



Watchful Eyes

Photo by Susan McKinney

Frances White, left, photo above, keeps a close eye on Mrs. Teresa Calvi, during a crocheting lesson at Holy Apostles school. Mrs. Teresa Marinetti, at right, in photo at left, helps Rita Pettinaro make a correction in her knitting. The knitting and sewing mini-courses are taught by senior citizens who use their skills to help the youngsters in the 5th grade.

Senate Passes Parental Consent Abortion Bill

Albany [RNS] — The New York State Senate, by a vote of 31 to 23, passed a bill requiring parental consent before abortion may be performed on a girl under 18. The measure has been sent to the Assembly.

Opponents of the bill argued that it would encourage illegal abortions in cases where a young pregnant girl was afraid of telling her parents or was denied permission to have an abortion.

HOLY HOUR

West Elmira — A special holy hour for the Southern Tier will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

The event will be dedicated to praying for the Diocesan Pastoral Council and for all Christian leaders in the diocese. Prayers will be offered in the name of each priest in the Southern Tier.

Pope Greet Africans with Challenge

Vatican City [RNS]—Several hundred African Roman Catholic pilgrims, led by two black African cardinals, were reminded here by Pope Paul of their mission to "build up the church of God" in their respective nations, "adapting it to your respective cultures... and the values of your civilizations."

He declared that "fidelity to the Gospel" will help them overcome their difficulties in developing new nations and will help them contribute to "concord and progress to benefit all Africans who have a need, above all else, of brotherhood."

The Pope spoke during a concelebrated Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi at St. Peter's Basilica, which was attended by hundreds of Catholics from various African countries — many of whom were in national or regional dress.

Prior to the Mass, Cardinal Paul Zoungana of Ouagadougou, Upper Volta—who with Cardinal Laurean Rugambwa of Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania, and 13 other African bishops concelebrated Mass with the Pope — greeted the pontiff in the name of all pilgrims in Rome and of the African Catholics. The latter, he said, "still retain deep memories of your holiness' visit to Uganda six years ago."

In the name of the African Church, he presented a chalice, handcrafted by an African artist, to the Pope.

Pope Paul, in his homily, said the people of Africa are "ever present in our pastoral appeals and our prayers." He added that he personally received "great comfort from the fervor of faith, the great piety, the firmness of hope and the attachment to the universal Church and the Vicar of Christ manifested by Christians in Africa."

Reminding the Africans of their mission "to build up the Church of God in their respective countries" and to adapt them "to your respective cultures and keep it faithful to the Gospel," Pope Paul declared:

"Strive to form living Christian communities, cemented in prayer and in charity, united one to the other in the awareness and in the vigor of belonging to the same Church, which is the Body of Christ; of expressing the one faith, of giving witness to the same love among brothers of different religious confessions."

The Pope acknowledged that this was a "difficult task" because it called for African Catholics to integrate "all the values of your civilizations into a life of faith which purifies them, develops, renews and transfigures them."

But he asserted that "fidelity to the Gospel will help you overcome your difficulties and will help you contribute to the concord and progress to benefit all Africans who have a need, above all else, of brotherhood."

Finally, Pope Paul urged the pilgrims "to maintain the unity of the Spirit and the bonds of peace. Yes, we must all go forward together, united in Jesus Christ

and in His word. We must go forward to give honor and glory to Jesus Christ in union with His Father and the Holy Spirit forever

Apart from the music and hymns of the Sistine Choir, there were hymns and songs performed by blacks from various African countries.



Golden Jubilee

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sciolino of 247 Rustic Street, Rochester, New York, celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on June 6 and at a dinner on Sunday, June 8. A special commemorative Mass also was celebrated at St. Salome's Church.



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