

PASTORAL PERSPECTIVE

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James, Man in a Shadow

How many times have you heard it said in church that "Jesus took Peter, James and John" to some special vision or miracle? So often the other apostles are left behind and it is Peter, James and John that go on ahead with Jesus.

must have had wonderful characteristics to gain such close companionship with Jesus, characteristics we shall never know this side of eternity.

far today, it does tell us what Christians who knew James thought about him.



What strikes me as particularly tantalizing about this is that we know so much about Peter and John but just about nothing about James. He is always listed as one of the top three apostles but we are told nothing about him individually until he dies as a martyr. He lived in the shadow of his little brother, John, somewhat as Andrew is invariably overshadowed by his brother, Peter.

But James shows no jealousy. He tags along and he

There is, nonetheless, a charming story recorded in an early Christian document called "Apostolic History" by an author called Abdias. The story says a magician named Philetus wanted to become a Christian. His partner Hermogenes would not hear of it and tied up his friend until he would regain some common sense. James, we are told, then sent angels to release Philetus and tie up Hermogenes instead. Then James unlocked the fetters which bound Hermogenes, telling him, "Christians do not render evil for evil." He explained that both Philetus and Hermogenes should be free to choose to be Christian or not - neither forcing the other, one way or another. They were both so impressed with James, the forgiving and gentle apostle, that they both became Christian.

Even if this story may stretch our imaginations a bit

We do know for certain that James, and his brother John, once asked to have top places in the Lord's kingdom. He asked them if they would drink the cup he would drink (Matthew 20:22). They said yes they would and so they did - a cup of suffering and life-long loyalty.

John, imprisoned and then exiled; James, his life was cut short by the sword of an executioner.

An ancient Roman coin was once found which depicted an ox facing an altar and a plough with the inscription, "Ready for either." The ox must be ready to be either a victim for sacrifice at the altar or for a life of work pulling a plough. So, also, the Christian must be ready either for martyrdom or patient fidelity but in either case we share the cup of the Lord, his cup of suffering here and his cup of glory hereafter.



Bishops Preparing for Synod

The four United States delegates to the 1977 Roman Catholic Synod of Bishops in Rome gathered in the library of the St. Louis residence of Cardinal John J. Carberry (third from left) for a day-long meeting recently to prepare for the event, which opens Sept. 30. The delegates, from the left, are Bishop Raymond Lucker of New Ulm, Minn.; Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops (NCCB); Cardinal Carberry, vice-president of the NCCB, and Archbishop John F. Whealon of Hartford, Conn., an alternate, who is replacing the ailing Cardinal John F. Dearden of Detroit on the U.S. delegation. (RNS)

Vacation Brings No Respite From Pope's 'Suffering'

Castelgandolfo (RNS) - Pope Paul, vacationing here, said the needs and sufferings of others remained with him.

Resuming his reflections on the theme of holidays as a time of rest and relaxation from daily cares and pursuits, and as a time for spiritual reflection, the Pope said: "In our flight from our normal way of life, we find our memories come to live with us. We cannot leave them behind. We are accompanied by a continual awareness of all the suffering that afflicts people in our society today on so many different levels."

are committed to a job for the sake of their own dignity, for the sake of earning their bread honestly, for the sake of building up a secure future for themselves. May God specially bless all those who are doing what they can to help the unemployed find work - especially the young people who cannot find a job by themselves."

relieve human suffering."

The Pope urged Christians not to capitulate to government sponsored social services, but to keep up "personal initiatives" in areas of concern "which individual Christians have always, by tradition, taken up as their own responsibility."

Moving on to other areas of needs in society, Pope Paul said: "We think of those who are crying out for our personal help - the sick, those who are refugees, orphans, the handicapped, the marginal. Blessed are those who make the sufferings of such as these their special concern and try to

"In our prayer today," he concluded, "we ask that we be temperate with the surplus of good things that we have been given and that God may provide for our needs in time of necessity. Summer holidays are the time for planning our programs of social charity. God himself will surely bless our good resolutions."

