

Cultivate Humility, Pontiff Tells Curia

Vatican City [RNS] — Pope Paul has urged the heads and members of the Roman Curia — the central administrative arm of the Church — to be ever mindful of the "grave and delicate" nature of their functions and to cultivate "a sense of humility."

Members of the Curia, he said, are not to feel any sense of "superiority" or "pride" in comparison with the "College of Bishops and the great family of the People of God."

The occasion of the pontiff's remarks was the celebration of a special liturgical service in St. Peter's Basilica on the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb. 22).

Some 68 prefects and presidents of all the Congregations, Secretariats, Commissions, and other organs of the Vatican Curia concelebrated Mass with the Pope in the presence of other members of these agencies.

The chair of St. Peter is a portable chair said to have been used by St. Peter in Rome. There were formerly two feasts by this name, one for St. Peter's Chair in Rome, and the other for a chair in Antioch. The feasts have been combined into a single celebration, which expresses belief in the primacy of St. Peter and his successors, the Popes.

The Mass was concelebrated at the Altar of the Chair. In a

homily, Pope Paul referred to the Chair of St. Peter as "the center of the Church."

"It is here," he said, "that the unity of faith and ecclesial communion have their privileged and visible homes. They seem to rest here and express themselves in the architectonic space (of St. Peter's Basilica) that opens out to the whole multitude of the faithful, inviting them to heed the call to unity and brotherhood."

Reviewing briefly the functions of the Roman Curia and "its complex of tribunals, commissions, and other offices which assist with the general pastoral government of the Church," the Pope remarked: "It is sufficient to generate in all of us not a sense of superiority and pride in comparison with the College of Bishops and the great family of the People of God to which we all belong, but rather an awareness of (our) grave and delicate functions (and) responsibilities."

The awareness of these responsibilities, he added,

"should help us to rediscover a sense of humility! Our conscience imposes upon each of us a penitential act — in conformity with the requirements of Holy Year 1975 — which we might call 'self-criticism,' an endeavor to verify in the secrecy of our hearts

that our behavior is appropriate to the office which is entrusted to us."

Pope Paul then cited the words of St. Peter on the occasion of the miraculous draught of fishes: "Depart from me, O Lord, for I am a sinful man."

Deaths

Father Murphy Dies; First College Prexy

Father John Francis Murphy, CSB, St. John Fisher College's first president, died Feb. 26, 1975, in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. He was Newman Chaplain at the University of Windsor.

Father Murphy was appointed president of St. John Fisher in 1949 and served in that position until 1958. He was ordained in 1935 and before taking the Fisher post had served for five years as registrar of Assumption College of the University of Windsor.

He also had served on the Aquinas Institute faculty from 1938 to 1944. In 1959, he was named president of the University of St. Thomas, Houston, Texas.

A graduate of Assumption College, Father Murphy received an M.A. degree from the University of Toronto. The Ph.D. degree in English was awarded

him by the University of Ottawa. He received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Fisher in 1964, at the dedication of Ward Hall dormitory.

He was past president of the Association of Catholic Colleges, State of New York. He served as director of the Texas Foundation of Privately Supported Colleges and Universities and was also a member of the Commission on Educational Policy of the Texas Association of Colleges and Universities. In addition, he served on several civic and cultural boards of directors.

He was born in Woodslee, Ontario, in 1909.

Father Murphy is survived by his brother, Father J.S. Murphy, SCB.

The funeral was held last Saturday in Windsor.

Sr. Stella, SSJ

Sister Stella Marie Haggerty, who worked for 46 years in the St. Joseph Sisters' educational system, died Feb. 22, 1975, at the Nazareth Academy convent after a brief illness. She was 68 years old and had retired last year.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 25 at the Motherhouse chapel.

Sister Stella, whose specialty was business education, taught for many years at St. Agnes High School and Nazareth Academy. She was secretary to the dean of Nazareth College from 1935 until 1955 and served also as a resident adviser to students in

one of the college dormitories. She was personal secretary to the Mother General of her community from 1964 until 1966, when she returned to the academy faculty. Her early teaching assignments were at St. Augustine's School and Nativity School in Brockport.

Sister Stella was born and reared in Brooklyn. She was a graduate of Nazareth College and held a master's degree in business education from Boston University.

Survivors are an aunt, Mrs. Clifford Dee, and a cousin, Mrs. Vincent Hahn, both of Brooklyn.

George Rauber

Dansville — A funeral Mass was said at noon, Feb. 12, for George M. Rauber, 28, of Stone's Falls Road, Dansville, who suffered a fatal heart attack after winning a snowmobile race Sunday, Feb. 9, 1975 at the Wayland Rod and Gun Club.

He had been racing earlier in the afternoon and had won the competition. He was waiting to receive his award when he suffered the seizure and was pronounced dead on arrival at Noyes Memorial Hospital.

A graduate of Dansville Central School and Alfred Ag-Tech, he assisted in a family farm operation. He was a member and master of the Dansville Grange and was also a member of the Young Farmers and Ranchers Club, the Young Dairymen's Organization and the Holstein-Friesian Club.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church. Mr. Rauber is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur N. Rauber and a brother, Kenneth A. at home.



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