

# Pope Confirms Mexico Visit

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II has announced that he will visit Mexico at the end of the month for the opening of the Latin American Bishops

Conference (CELAM).

(The pontiff thus confirmed a Courier-Journal exclusive reported by Father Andrew Greeley in its Nov. 29 issue.)

The pope also announced that he intends to send Cardinal Samore to Chile and Argentina to examine the possibility of a peaceful solution to the conflict over the Beagle Channel which has been threatening to erupt into a war between the two nations.

The meeting in Puebla, Mexico, is the first since the historic Latin American Bishops Conference of Medellin, Colombia, 10 years ago. That conference committed the Church to help solve the social problems of Latin America's 350 million Catholics, most of whom live

amid poverty and political oppression.

The pope made the announcement at the traditional Dec. 22 meeting with the Curia to exchange Christmas greetings with its members.

Pope John Paul will visit the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the outskirts of Mexico City before traveling the some 50 miles south to Puebla.

The Pope said much of the reason for his visit is the fact that almost half of the world's Catholics live in Latin America.

## THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

By Ed Sulewski

The end of each year . . . and the beginning of the next . . . is always an occasion for both reflection and celebration.

We look back on a year filled with the ups and downs of our everyday life. Perhaps it has been a year which represented a great deal of growth for us . . . in our career, our personal relationships or in our own feelings for life and living. Or, it may have been a difficult time — saddened with illness, or the death of a loved one.

The coming of the new year gives each of us the opportunity to move on from the last — and look forward to a new beginning. Our thoughts on the past year should be used as guides to help us evaluate what we want to find in the year ahead — and as we look forward to the fresh, new time before us, we can clear our minds of that which is now past.

We invite you to join with us in celebrating the New Year — and accepting the challenge it offers each of us. A good year is built from living life to its fullest — every single day, and that is perhaps the best New Years resolution any of us can make.

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## Entrance Exam Jan. 13

The Diocese of Rochester announces that the High School Entrance Exam will be given Saturday, Jan. 13, 8:30 a.m. The exam will be given at the following schools: Aquinas, Bishop

Kearney, Cardinal Mooney, McQuaid, Nazareth, Our Lady of Mercy and St. Agnes.

For further information, contact any one of the schools by phone or mail.

## Sister Juliana O'Hara Elected to State Post

Elmira—Sister Juliana O'Hara, SSJ, director of the Chemung County Office of Aging, has been elected president of the state Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

Sister Juliana, a member of the association's executive committee since the group's founding in 1973, and currently first vice president, will begin her one-year term of office Jan. 17.

"We're very proud" of the association, Sister Juliana commented, noting that "we have no paid staff." Especially noteworthy, she said, is that the executive committee, which she now will chair, meets monthly with the executive staff of the state Department on Aging to discuss policy and legislation.

The statewide association has quarterly meetings, and works for better legislation on the state level, she said. The group's influence is "power both for the aging," and for administrative concerns, she noted.

Members also participate in a sharing of ideas. She related that she had just recently been in contact with the director in Dutchess County concerning a program in use there which is being planned for Chemung County.

Association members also testify at Congressional hearings, and before other national and state groups concerning the elderly, she recounted.

Sister Juliana noted that she is the first president of the association from a small county, which she termed "a great honor for Chemung County." She

also admitted that the election is "an honor and a vote of confidence" for herself, adding that since the election she has received calls from other agency directors offering assistance.

As president, Sister Juliana also will represent the state at regional and national meetings.

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