



Cardinal Presides at Service Protesting Jailing of Bishop

Seoul [RNS] — Cardinal Stephan Sou Kwan Kim of Seoul, Roman Catholic primate of Korea, officiated at a special Mass here, July 25, in protest against the jailing of a prominent Roman Catholic bishop.

from injustice" and for "the restoration of democracy."

Among the more than 2,000 Catholics, priests, nuns and laity participating at Myong Dong Cathedral in downtown Seoul were the French and Belgian ambassadors, who had arrived for the Mass in their official cars bearing national flags.

Under a sweeping emergency decree proclaimed by President Park in April participants in activity deemed subversive by the government, including any "anti-government" protest demonstrations, could be judged guilty of crimes punishable by death. In recent days, 55 political dissidents were sentenced by military courts to death, life imprisonment, or jail terms of 15 to 20 years.

The jailed prelate is Bishop Daniel Chi Hak Soun of Won Ju. He was arrested July 23 by the South Korean Central Intelligence Agency (KCIA) after reading a statement in public denouncing the regime of President Park Chung Hee.

The 53-year-old prelate had been scheduled to go before a military court on charges of aiding anti-government demonstrators. At the cathedral service prayers were offered for "the release of those suffering

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Notables

Gathering recently to celebrate the Feast of St. Ann and the first Livingston-Stauben region pilgrimage were [left to right] Father Robert MacNamara, pastor of St. Ann's Church, Hornell, where pilgrims celebrated Mass; Auxiliary Bishop John E. McCafferty, chairman of the diocesan Holy Year Committee; Father Otto Vogt, pastor of St. Joachim, Canisteo, and St. Mary, Rexville; Father William Spilly, newly-ordained assistant at St. Ann's. Bishop McCafferty gave the homily at the Mass [photo at left] noting that the lives of St. Ann and St. Joachim lead Christians to reflect on the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary as one of "faith and action . . . a life with which we may identify." St. Ann and St. Joachim are traditionally considered to be the grandparents of Jesus.



African Church Seeks to Keep Authenticity

Vatican City [RNS] — Vatican Radio, in an editorial comment on the Catholic Church in Africa, remarked that the African Church was "tremendously aware" of the need to be itself . . . authentically African.

It commented on the forthcoming world Synod of Bishops in Rome, on Sept. 27, when "Evangelization in the Modern World" will be discussed. Vatican Radio said that 33 of the expected 143 bishop-delegates would come from Africa. "Present day Africa," it said, "is living through its own particular moments of transition, its indigenous processes of 'Africanization,' which, it added, 'is undoubtedly reflected in the Church.'"

"Indeed," the broadcast insisted, "the African Church today is tremendously aware of the need to be itself, to be authentically African."

"This idea is no longer that of an individual theologian but that of the Church as a community of the faithful, and what is more, it is not just a theory, but a fact which is being realized on the practical level."

Vatican Radio recalled that Pope Paul, during his visit to Uganda in 1969, had declared that the Church in Africa "can and must" express "an African Christianity."

WOMAN KEYNOTERS

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Four keynote speakers will be featured at the fourth annual convention of the National Assembly of Women Religious at St. Louis University Aug. 14-18. Addressing themselves to the convention theme, "Gospel Probing" will be Sister Kathryn Sullivan, editor of The Bible Today; Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker Movement; Sister Catherine Harmer, staff member of Management Design, Inc., of Cincinnati; and Edward (Joe) Holland, staff associate of the Center of Concern here.

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