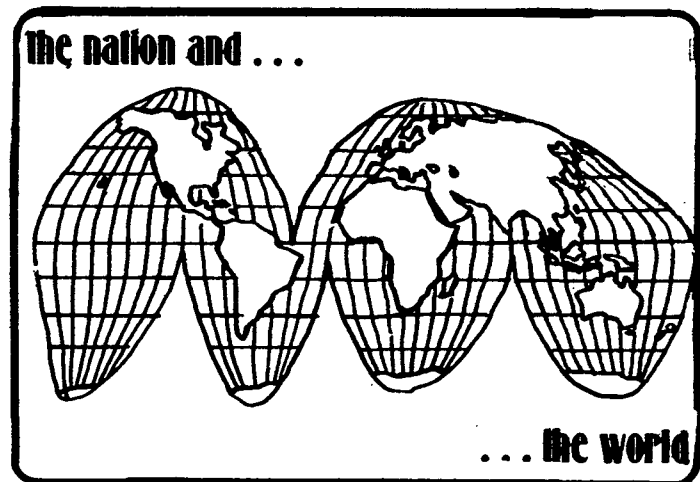
"You simply cannot push this out of your mind, no matter how hard you try," the pontiff told a large group of tourists and pilgrims gathered in the courtyard of his Summer residence here at Sunday noon (Aug. 14). "Indeed, it would be nothing less than sheer selfish apathy on our part if we did let ourselves forget these things. That would be a false escapism from reality."

The Pope continued: "Even before we managed to get away for a holiday, we were painfully aware of the dangers and the needs which oppress our civil society. (Italy has experienced social and economic unrest in recent months.) How are things going now, we ask ourselves. What can be done to remedy (the situation)?"

"The first and most basic need today is peace," said the pontiff. "People must be careful not to let themselves be waylaid by that warped way of thinking that believes that wars are inevitable and even beneficial."

"Unfortunately, the sense of universal concord is falling apart, with the result that terrible and very real spectres of new and incalculable conflicts are becoming not just hypotheses, but real possibilities. God preserve us from such dangers."

"The second need that our society has today," the Pope went on, "is the need to work. A whole new generation of people springing up need work. They need to feel that they



Two white women missionaries were shot dead by black nationalist guerrillas in an attack Aug. 9 on a Roman Catholic Mission station in the Lupane area of southwestern Rhodesia, a government spokesman said. The attack took place at St. Paul's mission, about 220 miles southwest of Salisbury, the Rhodesian capital, in an area that military sources say has been heavily infiltrated by guerrillas supporting Joshua Nkomo, co-leader with Robert Mugabe of the "Patriotic Front," a black nationalist group fighting for majority rule in Rhodesia. The dead women were identified as Dr. Johanna Decker of Germany, and Sister Ferdinanda, of Austria.

Msgr. James Healy, former rector of St. Joseph's Cathedral in Buffalo, has been named chairman of the state Mediation Board which handles labor disputes. He will succeed Vincent D. McDonnell of New York. Msgr. Healy, an experienced labor arbitrator, mediator and fact-finder, was named to the three-member board in Nov., 1976.

More than 100 of Brazil's most prominent lawyers have denounced the nation's military rulers as dictators "obsessed with their own security." The lawyers demanded a return of constitutional government that "guarantees the exercise of freedom." The letter was written by the University of Sao Paulo's law school dean Goffredo da Silva and signed by more than 100 of the country's top lawyers.



GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATE HOUSE, TRENTON, N. J.

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

By Assembly Members BATE, PELLECCIA, CURRAN, OLSZOWY, FAVA, D. GALLO, KEAN, BURGIO, FORAN, WEIDEL, LITTELL, ALBANESE, EWING, KAVANAUGH, MAGUIRE, DIFRANCESCO and HAMILTON

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WHEREAS, On Wednesday June 15, 1977 it did please Almighty God to call from this life the Reverend Lawrence B. Casey, D.D., the fifth bishop of Paterson, and...

A Testimony

Paterson, N.J. - Shortly after Bishop Lawrence B. Casey died this year, the State General Assembly passed a resolution citing the former Rochesterian's "fatherly pastoral qualities," his encouragement to ecumenism and his concern "for the poor, the elderly, the sick, the alcoholic, the addict, the mentally retarded, and the often abused minorities."

The resolution, dated five days after the bishop died on June 15, 1977, commits "this House join the good people of the Diocese of Paterson in mourning the loss of their spiritual leader, the Most Reverend Lawrence B. Casey, and express the prayerful wish that he experience the joy of eternal life in the presence of God whom he so faithfully served during the forty-seven years of his priesthood."

B SHIFT SPECIAL

Rochester Institute of Technology is introducing three degree programs for people who work nights on the B shift. Classes will meet during the day at RIT Downtown, 50 W. Main. Part-time study over four years can lead to associate degrees in business administration, electromechanical technology or general education. Students who change to day work after they have begun courses may continue them at night on the Henrietta campus. Registration is scheduled for Sept. 6 and 7, noon to 8 p.m., in Henrietta.

CYO

The Rochester Catholic Youth Organization staff has been asked to provide two workshops for the November convention of the National CYO Federation. The program services staff will present a workshop on youth unemployment and Project Poder workers will give one on "Hispanic Youth in Ministry."

The convention is scheduled for Nov. 10-13 at Niagara Falls. Information on registration and hotel accommodations is available at the local CYO office, (716) 454-2030.