



Summer Fun

Photo by Susan McKinney

Vacation School is more fun than "real" school, as these smiling faces attest. The children and teacher aide shown here assemble at St. Philip Neri for Bible lessons and craft work. Sixty-five are enrolled.

## Enjoy Summer, Pontiff Urges

Vatican City (RNS)—Pope Paul has urged Catholics to take advantage of their Summer vacations to get out in the open air and rediscover the "beauty and marvels" of nature.

In his customary Sunday noon appearance, the pope urged his listeners to "take the chance to relax physically for the good of your health."

Vacation time, he said is a time to "reflect quietly within ourselves and to devote some moments to the concerns of our souls and the formation of our personalities. It is also a time for prayer and for listening quietly to the voice within us."

"Secondly," he said, "holiday is a time for rediscovering the beauty and marvels of nature, the wide-open spaces, the fresh air, the wild animals, the sea, and the mountains and the fields and the sky, with its wealth of sunrises and sunsets.

"All this is a gift God has given to you for your own enjoyment, without cost. When you know how to interpret it, then it becomes a prayer. Remember how Daniel sang a hymn in praise of God's work, or remember the Canticle of the Creatures, composed by St. Francis of Assisi.

"These songs rejoice in the liveliness of creation, which the Gospel itself invites us to admire."

## Pope Lauds U.N. Role

Vatican City (RNS)—The "beneficent and irreplaceable role" of the United Nations and its specialized agencies was underscored by Pope Paul, when he received U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim and members of his family in audience here July 9.

The audience followed a one-hour private talk between Waldheim and the pope, in the course of which the Middle East situation was discussed.

In a brief address at the audience, the pontiff

assured the secretary general of efforts of the Holy See "and of Catholics in general" to support the work of justice, peace, and development, "which remains the ideal of the United Nations."

Expressing his esteem for and confidence in "the path opened by the U.N. in a spirit of free negotiations and collaboration between all peoples," the pope said:

"We hope that resolutions taken by delegates of states within the U.N. organization will always be determined by

the objective good of everyone, and especially of the peoples most affected by hunger, poverty, injustice and mistreatment, and not by selfish or nationalist prospects nor by economic interests alone."

The pontiff also voiced his hope that the U.N. would become the "expression and bastion of human rights," saying that such rights must be "the criterion of a truly human civilization."

Waldheim, in reply, thanked the pope for his contribution, "which you unceasingly make," to peace and international collaboration.

In an exchange of gifts, a traditional ritual on such occasions, Pope Paul gave Waldheim a ceramic plaque representing St. Peter and St. Paul, some medallions of his pontificate, and a copy of a book, The Vatican and Christian Rome. Waldheim presented the pope with a series of U.N. commemorative medals.

During their private talk, Waldheim said, Pope Paul expressed interest in the coming visit to the United States of Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin.

Waldheim told the pontiff that Begin's talks in Washington would be of decisive importance for the prospects of reconvening the Geneva conference on the Middle East in Autumn.

## Father Kelly Named Bishop In Washington

Father Thomas P. Kelly, OP, chief administrative officer in the United States bishops' conferences, has been elevated to the rank of bishop and will be consecrated next month.

As Titular Bishop of Tusuro, he will be canonically attached to the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., as an auxiliary to Cardinal William Baum. He will continue to work fulltime as general secretary to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and its action agency, the United States Catholic Conference, but, in Cardinal Baum's words, "...he will exercise a sacramental ministry in this local Church." The cardinal-archbishop has two other auxiliaries.

Father Kelly is a native of Rochester, and he lived here during his early childhood, and later in Ithaca.

He was appointed to his present position last February, to take the place of Bishop James S. Rausch, now bishop of Phoenix, Ariz. The Dominican priest had been associate general secretary of the NCCB for



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the previous six years. He has served in the office of his order's New York Province, has worked with the tribunal of the New York Archdiocese and was on the staff of the Apostolic Delegation in Washington from 1965 until 1971.

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## Pope Praises Catholic Press

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope Paul has encouraged and praised the service rendered by the ecclesial community by diocesan periodicals, especially in the formation of conscience.

The pope described diocesan newspapers as "the spokesmen of the Catholic community, reporting and interpreting the events and happenings of life, with particular concern for the life of the simple and the humble."

He went on to emphasize that diocesan journals have a duty not only to inform,

but also to help "form" the Catholic conscience.

"The Catholic weekly," he said, "should certainly contain news both local and general, but it should, above all and beyond all else, keep faith with its formative function, which is indeed its rightful objective and so, an intrinsic part of the Church's mission."

Pope Paul urged Catholic diocesan journalists and editors to emphasize "the ethical and religious nature" of their service and to be more aware of serving "a lofty cause, that of Christ and His Church."



Defiance Continues

Rebel Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, above, sprinkles holy water from a jeweled crosier around the perimeter of the Queen of Angels Roman Catholic Chapel, in Dickenson, Texas, on July 10, as part of his consecration of the church before celebrating the Pontifical High Mass. Despite fresh warnings from the vatican, the conservative 71-year-old prelate, whose priestly functions were suspended last year by the Pope, vowed to continue his fight for restoration of the Latin Mass, calling it the foundation of the faith. (RNS)