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Three buses brought some of the 300 persons who traveled from Elmira for the meeting.

## At Consistory

### Pope Calls for Unity

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul, at a consistory here June 27 created four new cardinals and formally installed as a member of the College of Cardinals a Czech bishop whom he had secretly named cardinal last year.

The new members of the Sacred College, which now numbers 137, are Cardinal Giovanni Benelli, former deputy Vatican secretary of state, who was recently named archbishop of Florence; Cardinal Bernardin Gantin, 55, a native of the African republic of Benin; Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, 50, new archbishop of Munich and Freising, West Germany; Cardinal Luigi Ciampi, OP, a Florentine priest who is "Theologian of the Papal Household" and consultant to the Vatican Secretariat of State and Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, and Cardinal Frantisek Tomasek, apostolic administrator of Prague, Czechoslovakia, secretly named in May of 1976.

In a wide-ranging address to some 50 cardinals present for the occasion, Pope Paul reviewed the general situation of the Church,

stressing what he called the "comforting aspects of vitality and vigor" in the Church, while at the same time deploring the elements of "divisive ferment" among segments of the Church.

Taking as the overall theme a plea for unity among Catholics the pontiff referred at some length to the case of rebel Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, CSSP, urging the foe of reforms of Vatican II to be aware of the fact that he was courting excommunication by continuing his practice of illicitly ordaining men to the priesthood.

As for renewed vitality in the Church, the Holy Father mentioned "a rather marked increase in vocations in various countries" and "untiring contacts with civil authorities" leading to improvement in Church-state relations.

He spoke of the "indisputable beneficial fruits" of post Vatican II liturgical reforms, saying that the course of recent years showed that the Church was on the right path.

"Unfortunately, however," he said, "abuses have been committed and

liberties have been taken in applying the liturgical norms." He criticized liberal Catholics "who in the name of a misunderstood creative freedom have caused so much damage to the Church, with their improvisations, banalities, and frivolities, and even certain deplorable profanations" in their celebration of Mass.

Calling for the observance of authorized liturgical norms the Pope said, "If these norms are not respected, grave damage could be done to the very essence of dogma, not to speak of ecclesiastical discipline."

At the same time, alluding to Catholic "traditionalists," who like Archbishop Lefebvre, are opposed to the authorized reforms and innovations of Vatican II, the pontiff scored "the unbending attitude of non-acceptance in the name of tradition that proves to be more a banner for contumacious insubordination than a sign of authentic fidelity."

He closed his formal address with a plea for an end to divisions within the Church and a call for unity in charity and truth.

## St. Joseph's OB Unit Fate Up to Albany

See editorial

By MARTIN TOOMBS  
Southern Tier Editor

Canandaigua—After five hours of discussion, consisting mostly of support for continuation of St. Joseph's obstetrics unit, the Finger Lakes Health Systems Agency (FLHSA) Executive Committee rejected, by an 11-7 vote, a recommendation that the facility be kept open.

The vote, at the committee's meeting here June 28, ended the local planning process that alternately called for the closure and continuance of obstetric services at St. Joseph's. Previously the Southern Tier and FLHSA Hospital Councils had called for termination of service, and the Southern Tier Subarea Council, the Chemung Advisory Council, the Southern Tier Hospital Management Corporation, and the Chemung County Legislature had called for the service to continue.

The recommendation of the 25-member FLHSA Executive Committee was sent to Dr. Robert Whalen, state Health Commissioner for action; the deadline for approval of a health plan was July 1. Financial penalties were due to start July 1 unless a plan was approved by the state. Action also is pending on the state level on a report by Charles Tobin, state Catholic Conference, on the status of religious-sponsored obstetrical units. St. Joseph's also has petitioned Dr. Whalen for a penalty waiver, as a religious-sponsored facility.

More than 300 persons attended in support of obstetric service at St. Joseph's, utilizing car pools and buses for the trip, and more than 50 spoke in favor of retention of obstetrics at St. Joseph's. Four of those speaking during the public forum called for St. Joseph's unit to close.

Executive Committee discussion concerned the quality of care possible in a

hospital with few births, and the savings that might be obtained through closing an obstetrics unit.

Dr. Robert Berg, a professor at the University of Rochester Medical School, noted that "low volume is not associated with high quality of care." He did not specify what was considered low volume, but supported closing St. Joseph's unit as a measure to increase the quality of care.

Arnold Jerome, St. Joseph's assistant administrator, responded that a report studying the issue found that "size has no bearing on quality." He noted that the use of numbers "sounds like Las Vegas," with different minimum standards for each area.

Dr. Morris Blostein, Chemung County Executive

and a veterinarian, noted that the "ability of the physician" is the most important factor in care.

The alleged cost savings were raised several times during the discussion, without being answered. One member challenged anyone to explain exactly where money would be saved by closing a unit; he received no response. Later the chair asked for clarification of the cost savings. Jerome responded that the state had come to the conclusion that "an empty bed costs as much as a full one," and stated that he didn't know how they reached that conclusion. Another committee member responded that costs would increase during the conversion period, and that "probably over the long haul there will be some cost benefits," he said, adding, "that can't be proved."

Dr. Blostein moved that  
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Sister Martha, delivering the statement of St. Joseph's Hospital.



Photo by Susan McKimsey

ANNA BRADY

## Pastoral Center's Miss Brady Retires

See centerfold  
By MARGARET CONNOLLY

In the world of work it's a commonplace that nobody is indispensable. Boss succeeds boss without too much commotion. But sometimes, out of sight among the supporting troops, there's a person doing a superb job for one boss after another, and staying on so long that "indispensable" begins to stick.

Anna Brady is such a one. She has just retired, after 47 years of service to the Church.

For the past 21 years, Miss Brady has worked at the

chancery, as she puts it, using a word outmoded in the administration before this one. She has seen bishops come and go, their priestly secretaries leaving with them, more often than not. As lay secretary, the shorthand and typewriting kind, she has gone on recording the thoughts of bishops, one after another, in letters, memoranda, essays and directives.

"I've always liked my work," she says, "and that is very important. And through my work I've made many friends."

Many friends gathered Monday, June 27 to give her a Party House dinner.

"I was asked," Miss Brady reported beforehand, "whether I'd prefer a small party or a big one. When I said 'no party,' I learned that that was non-negotiable."

The Courier-Journal staff can attest to the qualities mentioned at the dinner. In descending order of editor's preference, Miss Brady is a stickler for accuracy, a first-class speller, a grammarian. And she is very courteous, and humble. Not very often, but once in a while, she goes back over her copy and finds an error. In case nobody at the newspaper detected the error (like using "the" where "a" was appropriate) she telephones.

Miss Brady learned her trade at Nazareth Academy and started working for a living at Kodak. By the age of 18, she was bereft of family — her mother, from County Tyrone in Ireland, her father, from Toronto, and her brother, all gone. Kodak hardly took their place, but she soon found "family" in the rectory office at her own parish — Immaculate Conception. She stayed there for 26 years.

In 1956, she moved on to the chancery, at 50 Chestnut St. "I started with bookkeeping, which I didn't like, and doing everybody's letters," she recounted.

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