

# A Holy Week Homily By Pope Paul VI

Pope Paul VI used Easter as his theme when he spoke to a general audience at St. Peter's Square on March 28. The text:

Easter is coming, Brothers, Easter is coming. This Sunday brings us its announcement with a note of joy, unusual during Lenten austerity, but logical and confirmed by reality. In the liturgy of this morning you will have listened to the characteristic word of this oasis in the penitential aridity of the present liturgical season: "Rejoice!" "Laetare!" a wish addressed to the city of God, to the faithful People, to ourselves; if we have loving understanding of the paschal mystery which will soon be celebrated. We are approaching the celebration of the tragic drama of the Cross: how could we meet it with invincible exultation in our hearts? Is it not the drama of Christ's suffering, sacrifice and death? Why and how could we rejoice in it?

Oh! We know why! Because it is the drama of our salvation. Because it is the extreme expression of Christ's heroic love, the supreme expression of God's infinite love for us.

## We Are Called To Be Easter People

My dear Friends,

The greatest news that ever broke upon the world is summed up in the words of the Evangelist Luke, "He is not here; He has risen."

As children we celebrated this event with chocolate eggs and Easter baskets. Perhaps we understood more of the mystery then than we understand now as adults. But what a tragedy it is if we do not continue to live a childlike faith in the hope of perpetual youth born of the reality of an Easter that was and is and can be forever. Perhaps, as children, we invited more of the Easter mystery than we can understand now.

I live in the hope that something of Easter will filter into the lives of all of us — will haunt us with its subtle ways of reminding us that He who conquered death has assured us: "And whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

I have never been impressed with the sudden Easter emergence of the dead who have joined the one-hour victory march on Easter Sunday (with weather permitting the traditional Easter parade), but I have been impressed with the new life born in those who have been truly transformed and filled with new hopes and new dreams nourished by the victory of Christ not for an hour or a day, but for the rest of their lives.

Ever since the First Easter, His Spirit has been released over all the world, with all of His life and truth and joy and peace available to all who open their hearts — to those who desire and love Him.

The Resurrection is more than the faith event which gave birth to a faith com-

### Kearney Mothers Set Antique Show

Forty dealers in antiques will offer their wares for sale at Bishop Kearney High School the weekend after Easter, under the auspices of the school's Mothers Club. They will show glass, china, and silver,

furniture, paintings, rare books and historical papers, coin collections, clocks and many other things, according to Jean Frostbauer, chairman.

The sale will run from 11 a.m.

community 2,000 years ago. It is our experience now as it unfolds through the deepening reality of Christ pouring His resurrection into us through Word and Sacrament. If the Risen Jesus is not now with us, He probably never will be.

Our Christian life is not lived in the darkness of His death but in the dawning light of the "third day." We are called to be Easter people — paschal candles — lights to a world that hungers for the bread of the Word and Life. He goes before us into the Galilees of our everyday.

In the beautiful words of Caryl Houselander, "We are the resurrection going on always, always giving back Christ's life to the world. We are to live the resurrection. It is to be a life of love, a love that creates, that gives beauty to life — and He gives us His own power of love to use for one another to raise one another from the dead. The ultimate miracle of Divine Love is this, that the life of the Risen Christ is given to us to give to one another, through the daily bread of our human love."

May we always be apostles who were first called by Christ as He calls us now to be witnesses of His Resurrection. A blessed Easter to you and all of your household. May He easter in all of you who are called to be His Alleluia people.

Your Father in Christ,

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We are all distracted by a false thought: that the event of Calvary belongs to a history that is past and alien to us, as if it were anachronistic to remember it, as if its operating relationship with our experience were impossible, and the religious and vital problem of its reflection in our personal existence a thing of the past?

It is not so. The Passion of Christ, in its relationship with history, with the whole of humanity, with each of us, is permanent. Do you remember the words of Pascal? "Jesus will be in his death-agony until the end of the world; it is not possible to sleep during this time" ("Le Mystere de Jesus").

A mystery, yes. In the first place because it concerns the true, but no longer secret attitude of God towards us, an attitude of boundless kindness that lays an obligation upon us (cf. Jn 3, 16). Then because it is a mystery penetrating into the deepest understanding of human history, which needs to be attracted to the crucified Christ to become really human history, which needs to be attracted to the crucified Christ to become really human, in wisdom, in justice, in goodness (cf. 1 Cor 1, 30). And again because we can find the



meaning and the value of our personal suffering in communion with Christ's suffering and sacrifice.

And all this, after all, is beautiful, it is joyful, it is happy!

An effort of conscience, Brothers, before the mournful and triumphant trophy of the Cross. Mary is there, awaiting us.

## Greece Catholic Students To Get New Bus Service

The Greece School District will provide direct bus service next year for residents attending schools outside the district. Applications must be filed by April 23.

Father Albert J. Gaelens, CSB, principal of Aquinas Institute, said the resolution of the transportation issue would affect about 120 students at his school and Nazareth Academy, among others. Nearby Nazareth Hall, an elementary school, also has a few Greece children, he added.

Instead of running buses to these schools, the Greece district has been providing bus passes for use on city lines, Father Gaelens reported. Students who live at a distance from Dewey Avenue and Ridge Road had had to drive, or be

driven, to school, and the district has made a nominal reimbursement for gasoline. Central districts that provide transportation for students in their own schools must offer it also to residents who go elsewhere, within a 35-mile limit.

Father Gaelens reported that he had received word Friday of the Greece school board's Wednesday night bus decision. Despite the extension of the deadline to April 23, Aquinas will be unable to pass the word to parents through the students, because the school is in recess until April 26. Many families, however, had filed requests for school busing in advance of the normal April 1 deadline. This option was not printed on the forms provided by the Greece district, but was typed in at the Aquinas office.

## Why Would Anyone Join Moon's Church?

Why anyone would want to join Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church mystifies many. Moon's charisma must be a factor — Moonies even pray at the rock he stands on when speaking at the church's Barrytown training center. But recruits don't hear Moon before they join — new members must already have been searching for something to belong to or they wouldn't have agreed to attend the first seminar or training session. Entering into the discussion is the fact that a startling proportion of the Moonies are from Catholic families. The church even claims an Irish priest as an instructor. Further information about Moon and his church is on page 15.

## Easter At the Cathedral

The formal ceremonies of Eastertide at Sacred Heart Cathedral begin at 7:30 tomorrow night, Holy Thursday. A solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated by Bishop John E. McCafferty and the priests of his parish.

Highlighting the Easter Sunday celebrations will be the family Mass of the Resurrection at 10 a.m., with Bishop Joseph L. Hogan as principal concelebrant and homilist, and a solemn sung Mass at 11:15, featuring the Cathedral choir. Bishop McCafferty will concelebrate the latter with his staff, and give the homily.

The solemn Easter Vigil Mass of

the Resurrection will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

On Good Friday, at 11 a.m., members of the parish youth group will create tableaux, living Stations of the Cross on the Cathedral grounds.

The Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ will be considered in meditations and readings beginning at noon Good Friday. The solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion will begin at 2 p.m. Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. will be followed by veneration of the relic of the True Cross.