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Poor Man's Burden in Bolivia

A heavy load upon his back, a man trudges along a twisting road that leads to La Paz, in a valley a thousand feet below the city's airport. Although Bolivia is reputedly enjoying an "economic boomlet," life is hard for many in a country long reputed to be the poorest in South America. Two thirds of the 5,600,000 Bolivians live without electricity in the home. Illiteracy has reached 60 per cent. Poor housing is rampant and there is a high mortality rate. And the peasantry has never been fully incorporated into the national life. San Jose Obrero parish, established with Rochester diocesan help, is in LaPaz. (RNS Photo).

Anti-Catholic Prejudice Seen Alive and Well

By JOHN DASH

Catholics have been around a long time since the Know-Nothings and the Ku Klux Klan made known their fear and hatred of the Church. But there's enough evidence to make a case for saying anti-Catholicism is yet alive and well in the United States, that attorney Adam Walinsky does say it.

Walinsky's name surfaced in the Courier-Journal recently in a column by Andrew Greeley. "Jews, Protestants and agnostics will tell me off the record (though in the case of Adam Walinsky, it has been on the record and repeatedly for a long time) that they are appalled by the persistence and the virulence of anti-Catholicism," Greeley wrote.

Diocesans will recall a bid Walinsky made for the office of State Attorney General in 1970.

In a telephone interview, he commented, "There obviously are a lot of different kinds of anti-Catholicism." "Remember, much of what I'm talking about is what I see in a northern political culture."

He notes, for example that contemporary bigotry is manifest not just in opposition to govern-

ment aid for parochial schools, but in the very character and quality of such opposition.

He says that banquets are held and defeat of such aid is heralded as a "triumph" by a number of organizations including the New York Civil Liberties Union.

He charges that statements made in the literature of such groups "actually smacks of anti-popery," a noxious form of anti-Catholicism thought by many to have been wiped out with the election of John Kennedy.

Walinsky sees Catholicism as the principal identifying mark of two rising groups in the United States, the Italians and the Poles.

"If Polish jokes were Black jokes, would they be repeated on the Johnny Carson Show?" Walinsky asks.

There are 1,000 little things, but their effect is cumulative," he says.

He cites the example of a statement making the rounds in New York City recently when a certain Italian American was running for office. "If they want an

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Woman Priests Approved

By Episcopal Church

'Be Open to Holy Spirit,' Bishop Hogan Urges

By JOHN DASH

Bishop Joseph L. Hogan responded last week to the approval of women priests by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church with the words "we must open our minds and hearts to the Holy Spirit. We must consider where He is leading us. Certainly we believe that if we follow His lead it will be toward justice and truth."

He also cited the research from the Detroit Ordination Conference of 1975, the recent report of the Pontifical Biblical Commission and input from the local task forces studying the role of women within the Church, as adding "important insights to a delicate and serious issue."

The vote surprised the Rochester Regional Task Force on Women in the Church. They had earlier prepared a statement expressing disappointment with the convention's vote. The morning after the vote, Diane Blum, spokesperson for the Roman Catholic group

confessed that "I decided I'd better get together a new statement," which reads in part:

"We the members of the Rochester Regional Task force on Women in the Church congratulate the Episcopal Church on its courageous and visionary action in opening its priesthood to women."

The Sunday prior to the vote about 30 Catholic and Episcopal women and men gathered at the University of Rochester Interfaith Chapel for a day of fast and prayer for the convention's deliberations.

In other developments on the question, it was announced in LaCrosse, Wis. that a team of nine women psychologists, all of them Roman Catholic nuns, are planning a national study of the spiritual, psychological and emotional makeup of women who want to be priests. The study will take place this fall and winter and will be based on a model developed by Father Eugene Kennedy, MM, in his 1974 study of priests.

The full text of Bishop Hogan's

comment on the development follows:

"I read with great interest the account of the approval of women for ordination in the Episcopal Church. I know that the bishops assembled in convention spent much time in prayer and deliberation before their decision was finalized.

