

# Pope Invests 30 New Cardinals

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul formally enrolled 30 bishops from 17 nations in the Sacred College of Cardinals, raising that most-powerful of all Catholic Church bodies to a record-high of 145 members.

At the same time, however, the 75-year-old pontiff decreed that not more than 120 cardinals will be permitted to cast ballots for the election of his successor.

The Pope also surprised even his closest associates by publicly revealing the names of two prelates he had secretly elevated to cardinal rank during his last consistory in 1969.

In a speech to the cardinals, the Pope also said he is considering the possibility of permitting some bishops to participate in papal elections and extending the same privilege to Patriarchs of the Oriental Churches.

During the more than 1,000-year history of the College, cardinals have had the only voice in the choice of Popes.

Among those elevated to "Prince of the Church" rank in the ceremonies were three U.S. bishops.

They are Cardinals Humberto S. Medeiros, 57, of the Boston archdiocese; Timothy Manning, 63, of the Los Angeles archdiocese; and Luis Aponte Martinez, 51, of the San Juan, Puerto

Rico, Archdiocese — the first native Puerto Rican ever to be named a cardinal.

Although the Pope opened the possibility of expanding the voter eligibility in papal elections, he made it clear that he still considered the College of Cardinals the Church's leading body.

"Ecclesiastical history, and Canon Law give the cardinals the function of surrounding the person of the Pope as his principal counselors and collaborators, supporting him in his apostolic office of governing the Church," the pontiff said.

The consistory was telescoped from the traditional three days of ceremonies into a single day. So, too, was the pomp and pageantry pared to a minimum in line with Vatican Council decrees for simplification of all Church rites.

In his speech before the cardinals, the spiritual leader of the world's more than 635 million Catholics noted that he had boosted the number of cardinals "to a total never before reached."

"However," the Pope added, "we consider it opportune to lay down a norm with regard to the cardinals who have the right of electing the Roman pontiff. Thus, we decree that the number of the cardinals entitled to par-

ticipate in that election must not exceed 120."

In a reference to the possibility of this regulation being altered after the selection of his successor, the Pope said, "We hope, moreover, that this carefully considered norm will have lasting effect and that our successors in the apostolic office will desire to preserve it."

Under another papal decree issued three years ago, all cardinals over the age of 80 automatically lose the right to participate in papal elections. Of the 145 cardinals now in service, only 117 are eligible to vote under that age restriction.

"We ask ourselves if it is not necessary to consider the possibility of associating with the Sacred College of Cardinals for so important a task those whom the Synod of Bishops... elect as its representatives and who constitute the Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod," the Pope said.

The two cardinals named in secret by the Pope in 1969 were Stepan Trochta of Litomerice, Czechoslovakia, and Julius Hossu of Clus-Gheria, Romania, who died a year later.

With three new cardinals, the U.S. representation in the College now stands at a record high of 12. The Italians lead in number with 41. France is third with 11.



Cardinal Humberto Medeiros of Boston (top) and Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles (bottom) receive their red birettas from Pope Paul VI during a consistory in St. Peter's Basilica. (RNS).



## Pope Names 5 U.S. Bishops

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Five appointments to the U.S. hierarchy, including the naming of a new Archbishop of Washington, were announced by Pope Paul at the March 5 Vatican consistory, the Apostolic Delegation here announced.

Bishop William W. Baum of Springfield - Cape Girardeau, Mo., former head of the U.S. Catholic bishops' Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, was appointed to succeed Cardinal Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington.

The 76-year-old cardinal's resignation, submitted when he became 75, was accepted March 3 by Pope Paul.

Also named to the hierarchy were Father James S. Rausch, 44, general secretary of both the U.S. Catholic Conference and the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He becomes Titular Bishop of Summa and auxiliary to Bishop George H. Speltz of St. Cloud, Minn.

## O'Boyle Ends 25 Years

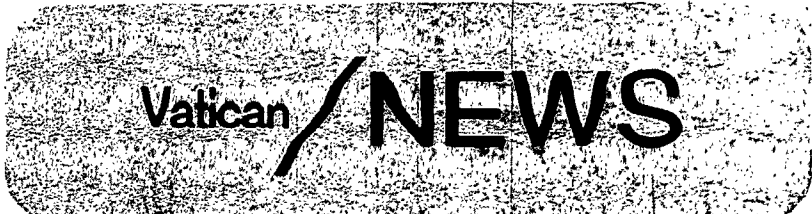
Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Pope Paul has accepted the resignation of Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle as Archbishop of Washington, which the prelate submitted as required after he became 75 years old on July 18, 1971.

The 76-year-old prelate, who has been the only ordinary in the 25-year history of the Archdiocese of Washington, was informed of the Pope's decision on the morning of March 2, although a formal public announcement was not made until the following day.

During a press conference here, Cardinal O'Boyle said it had been pointed out during public ceremonies last year marking the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and again in January during the 25th anniversary of the archdiocese and his installation as its first resident archbishop, that his desegregation of archdiocesan schools in 1948 was a significant achievement of his.

Cardinal O'Boyle integrated Washington Catholic schools three years before the landmark decision of the U.S. Supreme Court.

"But let's forget that," he told reporters. "That's water over the dam, and I'd prefer we don't bring that up again. If you bring it up, that's your business," he said.



Msgr. Raymond Lessard, 42, currently on the staff of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops and superior of Villa Strich, a residence for American clergy in Rome, becomes bishop of Savannah, Ga.

Msgr. John Bilock, 56, vicar general of the Byzantine Rite Archeparchy (archdiocese) of Munhall outside Pittsburgh, was appointed auxiliary to Archbishop Stephen Kocisko of Munhall.

Father Anthony Mestice, pastor of St. Dominic parish, the Bronx, N.Y., becomes an auxiliary to Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York.

Archbishop-designate Baum, who will become only the second ordinary in the 25-year history

of the Washington archdiocese, has been Bishop of Springfield-Cape Girardeau since 1970. In 1971, he received a special appointment from Pope Paul to take part in the World Synod of Bishops in Rome.

Under his direction, some \$100 million was raised to send food, clothing and supplies to victims of World War II in 48 countries. It was this work that Pope Paul had referred to when making him a cardinal nearly a quarter of a century later, calling it a major humanitarian effort — "one of the brightest episodes in American history."

The most widely publicized controversy of his reign was his suspension of 41 priests who differed with him on his interpretation and support of Pope Paul's encyclical on birth control, "Humanae Vitae," in 1968. Three were reinstated shortly thereafter, as were 19 others who appealed to the Vatican which issued a ruling satisfactory to the cardinal and the priests.

The Cardinal has also been among the most outspoken bishops in the country on abortion.

But while he may have, as a result of his strong stand on the birth control and abortion issues, been given the image of a theological conservative, his record in the area of race relations would have to be classified as most progressive.

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from 1962 to 1965, the new archbishop was named by the Vatican in 1965 to international joint working groups made up of representatives of the Catholic Church, the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation. From 1964 to 1967, he was the first director of the bishops' ecumenical secretariat in Washington.

Born in Dallas, Archbishop-designate Baum was ordained for the Kansas City-St. Joseph, Mo., diocese in 1951. He holds a

licentiate and doctorate in theology from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, Rome.

In the Kansas City-St. Joseph diocese, the new archbishop held several diocesan posts, including secretary of the diocesan tribunal, 1958 to 1962; executive secretary of the liturgical apostolate from 1959 to 1970, and chancellor from 1967 to 1970. He was named pastor of St. James Parish in Kansas City in 1968.

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