

CDA Reaffirms Opposition To ERA and Abortion Funds

New York (RNS) — The Catholic Daughters of America have changed the name of the largest Roman Catholic Women's organization in the world to reflect the international character of the group that has recently extended into the Caribbean and Mexico.

By unanimous vote of the delegates to the group's 75th anniversary convention here, the 180,000-member CDA will become the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, including members in the Dominican Republic and Mexico.

The CDA also passed resolutions reaffirming its opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment and endorsed a proposed Human Life Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to protect unborn life.

In another resolution, the CDA opposed the use of public funds to finance abortions except where the life of the mother is in danger. The women's group also stated its opposition to federally-funded child development programs, saying they "should be controlled by the private sector, giving parents freedom of choice over the physical and philosophical environment of their children."

Among the nationally prominent speakers at the convention were Father Morton Hill, SJ, president of Morality in Media; Dr. Mildred Jefferson, of the

National Right to Life Committee; Mrs. Phyllis Schlafly, national chairman of Stop ERA; and Bishop Michael McAuliffe of Jefferson City, Mo.

Father Hill warned delegates that pornography is not confined to adult theatres and bookstores but threatens to spread to television as well.

"The dial is saturated with violence and sex — amoral, immoral, valueless Father Hill said. "It is sex combined with sex," a big sneer at the sanctity of marriage, the family, the entire Judeo-Christian ethic. It is sex used as a commodity to get laughs, to produce shock — in short, to get ratings and profits."

He urged members "to begin speaking up when you see or hear anything that you think might be in violation of the law in the matter of pornography or when you see or hear something offensive on your television screens."

In her address, at general session, Dr. Jefferson said a society that does not protect life is a nation that cannot endure. "If we do not defend this most basic human right, we have no rights at all," she said.

Dr. Jefferson predicted that the anti-abortion forces will win the fight for a Human Life Amendment. "We will win," she said, "because our cause is just. But when we win the victory will not be for us, it will be for God, for America, for all mankind."

Mrs. Schlafly, who spoke to the convention the day after the House Judiciary Committee recommended a three-year extension of the deadline for ratification of ERA, said the Committee's action was "absolutely illegal and the most arrogant abuse of federal power I have ever seen."

Mrs. Schlafly said ERA does not give women any rights they do not now have. She said it is designed to achieve the "radical goals of the women's lib movement."

Taking an opposite tack, Bishop Michael McAuliffe, chairman of the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Women in Society and in the Church, told delegates his committee did not believe that the abortion issue, which he staunchly opposed, should be coupled with ERA.

Miss Mary E. Murray of Mount Savage, Md., was elected to a two year term as National Regent of CDA, succeeding Mrs. Winifred L. Trabeaux of Louisiana who served for four years as leader of the organization. Mrs. Trabeaux's tenure was marked by an increase in the number of Junior CDA members to some 25,000 and the sponsoring of the

\$750,000 Bicentennial History Chair at the Catholic University of America, the largest single financial project ever undertaken by the organization.

Mrs. Trabeaux said there are many positive signs that women are taking their places in the councils of the church. "In the interval between opening of the Second Vatican Council and the present time women have made greater advancements in

entering the mainstream of church life than in any other period in history," Mrs. Trabeaux said.

The CDA was founded in Utica, N. Y. in 1903. Since

that time, the women's group has contributed over \$50 million to worldwide charitable causes and thousands of hours of volunteer services by its members.

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Mass Said At Lambeth

Canterbury (RNS) — Church history was made here when a Roman Catholic Mass was celebrated before the 440 Anglican bishops attending the decennial Lambeth Conference.

The memorial Mass for the late Pope Paul VI was said by Bishop Cahel Daly, the senior Catholic observer at the conference of the world's Anglican Primates.

The "presidential table" of Dr. Donald Coggan, the Archbishop of Canterbury, was converted into an altar for the service, and the lessons were read by Bishop John Howe, general secretary of the Anglican Consultative Council, and Archbishop George Simms, Anglican Primate of All Ireland.

Bishop Daly, the celebrant, thanked the Lambeth Conference participants for the sympathy and sorrow the Anglican prelates had shown upon the death of Pope Paul.

This concern, he added, had been emphasized "by this wonderful gesture of inviting us to celebrate this Mass. This will ever remain among our most cherished memories."

Will

From 16

My soul magnifies the Lord. Mary!

I believe. I hope. I love. In Christ.

I thank everyone who has done good to me. I ask forgiveness of all those to whom I have not done good. To all, I offer peace in the Lord.

I greet my very dear brother Lodovico and all my family, relatives and friends, and all who have accepted my ministry. To all my co-workers, thanks. To the Secretariat of State, particularly. I bless with special love Brescia, Milan, Rome, the entire Church. How wonderful are your tabernacles, O Lord!

All my things belong to the Holy See.

My private secretary, dear Don Pasquale Macchi, will see to setting aside something for Masses for my soul and for charity and setting aside as a remembrance, from among books and objects belonging to me, something for himself and for dear friends.

I do not desire any special tomb.

Some prayers that God be merciful to me. In You, O Lord, have I hoped. Amen, Alleluia.

To everyone my blessing, in the name of the Lord.

(signed)
Paul VI

Castel Gandolfo, September 16, 1972; time 7:30

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I desire that my funeral be extremely simple and I do not desire either a special tomb, nor any monument. Some charities and prayers.

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