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Thumbs Down 7

Catholic Family Center's proposal for an "Enriched Housing Program for the Elderly" was turned down by Rochester's Planning Commission last week. The program's establishment was at times bitterly opposed by several people in the neighborhood of the proposed location of the project.

Ministers Seen Growing . 3

A growing sense of maturity and confidence is observable in those who are ministering to the divorced and separated Catholics, Father James Young told the North American convention of divorced Catholic groups recently. He pointed to the repeal of the excommunication of remarried Catholics as a major benefit in the growth of the ministry to those suffering from divorce or separation.

Music Maker 16

A used guitar and singing for children in religious education classes was the beginning of the musical career of Corning's Mary Lu Walker, a career which now includes three albums. Her musical activities keep her busy attending conferences and giving performances, but she still sees her music as being for children.

Archbishop Sheen 16

The plans for the celebration of the 2,000th anniversary of the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary call for Archbishop Fulton Sheen, former Bishop of Rochester, to return to the diocese and celebrate a Mass at St. Mary's Church in Corning on Sept. 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Kids and CCD 12

CCD programs are important to parish life and over at St. Theodore's the program has expanded into a successfully run Summer Vacation Bible School. Through the cooperation and efforts of the high school volunteers the youngsters not only learned the Bible, but Christian values, character development and ways to relate to their peers as well.

More Stories On Pope Paul 10, 11

In an appraisal of Pope Paul's pontificate, Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum of the American Jewish Committee, this week notes that the pontiff grew in his appreciation for Jews and Judaism, grew from caution and some isolation to the point of citing the late Rabbi Abraham Heschel as a spiritual treasure for Catholics.

Although he was castigated in some liberal circles in the United States, Pope Paul was seen as a champion of rights and equality among U.S. Black Catholics. As evidence of this, Black Catholic leaders across the country have been praising his reign.

The complexities of the election process for a new pontiff as well as the role that Pope Paul has played in determining the stages of the process are outlined in two stories.

Pope Paul Seen As Apostle of Development

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Lima, Peru (RNS)—When Pope Paul flew to Bogota, Colombia, in August 1968 for the Eucharistic Congress and the inauguration of the Medellin assembly of the Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM), he became the first pope to visit South America.

More significantly, his visit gave official recognition to the specific character of the Latin American Church and its distinctive place within the universal Church, its vocation and its problems.

Pope Paul was the pontiff who had to face a new epoch in world history — optimistically called the era of "decolonization."

In response to this challenge, within the Second Vatican Council's perspective of pluralism, Pope Paul established the basis for the legitimate aspirations of Third World churches to find for themselves solutions to their own situations within Catholic unity. Accordingly, he gave his constant support to CELAM.

For the Third World, the 1960s represented the decade of development. And the pope confronted the issue with his social justice encyclical, *Populorum Progressio* in 1967.

"Development," he declared, "is the new name for peace." His trip to Bogota and the speeches he made were a commentary on that document.

For Latin America, Paul VI was the apostle of development, endorsing people's self-determination in place of paternalism.

Under the prevailing circumstances, any pope might have enunciated the same doctrine. But there were personal factors that helped determine Pope Paul's unusual openness to the problems of Latin America.

He was a close friend of Dom Helder Camara of Brazil, one of the great modern social justice pioneers. The pope trusted the Archbishop of Recife com-

pletely, as his frequent relations with the Brazilian prelate demonstrated.

Their friendship began in 1950 when Father Camara, at the time an aide to the Archbishop of Rio de Janeiro, suggested to the then Bishop Giovanni Montini of the Vatican's Secretariat of State the formation of a national conference of Brazilian bishops.

The Vatican approved the idea and the conference was established. It was imitated by other Latin American countries and served as a model for the formation of CELAM.

Later, Bishop Montini visited his friend in Rio and was given a first-hand look into the misery of the favelas, the shanty towns that ring urban centers throughout the continent.

In 1965, when the Archbishop of Rio, under heavy pressure from the government, sought a transfer for Auxiliary Bishop Camara, Pope Paul appointed his dynamic friend to head the see of Recife, the social problem capital of Northeast Brazil.

The Roman Pontiff saw and understood Latin America's problems largely through Dom Helder — rather unusual, considering both Brazilian government pressure and the distrust — not to say hostility — of many members of the Roman Curia toward the activist prelate.

It is also legitimate to think that *Populorum Progressio* was an encyclical written for Latin America, given the influence of Dom Helder and Father L. J. Lebrer, the French development expert who was the Pope's social justice advisor and who worked for several years in South America.

Now There Are 114


Vatican City (RNS) — The death on Aug. 16 of Cardinal Paul Yu Pin, the exiled archbishop of Nanking, has reduced to 114 the total number of cardinals eligible to elect the successor of Pope Paul VI.

Only 111 cardinals, however, are expected to take part in the conclave which begins Aug. 25. Cardinal John Wright of the United States, Cardinal Boleslaw Filipiak of Poland and Cardinal Valerian Gracias of India all are too ill to attend.

It is still not known if Cardinal Mario Nasalli Rocca di Corneliano of Italy or Cardinal Jean Guyot of France are well enough to travel.

Of the cardinals eligible to vote (15 other members of the college are over 80 and thus ineligible), 29 have leading positions in the Vatican Curia. The other 85 preside over their own dioceses. They represent 51 nations. Four were created by Paul XII, eight by John XXIII and 103 by Paul VI.

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