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John Paul II Installed as 264th Pope

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Vatican City — Former Cardinal Karol Wojtyla, 58, of Poland became the first non-Italian pope in 455 years when he was installed as the 264th pontiff of the Catholic Church Sunday, Oct. 22, in simple but impressive ceremonies here.

His surprise election as the Church's first Polish pope became effective at 5:18 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time (10:18 in Italy) when Cardinal Pericle Felici placed a white wool pallium, adorned with black crosses, about Cardinal Wojtyla's shoulders, making him Pope John Paul II.

The simple rite was followed by a Mass during which the new pope delivered a 40-minute homily, highlighted by his personal messages in 11 languages, not only to those present but to a television and radio audience believed to number about 1 billion.

And in a very unusual departure, Pope John Paul II thrilled the more than 300,000

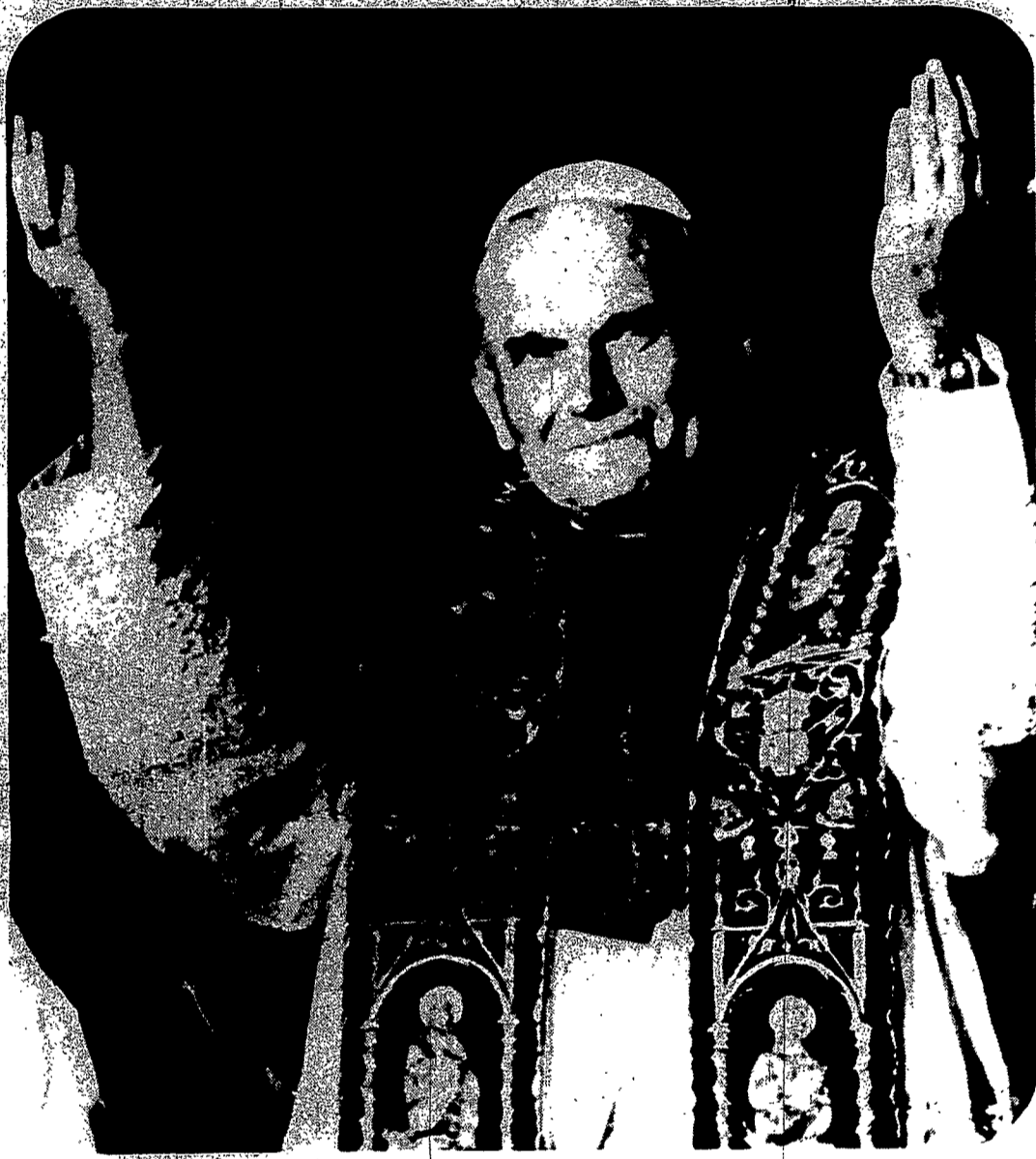
in St. Peter's Square when, at the end of the Mass, he walked down the long steps of the basilica to greet some in the crowd. The day before at a meeting with journalists he also strode into the midst of those present and answered questions on an informal basis. The give-and-take session took 40 minutes and observers estimated that that is longer than the press received from the last three pontificates combined.

