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Bishop James S. Rausch, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, has pledged the readiness of the Catholic Church to expand its programs or to establish new ones to aid the South Vietnamese refugees. In identical letters to President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Bishop Rausch expressed the Church's grave concern over "the humanitarian aspects of the deteriorating situation in Southeast Asia." A group opposing abortion, Catholics for Life, has deplored the announcement that the Planned Parenthood of Rhode Island plans an abortion clinic in downtown Providence, describing the facility as a "baby death clinic." In Missouri, the State Senate voted 24-8 in favor of a U.S. Constitutional Convention to take up the matter of abortion. The Missouri House must consider the resolution and passage is considered likely. Missouri thus would be the first state to ask for a federal constitutional convention — which would be the first such assembly since the American Revolution.

Archbishop Nguyen Van Binh of Saigon, South Vietnam's ranking Catholic prelate, has called for the resignation of President Thieu. The Church leader in an April 3 statement said, "The people's spirits are extremely low and everybody urgently wishes an orderly change." Pope Paul's vicar for the diocese of Rome, Cardinal Ugo Poletti has condemned the celebration of a public Mass by a suspended Catholic priest as "gravely unlawful" and contrary to Canon Law. The priest, Dom Giovanni Franzoni, celebrated a public Mass on Easter Sunday, his first since he was suspended from his priestly functions in April 1974. Dom Franzoni was suspended for refusing to accept "traditional" Catholic teaching on marriage, rejecting Pope Paul's condemnation of contraception, and manifesting a "spirit of disobedience" to his Benedictine superiors. Cardinal Mindszenty, exiled former Catholic primate of Hungary, will visit Paris May 24, at the invitation of French Church authorities.

In St. Paul, Minn., three Catholic nuns were arrested for attempting to block trucks carrying Gallo wine from the warehouse of a liquor wholesaler. The sisters, charged with disorderly conduct, participated in the demonstration with some 50 sympathizers of the United Farm Workers, which is engaged in a nationwide boycott of Gallo wines. Cardinal John Cody of Chicago has presented \$1.5 million received in a single "Freedom from Hunger" collection in his archdiocese to Catholic Relief Services. Dr. Françoise D'Arcy-Berube, a religious education specialist from Montreal, says the challenge for the future for Catholic schools will be to become centers for adult education.

Pope Paul told a Vatican delegation of British Parliament members and their families that he considers anti-abortion legislation important. The Parliament is debating an abortion bill introduced to amend Britain's liberal 1967 Abortion Act. The pontiff also called for a "sense of justice, brotherhood and good" to overcome "force and self-interest" in South Vietnam and other troubled areas. He was addressing 50,000 pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the customary Sunday blessing. In Moscow, Soviet police allowed Jews to celebrate the third in a series of Passover services after harassing worshippers at the first two.

## Pastors Urged to Attend Workshops in Schools

The pastors of the state are being urged by CSAANYS, the statewide Catholic administrators professional association, to participate in their workshop this Spring.

The workshops will be held on Fridays for the three regions of the state as follows: April 18, Metropolitan New York at Holy Cross High School, Flushing; April 25, Western New York at Notre Dame High School, Batavia; May 2, Central & Northern New York at Bishop Scully High School, Amsterdam.

Presenters at the workshops will include men and women engaged in administering schools, university faculty with previous experience in school administration, both public and private, and staff members of CSAANYS.

### CLASSES END

Hornell — Sunday evening classes of CCD for high school students have now been completed at St. Ignatius for the current year. Father Leo Mans, pastor, expresses gratitude to Bill Donlon, Margaret Sleggs and Rosemary Hogan for conducting these classes.

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## Flee Fighting

Villagers flee fighting at Dau Tieng, 35 miles northwest of Saigon, and walk to safety, carrying their possessions. Communist forces overran the district capital, forcing some 6,000 to flee.

## Cardinal Suenens: Christians Lack Total Belief in Presence of Holy Spirit

New York [RNS] — If there's one major problem in the Christian church today, it is that "we don't believe strongly enough in the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives," said Cardinal Leo Joseph Suenens of Belgium.

He stressed that the charisms or "gifts of the Holy Spirit" poured out on the early Christian Church and thought to be relegated only to "saints and mystics" through the centuries, are "now coming back to the Christian consciousness today." He said, "a new Pentecost is here, before our eyes."

And he said this is being manifested significantly in the Charismatic Renewal, which is helping to restore a balance between the spiritual and institutional dimensions of the Church.

Speaking at a news conference here coinciding with the publication in English of his book, "A New Pentecost," issued by Seabury Press, New York, the Catholic Primate of Belgium said the book seeks to present "the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church" and stresses the development of the Charismatic Renewal in the U.S. and throughout the world.

The prelate in this country to deliver six Perkins lectures, sponsored by Southern Methodist University, and to receive an award from the Institute of Ecumenical Research, Collegenille, Minn., was also a participant in the recent South-west regional conference of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal in Dallas, Tex.

Explaining the background of his book, Cardinal Suenens said that Vatican II sought to adapt the Church to today's needs, institutionally, and "to promote renewal of Church structures."

Today, he stated, the focus has moved to the "spiritual reality" which complements the institutional reality of the Church. He said both dimensions are present in the "one Church" the charismatic and the institutional.

Speaking of the growth of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church since 1967, when it was manifested on a few U.S. campuses, the cardinal stressed that there are "no members" of

the Charismatic Renewal and "it is not a movement" but simply a "motion of the Spirit... a wind, a Springtime."

He said that the Charismatic Renewal which started in the Catholic Church in 1967 is not the same as the classical Pentecostalism of the early 1900s or the neo-Pentecostalism of the 1950s. The cardinal noted that the theologies vary and the stresses on "speaking or praying in tongues" are not the same.

While stating that he did not believe the renewal should be "strictly organized," he admitted that there would have to be "some rules" to give general direction to the people involved. Cardinal Suenens also said he believed the majority of Catholic bishops, both in the U.S. and in Europe, who have come in contact with the renewal "generally favor it."

At knowing that the gifts of

the Holy Spirit, poured out initially on Pentecost, became obscured in Christian life after the early centuries, he said the awareness of these gifts and the ministries they prompt is returning to the Christian consciousness.

## Fr. Lombardi Resigns

Silver Spring, Md. [RNS] — Father Riccardo Lombardi, S.J., founder of the Movement for a Better World, has resigned as the organization's general director for reasons of health.

Established in 1952 with the approval of Pope Pius XII, the movement has since spread to 30 countries. The American headquarters are located here. Its purpose is "building a society ever more in conformity with Gospel values."

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