"In the Sept. 11, 1974 edition of our Courier-Journal, I expressed by concern for my friend and colleague Bishop Robert Spears, as he faced the problem of women's ordination on the local scene. I assured him of my prayer that openness of mind and heart to the movement of the Holy Spirit be theirs and now two years later Bishop Spears can still rely on my friendship, support and prayers, as he and his fellow bishops and lay delegates respond to that Spirit. bishops and lay delegates respond to that Spirit.

"Since 1974 our understanding

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DPC Defeats, Then Tables Standing Committee Plan

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Waterloo — The Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting here Saturday, at first defeated the proposal to include sisters and priests on the five standing committees of the DPC, but then later in the meeting voted to place the measure on the agenda of the next DPC meeting for further discussion.

The proposal, which would include from one to three sisters and priests, named by their respective councils, to serve on each of the DPC committees, had been discussed for a half hour when the motion was called to a vote. Lorraine Cappellino said that she was not ready to vote, and wanted a show of hands to see if other members were. Chairman Joseph Mercier moved directly to the vote on the motion, and it was defeated.

Several minutes later, during the council's open forum, Sisters Jamesine Riley and Boniface Roeger expressed their displeasure with the vote, noting that they felt members were not ready for it, and voted against the proposal through confusion. Moses Anderson responded by making a motion, which was seconded by Kenneth O'Loane, to place the issue on the next agenda. An amendment which would require that the decision on the matter would be achieved by consensus was defeated after a discussion concerning the relative importance of the proposal. The motion to revive the proposal was then approved, with 35 in favor, five opposed and three abstentions.

Discussion of the proposal itself

raised concerns over changing the structure of the committees at this time. Father Louis Hohman, liaison to the Priests Council, noted that the duties of those priests joining the DPC committees would overlap his own. Sister Boniface said that increasing the size of the committees would allow for sub-committees to deal with specific issues, and she said the addition of priests and sisters would increase the expertise in the committees.

Final action on the proposal will occur at the November DPC meeting.

Opening the meeting, Bishop Joseph L. Hogan had applauded the positive attitudes prevalent at the Parish Council Congress, and noted that "we have come a long way in the consultative bodies of the diocese and in parish councils." He also mentioned the priests renewal program which he is encouraging, and that Holy Sepulchre is making \$350,000 available for low interest loans to parishes.

In other action, the DPC approved a proposal form that will be attached to further proposals received by the DPC, and heard discussions on the Detroit conference next month sponsored by the U.S. Bishops and on how a good proposal should be written.

In the course of discussing proposal writing, a specific proposal, made by three DPC members from the Southern Tier, was discussed. The suggestion to decentralize the diocesan offices, first made in Bishop Hogan's pastoral Living Stones, was made by the group in February 1976. Nancy Werner, chairman of the Pastoral

Organization committee that reviewed it, said that the committee had discussed the proposal at length, but that studies were needed, which she understood were being prepared.

Honor Mary, Pope Stresses

CASTELGANDOLFO [RNS] -- Pope Paul has urged the Catholic faithful to give "a place of honor" to devotion to the Virgin Mary.

Speaking to a crowd of pilgrims in the courtyard of his Summer residence here, Sept. 6, the Pope called attention to the recent 27th Italian National Catholic Liturgical Conference, held in Bologna, on the theme, "With Mary the Mother of Jesus."

This event, said the pontiff, merits attention because of the importance that piety towards the Most Blessed Virgin assumes in the Catholic faith.

Affirming that "Our Lady [is] inserted into the very center of the divine plan of salvation," Pope Paul said Mary "makes the human mystery of Christ accessible to us."

He urged: "Let devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary be given a place of honor in our ecclesial world. Let it be inspired by Holy Scripture, by theology, and by recognized cultural and artistic traditions and even by popular, private and personal piety."

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