

Conclave

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College of Cardinals, once again the chief celebrant. Ironically, Cardinal Confalonieri cannot vote for the new pontiff since an age limit of 80 prescribed by Pope Paul on the electors.

The umbrella-toting crowd of worshippers in St. Peter's Square seemed smaller than at the funeral of Pope Paul. It is believed that the rain and the threat of rain, which had continued almost non-stop for the last four days in Rome, discouraged attendance.

But if the crowd was smaller it also was more somber. Some wept openly as Cardinal Confalonieri, in his eulogy, recalled the words and deeds and the warmth and humility of the Pope, who in the short 33 days of his pontificate, had earned the nickname of the "Smiling Pope."

Representatives from 105 nations plus the Knights of Malta attended the funeral, though fewer heads of state were present than for the ceremonies for Pope Paul. Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti of Italy

CORRECTION

Due to a misprint it was reported in the Oct. 4 Courier-Journal that Pope John Paul was the first working class pope. Obviously there were others, beginning with St. Peter himself.

was the only head of government in attendance.

Mrs. Lillian Carter, mother of President Jimmy Carter, represented the United States. Most other Western nations sent their ambassadors to the Holy See. Several Communist nations - Cuba, East Germany, Hungary, Poland and Czechoslovakia - were represented as was Israel, which does not have diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

A total of 112 of the 127 members of the College of Cardinals are eligible to vote in the conclave. When Pope Paul died, there were 115 eligible cardinals but since then three have died - Albino Luciani, who became Pope John Paul, Paul Yu Pin of Taiwan and Valerian Gracias of India.

Some cardinals on their arrival in Rome expressed cautious insights on how the conclave might go.

Cardinal Giuseppe Siri, archbishop of Genoa, told reporters that "I believe it will be a brief conclave, but probably this time will last two or three days."

Cardinal Timothy Manning of Los Angeles hinted that the cardinals would look for a pope with a pastoral leaning similar to John Paul. "Everyone wants a pastoral pope," he told reporters at Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport.

CELAM Meeting Delayed

Vatican City (RNS) - Several important international Catholic meetings, including the Third Conference of Latin American Bishops (CELAM), have been postponed due to the death of Pope John Paul, according to Vatican Radio.

The CELAM meeting, an assembly of Vatican representatives and some 170 elected bishop delegates from 22 South and Central American countries and Spanish language islands of the Caribbean, was to begin Oct. 12 in Puebla, Mexico. Now, it will take place some time after the election of the new pope.

Debido a la muerte del Papa Juan Pablo I, oficiales del Consejo Episcopal Latino Americano (CELAM) se han visto obligados a cancelar la conferencia. La misma estaba programada para comenzar el día 12 de Octubre del presente año. Como de costumbre, es necesario esperar a que el nuevo Papa convoque esta reunión.

Se cree posible resumir la asamblea el día 8 de Diciembre, de este año. Este día es muy importante para los países Latino Americanos, ya que se celebra La Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción.

Right to Life

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surgical procedure. "The whole trend is toward drug abortion," he said, noting that drugs are being used in other countries now.

Father Marx told the delegates "we ought to know who the enemy is," saying that they should research groups that are funding abortion and contraception. He noted that American groups, and the United Nations are major sources of abortion and contraception throughout the world. American foundations, he noted, also are involved. As for the Rockefeller Foundation, Father Marx commented that "Father (Theodore) Hesburgh (president of Notre Dame University and a member of the Rockefeller Foundation's board) could tell us more" about that group's activities.

Right to Life workers "have to admit frankly to ourselves that we are fighting the devil," he commented.

Father Marx noted that it has been estimated that a core of one percent of the people began the anti-slavery movement, and succeeded. He said that Right to Life already has more support than that, and will continue the effort because "we know we are right."

While responding to questions, Father Marx noted that passage of the Human Life Amendment, for which all Right to Life groups should

work, will cause difficulties. He noted that the amendment would make it necessary "to re-educate the whole nation." He noted the attempts of the Russian government, in the face of declining birth rates, to reduce abortions, reporting that their efforts failed.

Responding to a question concerning pastors who don't support Right to Life activities in their parish, Father Marx said that if a pastor or a bishop "doesn't do his duty in this area, resist him financially."

He also called on Right to Life members not to support United Way campaigns that support agencies which pay

for abortions, or other organizations which are involved in abortion or contraception.

He also called for increased education of high school students, especially in Natural Family Planning. Increased knowledge of sex doesn't increase sexual activity, he said, commenting of high school girls that "the more she knows, the more she'll respect her body." He added that it is necessary to teach "not just the biology" but also about chastity, morals and love.

Such knowledge "should be known by (age) 18 at least," he said.

Political Unit Formed

Elmira - A newly formed state Right to Life Political Action Committee (PAC) was announced at the organization's 11th annual convention here last weekend.

The committee's purpose will be to endorse and assist in the election of pro-life candidates for political office. The announcement was made at the banquet Saturday by William Polito of Rochester, committee chairman.

The PAC is being

developed as a national prototype to be used by state and local Right to Life groups. It will function as an independent internal trust of the state Right to Life Committee. An internal educational trust also is being formed which will allow for tax-deductible contributions for educational activities.

Besides Polito, the PAC's officers are Edward J. Golden, vice chairman; Helen M. Greene, secretary; Warren Sweeney, treasurer, and Gertrude Keogh, vice treasurer.

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