



Cathedral Celebration

A Knights of Columbus guard-of-honor takes part in ceremonies marking the canonization of St. John Neumann. Also in the Sunday afternoon procession into the Cathedral, but outside the camera's range, are 16 Knights of St. John in full regalia.

Saint

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canonization ceremony. Philadelphia plans a concert, an elaborate procession and an outdoor liturgy for Sunday, June 26. The new saint was 25 years old and fresh from a seminary when he landed in New York in 1836. He was ordained in New York and sent to mission territory in

the western reaches of the state. In 1840 he joined the Redemptorists, who moved him about in upstate New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Delaware. He served as superior of the Redemptorist community in Pittsburgh and as pastor of a Baltimore church before he was named bishop of Philadelphia in 1852. In the

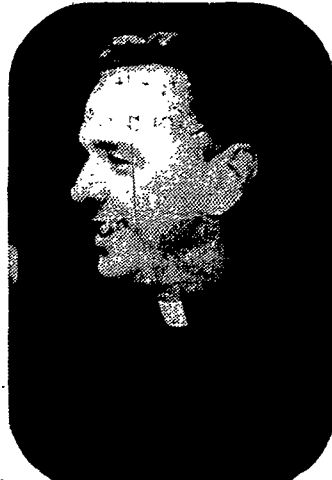
eight years that remained of his life, he saw to the building of about 40 schools and 80 churches. He is considered to be the major founder of the Catholic school system in the U.S. It has been said of him that he was a determined, hard-working, persevering man who relied ultimately on God.



FR. VALENTE



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3 Regional Coordinators Take Over July 1

Three new regional coordinators were named by the Pastoral Office recently. A coordinator serves as the region's leader in liturgy, education and human

development and encourages parishes in his region to work together for common goals. Each of the three will take over the regions on July 1.

The new coordinators are:

Father Bernard Dollen, pastor of St. Andrew's Church in Rochester, will take over the North Region. Father Dollen will replace Father Conrad Sundholm, pastor of St. Salome's, whose term has expired.

Father Anthony Valente, co-pastor at St. Michael's Parish, Rochester, takes over the Northwest Region. Father Valente will replace Father Eugene Weiss who has been reassigned as pastor of St. John the Evangelist in Newark Valley.

Father Walter Wainwright, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas, Leicester, will take over the Livingston-Steuben Region. Father Wainwright replaces Father Charles McCarthy, pastor of St. Gabriel's Parish, Hammondsport.

Guatemala

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direction in the Guatemalan Church regarding social justice.

"While some want to see the Church's mission reduced to preaching the mysteries revealed by God with no reference to human contemporary problems, others would like to have the church dedicated to the strong denunciation of injustices," they said

"And there are those who have reached the extreme of interpreting the Church's commitment to promote justice as action to favor the introduction and advance of communism."

The bishops declared that the Church has an "obligation" to promote social justice and the right and duty to denounce injustice, which is the fruit of sin, according to Vatican II.

In clear disagreement with the cardinal, the bishops said "it is unfortunate that some people see the activity of the Church as a vehicle of international communism and a promoter of class warfare. Instead, it is the persistence of these abysmal inequalities and the absence of brave and urgent reforms to bring about a more human, fraternal and just community that contribute to communism"

Sexuality Study Draws Fire from Cardinal

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Following guidelines on sexuality contrary to traditional Catholic Church teaching "would be a betrayal of the responsibility" given clergy "to care for the eternal life of the faithful," the chairman of the Committee on Doctrine of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops warned in a statement issued here.

Cardinal William Baum, Archbishop of Washington, made specific reference to the conclusions of a sexuality study commissioned by the Catholic Theological Society of America which he said, "are not in accordance with the teaching of the Church."

The Cardinal issued his statement for release the same day a CTSA committee called a press conference to discuss their new book, Human Sexuality.

The five co-authors of the study propose a "personalist" view of sexuality based on what contributes to an individual's growth, as against traditional Church teaching holding certain acts, such as adultery, to be "intrinsically evil."

The bishops' doctrine committee, Cardinal Baum said "will prepare a detailed analysis and response to this study."

The cardinal cited the

December 1975 declaration of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Concerning Sexual Ethics, and the November 1976 pastoral letter of the U.S. bishops, To Live in Christ Jesus, as "the most recent statement of the teaching of the Church" about sexuality.

The Vatican document, citing an "urgent need" to refute widespread "aberrant modes" of sexual behavior, reaffirmed the intrinsic evilness of such things as pre-marital sex, homosexual acts and masturbation.

(The bishops' pastoral letter to which Cardinal Baum referred stated that the "authoritative moral teachings of the Church" which enlighten personal conscience "are to be regarded as certain and binding norms of morality.")

The pastoral guidelines in Human Sexuality "do not sufficiently take into account the consequences" of certain "sacred mysteries of redemption," the cardinal said.

"Pastors, priests, counselors and teachers are reminded that they will find in the documents of the Holy See and of the bishops the teachings by which they are to counsel and guide the faithful," he added. "To adopt guidelines contrary to these teachings would be a betrayal of the responsibility given to them to care

for the eternal life of the faithful."

Cardinal Baum said the Church "acknowledges the need for critical scientific studies in order to identify the way in which the historical cultural and scientific limitations of a given time affect the experience and proclamation of our faith. These limitations make it difficult for many people today to hear and accept the demands of the Word of God.

"Those engaged in such critical studies," he continued, "therefore provide an invaluable service to the Church. The Church is grateful for this service even when, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, the magisterium cannot accept the conclusions of some theological studies."

Cardinal Baum said "the bishops united with the successor of St. Peter "are empowered by the Holy Spirit to discern, teach, and judge according to the mind of the Lord."

Because the CTSA study includes pastoral guidelines for "beleaguered pastors, priests, counselors and teachers," it "cannot be considered solely a theological treatise. It is thus not only theologians who should respond to it," the Cardinal said.

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