In his homily, Pope John Paul II said he had a prayer — that God "make me become and remain the servant of your unique power ... indeed, the servant of your servants."

He called upon his faithful to "open wide the doors for Christ. To his saving power open the boundaries of states, economic and political systems, the vast fields of culture and development."

The new pope spoke emotionally in a strong voice. Twice he implored, "Do not be afraid."

When he finished the homily in Italian, he spoke in



Pope John Paul II raises his arms in greeting to the world. (RNS)

Polish to the thousands of his countrymen in the throng as well as the millions at home watching through a special hookup.

As he began in his native language, he was interrupted by the Poles present with prolonged applause, including a spontaneous burst of song.

The old, traditional Polish song, A Sto-Lat, wished the new pontiff a hundred years. He waited patiently and smilingly told them, including Polish President Henryk Jablonski, "Everything I could say would fade into insignificance compared with what my heart feels and your heart feels at this time."

Many wept openly.

Finishing in Polish, Pope John Paul II then spoke short greetings in French, English, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Czech, Ukrainian and Lithuanian. His English, though accented, is perfectly understandable.

Leading the U.S. delegation was Thomas O'Neill, speaker of the House of Representatives, and Zbigniew Brzezinski, President Carter's national security adviser who was born in Poland.

When the Mass was over, the new pope seemed to take by surprise not only the priests accompanying him throughout the rite, but also the Vatican City ushers who

scrambled about aimlessly as the pontiff walked down to the crowd.

A young boy holding a bouquet of flowers stepped forward nervously, but Pope John Paul motioned to him to come over and took the flowers. Then he tousled the boy's hair and hugged him.

Though it is impossible to know at this point if such spontaneity will characterize his official reign, the pontiff gave some hints of his plans in a radio address last week, delivered in the presence of the College of Cardinals in the Sistine Chapel.

He talked of supporting Vatican II, including the missionary effort, ecumenism, disciplinary and organizational matters, but especially in theology.

He stressed his support of collegiality, the union of the world's bishops with each other and with the bishop of Rome.

Such early statements and his symbolic choice of name would indicate that Pope John Paul II intends to maintain the course set by Vatican II and its proponents, including the three immediate preceding popes.

However, many expect unusual initiatives from a pope, who is the first Pole in history to hold the position, who is from a Communist

Church In Area Elated

Persons of Polish background and ancestry across the diocese celebrated last week the election and inauguration of Pope John Paul II.

In Auburn, Father Felix Mazur, the Conventual Franciscan pastor of St. Hyacinth's Parish, recalled a two-day meeting with the then Cardinal Karol Wojtyla back in 1969.

The cardinal, who a week ago was to be elected the first Polish pope, was visiting parishes in Montreal. It happened that Father Mazur escorted the future pontiff about the city.

Their discussion, Father Mazur recalled, centered on the history of the Polish settlements in Montreal.

Whether in prophecy or not, Father Mazur at the time paraphrased Scripture in a toast to Cardinal Wojtyla.

"Whoever receives you, receives Me and Him who sent Me. You are an apostle, St. Peter's suc-

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Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

First Ladies

Sixteen-year-old Patty Wilson, running as if her life depended on it, made it to Rochester from Minneapolis last Wednesday, and Rosalynn Carter was here to greet her. Patty has epilepsy, and she is trying to raise \$2 million for research into the disease. The end of her crosscountry run is Washington, D.C. Mrs. Carter was in Rochester for less than two hours, in connection with another sort of "run." The two were photographed in Midtown Plaza.



Photo by Susan McKinney

Beaming!

The jubilation over the election of the Church's first Polish pope, Pope John Paul II, radiates from the face of Father Joseph Jankowiak, pastor of St. Stanislaus Church in Rochester at a special Mass last week celebrating the event.