

Pontiff Home From Turkey

Vatican City—Pope John Paul II, home from a precedent-shattering visit to Turkey, has appointed Roman Catholic representatives to a special theological commission between the Eastern Orthodox Church and Rome, to work on "our firm desire for full communion."

The two churches have been split since 1054.

The pontiff's three-day

journey through Turkey included stops at major Marian shrines, and, on the last day, a celebration of St. Andrew's feast day at St. George Orthodox Church, where he made the sign of the cross from right to left in the Orthodox manner, rather than from left to right as in the western rites.

In Istanbul, the pope met with Patriarch Demetrius I, with whom he conferred on church unity, and

established the special commission.

Topics the commission will discuss are expected to be papal primacy and infallibility.

Demetrius used the occasion to issue a barely

disguised rebuke to the Ayatollah Khomeini. He said, "We are faced with a phenomenon that can only be qualified as a regression to a period of religious fanaticism, of religious wars and of the self-destruction of men and their faith in the name of God."

Italian Recipes Subject of Books

A local author, Coralee Michelucci, has just published a book on Florentine food and culture. After living eight years in Italy and marrying a Florentine, she has gathered her memoirs and drawings of the Florentine countryside together with her mother-in-law's recipes and advice into a series of books called "Nature at Its Best in Italian Food."

The first of the five-book series is now available in many local food and book

stores at \$5.50 a copy.

The author claims that Florentine food, as its art treasures and clothes, has been widely acclaimed through the centuries for its taste and subtlety. She attempts to demonstrate this through the simple and refined recipes included in the first book. She writes, "I was totally unprepared for the nutritious and mild Florentine food I encountered in Florence — but most of all I was awe-struck by the slender and elegant Florentines."

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By Father Paul J. Cuddy

Seasonal List: Good Reading, Good Listening

My parents had a family of five boys and one girl. Since all married, excepting myself, I have 21 nieces and nephews. These 21 all married, excepting Fr. William Cuddy, who is in the Jail Apostolate in Syracuse. Consequently, I am the great uncle of 84 nieces and nephews. Way back, I realized I could not afford a Christmas gift for each one, so I thought, "Why not send each family a useful magazine or paper? Most will enjoy it, and each time it comes, it will remind them of their uncle's love." Later, I added religious cassette tapes.

Priests and Religious may wish to do something similar for relatives, CCD folk and sundry parish helpers. Lay people may wish to send such gifts, which express their love each week or month. Here are some suggestions.

Courier-Journal— 67 Chestnut St., Rochester 14604: \$10. People of the diocese who are out of the diocese especially appreciate the C.J. It is welcome news from home.

Our Sunday Visitor— Noll Plaza, Huntington, Ind. 46750: Christmas special price \$9.50 for first subscription, \$8.50 for each additional.

My Daily Visitor— same address; a book of daily devotions, comes monthly. Christmas special \$6 for first subscription, \$5 for each additional.

L'Osservatore Romano—

(weekly English language edition sent air mail from Rome): \$2. For priests, Sisters, laymen who want the pulse of the Holy See and the voice of Pope John Paul II. Send check and order to Daughters of St. Paul, 2105 Ontario St., Cleveland, O. 44115.

National Review— National Review Subscriptions Dept., 150 East 35th St., New York, N.Y. 10016. Edited by William F. Buckley. A classy weekly for literate intellectual people. While it is a secular weekly, it is more faithful to Catholic thought than many avowedly Catholic periodicals. Regular price \$19 a year; Christmas special \$14.95.

Catholic Digest— P.O. Box 1812 Des Moines, Ia. 50306. Light reading for the whole family.

Father Bernard Bassett S.J., Beginnings of Faith in the New World— Retreat based on characters who established the Church on the East Coast, USA; \$24.95. (I learned more early American church history from these than from my seminary course.)

Fulton Sheen— Washington Conferences, nine tapes, 18 conferences given to priests at Jesuit Retreat House, Washington; \$34.95. Cor ad Cor Loquitor (Heart Speaks to Heart), 16 conferences at All Hallows Seminary, Dublin; \$34.95. Cassette, Seven Burdens of Life, meditations on the Seven Last Words; \$24.95. The Rosary, a single conference; \$3. All these can be ordered from Ministr-O-Media, Inc., Pomfret, Md. 20675, or from me at Holy Trinity Church, 1460 Ridge Road E., Webster, N.Y. 14580.

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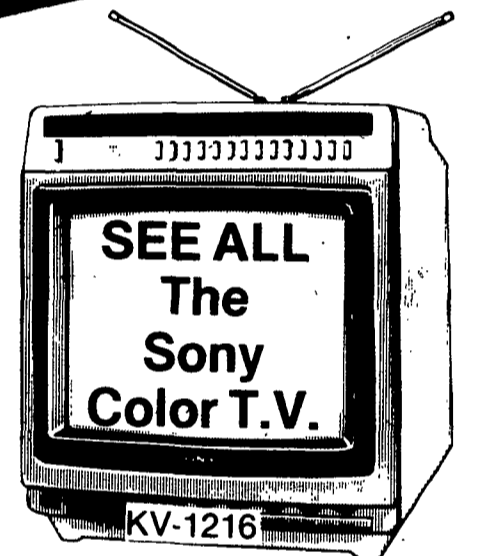
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