 p.m.
- 26—De Sales High School Development Committee Rally, St. Stephen's School, Geneva — 7:30 p.m.
- 27—Confirmation, Church of the Annunciation — 7:45 p.m.
- 29—Confirmation, St. Ambrose — 7:45 p.m.
- 30—Priesthood Ordination, St. Margaret Mary Church, Rochester — 7:45 p.m.

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South African Churches Score Oppression of Blacks

Capetown (RNS) — Religious groups in South Africa have voiced some of the strongest protests yet against the economic situation of the country's minorities in the wake of a series of strikes by black workers in Durban.

Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish opinion called upon the government to take affirmative action to alleviate the plight of non-white workers.

One secular newspaper charged politicians of the ruling Nationalist Party with holding "near-blasphemous messianic beliefs."

An editorial in the Capetown Sunday Times declared: "The government has been told by the Churches (including the Dutch Reformed Church) that laws which have the effect of breaking up family life are unjust, immoral, and offensive to the Christian conscience. Some Churches have been louder than others in their protests, but the condemnation is universal."

It added that Nationalist politicians, "encouraged from the top, cling to the well-nigh blasphemous belief that they have a divine mission and the blessing of the Almighty for the ordering of human lives — especially the lives of blacks."

Southern Cross, a Roman Catholic newspaper, commented that the strikes "show the phasing out of a long-established white monopoly . . . of decision-making. Hitherto, white people have tended to see the South Africa of tomorrow as the product of their own decisions. But now it is becoming clearer — to some embarrassingly so — that the wishes and choices of black people just cannot be ignored any longer, but must be considered as well."

Two "obvious" difficulties, it said, "are cultural differences

Aborigines Walk Out Of Conference

Melbourne (RNS) — A group of about 30 Australian aborigines walked out of a special aboriginal seminar at the 40th International Eucharistic Congress charging Catholic officials with the "biggest sellout" of aboriginal peoples since Captain Cook discovered them.

They said they were protesting against the failure of seminar participants to listen to aboriginal grievances, both secular and non-secular, and claimed the seminar was simply "window dressing for the Roman Catholic Church."

Several white delegates supporting the aborigines told newsmen that a special working group on aboriginal problems declined to hear from the aborigines.

It was charged that non-delegates were admitted to the aboriginal seminar while some aborigines were excluded, and that recommendations against racism and discrimination toward aborigines by the Catholic Church were eliminated.

Two spokesmen for the aborigines, Len Watson of Brisbane and Bob Bellear of Sydney, said during a press conference later that they "thought the white hierarchy of the Catholic Church would recognize that racism and bigotry exist in the Church, only to find that this (seminar) was a token gesture."

BISHOP ON RADIO

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan will be guest on the Ed Hasbrooke Opinion Show over WHAM-Radio at 9:30 p.m., Thursday, April 1. The subject will be the Bishop's reconciliation proposal, appearing in this week's Courier-Journal centerfold.

and the white man's image as a domineering master. The former may be lessened by a vigorous effort of the black person to share what is best in European culture so that a sharing of worthwhile values may come about too. And the latter merely underlines the urgency of building bridges of friendly racial contact to foster trust and confidence."

Anglican Archbishop Robert Selby Taylor of Capetown said in his monthly newsletter that the gap between rich and poor in South Africa is huge and increasing. "It is the clear duty of the church to do all in its power to remedy these evils," he added. "At the same time (it) must see to it that in its own life and organization it sets an example and practices what it preaches."

Rabbi A. Lapin of the Capetown Hebrew Congregation declared in a sermon that South

Africa's migratory labor system "is leading to a complete breakdown of family life for the black man and a dehumanization of the white."

He said that the migratory-labor problem is a concern of the entire nation, and added, "Border industries bring a measure of relief, but, in the absence of an overall solution, the combined efforts and cooperation of the government, industry and commerce are called upon to find and speedily implement alternatives to the system."

Die Kerkbode, official organ of the Nederduitse Gereformeerde Kerk, largest of South Africa's three Dutch Reformed Churches, said the announcement by Prime Minister B. J. Vorster that a commission to investigate the socio-economic circumstances of blacks "was welcomed in all circles."

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