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Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Only the most cynical of people could believe that Anwar El Sadat was insincere in his visit to Israel in a quest for peace in the Mideast. This is not to say that he and Israel Prime Minister Menahem Begin will necessarily succeed in pacifying the Middle East but it does seem to signal a new era in negotiations.

Pope Paul VI who has for so long labored for peace in all of the world's tinder boxes said Sunday he was "dazzled with joy" by the visit of the Egyptian president to the capital of Israel.

The two men are both tough-minded, unafraid and previously known as intransigents. Sadat's talk in the Knesset and Begin's reply were both realistic — peace will be no easy plum after years and even centuries of bitterness. But progress was made: Sadat recognized the existence of the State of Israel; Begin called for open borders.

Both, however, were passionate in their calls for peace. One could not help but recall the thought of

Pope Paul that peace is a positive entity, not merely the absence of war. Both talked of the gains possible for a peaceful Middle East. And the whole scenario proved that peace can be every bit as dramatic as war — the man from the land of the pharaohs visiting Moses' promised land.

The constant religious allusions should be a lesson for those in this land of religious freedom where often the deity is forgotten in public places. "All of us," said Sadat, "Moslem, Christian and Jew" should believe in the "precepts of the Almighty on love, sincerity, purity and peace."

It would be impossible to ignore the fact that long ago in this same Middle East another man said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Our hope this American Thanksgiving is that these two Middle East leaders will be particularly blessed.

— Carmen J. Viglucci

Bishops OK Directory

Compiled from Religious News Service reports

Washington, D.C.—The catechetical directory that has been in the making for the past four years was adopted last week by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. With the expected approval of Pope Paul, the directory will become a guide for all religious education in the country, "cradle to grave."

A highly controversial study of sexuality commissioned by the Catholic Theological Society of America was rejected as "pastorally dangerous."

At their semi-annual meeting, the bishops also rejected a proposal for a national collection to subsidize evangelization efforts using the communications media. They approved uniform guidelines for fund raising in all dioceses and religious orders and extended the seven-year-old Campaign for Human Development pending completion of a

study of all national collections.

The prelates elected Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco to succeed Archbishop Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati as president of the NCCB and its action arm, the U.S. Catholic Conference. Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis was elected vice president to succeed Cardinal John Carberry of St. Louis.

The bishops heard from their committee on women in society and in the church that women are increasingly involved in decision making at the diocesan level. Bishop Michael McAuliffe of Jefferson City, Mo., chairman, said his committee would undertake a survey of parishes, for "to neglect the parish is to ignore the significant capacities and resources of women not present at the diocesan level." Reports from 99 of 164 Sees showed that 22 per cent of policy and decision making posts in the education field are held by women, he said. In

social service, 16 per cent of the managers are women. Six per cent of diocesan planners are women, the survey showed, and eight per cent of communications directors.

The new catechetical directory, a guidebook, rather than a textbook, is the first standardized work on religious education since the Baltimore Catechism of 1885. Whereas the latter was designed for rote learning, the new book seeks comprehension of concepts and goals clarified by Vatican II.

The bishops' attitude toward the book, Human Sexuality New Directions in American Catholic Thought, was expressed in a statement from their doctrinal committee. The book proposes a "personalist" approach rather than an objective view of sexuality, and this is wrong, according to the committee chaired by Cardinal William Baum of Washington. Theological speculation in this field is all right "as a stimulus for discussion," but

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Regions Discussed By DPC

By MARTIN TOOMBS

Canandaigua—Discussion of regionalism and the approval of a proposal concerning food shelves in the diocese were major actions of the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) at its meeting here Saturday.

The chairman of the regional coordinators, Msgr. William Roche, Father Douglas Hoffman, Pastoral Ministry director, Sister Ann Miller, who is doing a graduate thesis on regionalism in the diocese, and Frank Riesenberger, DPC Pastoral Organization Committee chairman, led the discussion on regionalism, which occupied the council for more than an hour.

The DPC also heard reports from Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on the recently completed national bishops meeting, from Ruth Hauser, appointed member for

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Christmas Fund Under Way

The ninth annual Courier-Journal Christmas Fund begins this week. It is run in conjunction with Catholic Charities.

Every year since its inception in 1968, the fund has raised increasingly higher amounts of money to be used for the poor in the diocese at Christmas time last year, 1,924 persons contributed a record \$44,571.

The Courier-Journal every year publishes the case histories of the 100 neediest families in the diocese, as chosen by Catholic Charities and its agencies. This week we are publishing the first 20 of the cases. All of the cases are true and are from throughout the diocese but they represent only a small portion of the people being cared for by Catholic Charities through its agencies.

"We look for this year to be an historical event," Anthony J. Costello, general manager of the Courier-Journal, said. "We are looking forward to the fund exceeding \$50,000 for the first time. Courier-Journal readers have never forgotten the poor and always have responded to the needs of the less fortunate. In these times of high unemployment, rising costs afflicting those on fixed income, as well as others in need, all of us who are able to do more will be looking forward to doing just that."

Because Catholic Charities and the Courier-Journal are already geared up to handle the campaign there are no startup

operating or administrative costs. All of the contributions go directly to those in need.

Cases are from both rural and urban areas throughout the diocese. All parishes are invited to contact Catholic Charities with any special requests.

Readers may contribute to individual cases but because some may receive a great deal of attention and others none, the administering agencies must use their expertise so that as many as possible are helped.

All contributions should go to:

Courier-Journal
Christmas Fund
Care of
Catholic Charities
50 Chestnut St.
Rochester, N.Y. 14604

Neediest Cases

1 N is a 48-year-old mother of six who has been confined to a wheel chair for several years. Despite numerous operations on her legs and hips she remains unable to walk.

2 R is a seasonal farmworker who was able to work only on occasion this harvest time because of the unusually heavy rainfall and subsequent crop failure. Aid from public assistance is very limited.

3 S is still in her teens, yet she is the mother of two. Continued on Page 2

Courier Introduces Spanish Page

The Courier-Journal introduces a new feature with this edition — a page of photos taken throughout the Spanish communities in our diocese entitled Nuestra Vida or Our Life.

The page will depict photographically the life, culture and activities of Spanish-speaking diocesan.

Captions under the

photos will be printed both in English and Spanish to accommodate readers. The page is being done in conjunction with the diocesan Spanish Apostolate office, Italo Rodriguez, director. Daniel Diaz will do the translations.

Our Life will appear on a regular monthly basis in the Courier-Journal.

Courier Introduce Pagina Hispana

El Courier-Journal introduce una nueva página en esta edición. Una página de fotografías de dentro de la comunidad Hispana en nuestra diócesis titulada "Nuestra Vida."

La página mostrará en fotografías la vida, cultura y actividades de los Hispanos en la diócesis.

Detalles serán escritos

debajo de las fotos en Inglés y Español para satisfacción del lector.

La página está elaborada en conjunto con la oficina del Apostolado Hispano, que dirige Italo Rodriguez. La traducción será hecha por Daniel Diaz.

Nuestra Vida, en la página 12 aparece Mensual.