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Pope John Paul at his Sunday audience of March 11 caused a great deal of excitement when he announced that his first encyclical would be forthcoming soon. It was published later in the week. (RNS)

'Service to Man' Theme of Encyclical

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Vatican City — With the express intention of uniting "the mission of the Church with service to man," Pope John Paul II published his first encyclical March 15.

Dated March 4, the encyclical was named "Redemptor Hominis" or "Man's Redeemer," after the first two words of the text.

An encyclical is the most formal teaching document of the papacy. In the 24,000-word "Man's Redeemer," the pontiff paid homage to his predecessors John Paul I and particularly to Paul VI and the document seemed to indicate the policies of the Church of recent years would be continued.

The encyclical mirrored the Pope's traditional views

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on matters of faith and morals and also his strong concerns over the social, economic and political sufferings of man.

A Vatican spokesman, Father Roberto Tucci, said that a central theme of the document was emphatic support for the reforms of Vatican II.

A Vatican statement said that the encyclical "lays down the fundamental content of the mystery of the Redemption accomplished in Jesus Christ, as the center of the Church's proclamation . . . (it) describes

the Redemption particularly in its component element of the elevation of man to special communion with God and it devotes ample space to the 'humanistic' dimension of the Incarnation and of the Christian vocation."

The Vatican statement said that "each man takes on a preferential value for the Church in her theoretical consideration and her concrete attention. In this connection an appeal is made to the various political regimes to respect and foster human rights; man's spiritual, cultural, social and economic rights."

The encyclical, echoing some of what Pope John Paul said at the meeting of Latin American bishops in

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Kings In Dublin

This photo of the Bishop Kearney High School Marching Kings band was taken in front of the Post Office in Dublin, Ireland, as the band took part in the annual St. Patrick's Day parade in that city.



Photo by Joan M. Smith

Catholic Relief Begs for Hungry

This year a special appeal is being made by Catholic Relief Services on behalf of children. "Children do not live by bread alone. But they cannot live without it," campaign literature states.

The annual collection for CRS work will be taken this weekend in parishes of the diocese.

Although the year has been designated as the United Nations International Year of the Child, the U.N. has also revealed that more than 12 million men, women and children will die of simple malnutrition during the year.

The governmental and local discussions on the problems facing children cannot meet the needs of children around the globe.

Children who are starving need most the immediate relief of food; and foremost among the agencies who are trying to meet those needs is the Catholic Relief Service.

"The hunger problem," CRS literature states, "must be attacked on two levels."

The agency, the service states, "must continue its immediate food assistance to prevent outright starvation. At the same time, longer range efforts to get at the root causes of poverty have to be made so that people in the future can provide their own food and improve their lives independently."

The appeal literature notes that donations may be sent to Catholic Relief Services, 1011 First Ave., N.Y., 10022.

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