

Important Dates

Sept. 26, 1897: Born

Sept. 30, 1897: Baptized

May 29, 1920: Ordained Priest.

Oct., 1924: Assigned to the Vatican Secretariat of State, where he was to remain for 30 years.

Dec. 12, 1954: Ordained Archbishop of Milan.

Dec. 15, 1958: Made a cardinal by Pope John XXIII.

June 21, 1963: Elected Pope.

Sept. 29, 1963: Reconvened the Second Vatican Council.

Jan. 2-4, 1964: Visited the Holy Land. Met with the late Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I, spiritual head of Eastern Orthodoxy.

Dec. 2-5, 1964: Visited Bombay, India, to take part in 38th International Eucharistic Congress.

Aug. 6, 1964: Issued his first encyclical "Ecclesiam Suam" (His Church) on church renewal.

Dec. 15, 1965: Established the Synod of Bishops.

Oct. 5, 1965: Addressed the United Nations General Assembly in New York on the theme of world Peace.

Dec. 7, 1965: Paul and Patriarch Athenagoras nullify excommunications of the reigning Roman Pontiff and Eastern Patriarch in 1054.

March 22-24, 1966: Met at the Vatican with Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, then Archbishop of Canterbury and spiritual head of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Aug. 6, 1966: Decreed that resident bishops should submit their resignations at the age of 75, with acceptance or rejection left to the discretion of the Pope.

March 26, 1967: Issued landmark encyclical, "Populorum

Progressio" (On the Development of Peoples), focusing attention on the problems of underdeveloped countries.

July 24, 1967: Issued encyclical: "Sacerdotalis Caelibatus" (Priestly Celibacy), reaffirming the traditional Latin Church practice of an unmarried clergy.

July 25, 1967: Flew to Turkey to meet with the late Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I and to visit Ephesus, site of the Ecumenical Council of 431.

July 25, 1968: Issued encyclical, "Humanæ Vitæ" (Of Human Life), condemning all forms of artificial birth control.

Aug. 22-24, 1968 In Bogota, Colombia, to take part in the 39th International Eucharistic Congress and address the Latin American bishops meeting in plenary assembly.

June 10, 1969: Addressed officials and staff of the World Council of Churches in Geneva, Switzerland.

May 9, 1970: Held first of a series of meetings with Patriarchs of three Oriental Orthodox Churches, marking the first such encounters in over 15 centuries.

Nov. 23, 1970: Decreed that Cardinals 80 years of age and older could not take part in a conclave to elect a Pope.

Nov. 26-Dec. 5, 1970: Ten-day, 30,000 mile journey to the Far East.

March 29, 1971: Signaling a high point in his policy of detente with Communist regimes in Eastern Europe, received President Tito of Yugoslavia on a state visit to the Vatican.

May 23, 1974: Issued proclamation for 1975 Holy Year.

Oct. 15, 1976: Authorized a document by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which said that the Church "does not consider itself authorized to admit women to priestly ordination..."

April 28-29, 1977: Met at the Vatican with Anglican Archbishop Donald Coggan of Canterbury.

Pilgrim of Peace

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their heavenly patroness, the Virgin Mary, under the title of Our Lady of Bonaria.

Paul's tenth, and final trip outside Italy - to the Far East - also in 1970 (Nov. 26-Dec. 5), was the most extensive and strenuous of his pilgrimages abroad.

During his Manila stay, Paul took part in the final session of the Pan-Asian Catholic Bishops' Conference, where, among other things, he heard missionary bishops appeal for a change in Latin Church discipline to allow married men to be or dained priests.

In the final act of his Manila visit, he drove to the city's teeming slum of Tondo and visited a family there in their two-room shanty. He also made a donation of an unspecified amount of money for the Tondo residents.

Leaving the Philippines, Paul visited Pago Pago in American Samoa, and then flew to Sydney. Paul participated in an ecumenical prayer service, sponsored by the Australian Council of Churches, in the Town Hall.

Ending his 30,000-mile odyssey, Pope Paul arrived back at the Vatican on Dec. 5.

Visited

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U.N. Secretary General U Thant a diamond pectoral cross and bishop's ring" which he privately referred to as the most precious things I own." They were valued at \$150,000 and he asked that they be sold to start a U.N. Freedom from Hunger Campaign.

Pope Paul then went to the nearby Church of the Holy Family to meet and talk with American leaders of the Catholic, Protestant, Greek Orthodox, and Jewish faiths.

In the evening, he celebrated an open-air Mass at Yankee Stadium before the largest crowd ever assembled there.

On his way to Kennedy Airport, bringing his 14-hour stay to a close, the Pope paid a visit to the Vatican Pavilion at the New York World's Fair.

At the airport, he made a short speech, which ended, "God bless America! God bless You all!"

Mourns

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locked up with the cardinals and all are sworn to secrecy.

Four ballots a day are taken. Each cardinal receives a ballot, with the legend in Latin, "I elect as High Pontiff my very Reverend Signor..."

Although cardinals are traditionally elected, theoretically any male Catholic is eligible to become the pope.

The ballots are dropped into a silver chalice and a teller announces the results to the cardinals, giving totals received by each nominee. If no pope is chosen at the end of each two ballots, the votes are burned with wet straw to create black smoke. When a pope is chosen the ballots are burned with dry straw and chemicals that produce white smoke announcing to the outside world that a new pope has been chosen.

The world mourns a great man of peace and compassion.

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