

People and Events Of the World and Nation

Former Dean Chosen to Head Catholic University

Ponce, Puerto Rico (RNS) — James Fuster, a former dean of the University of Puerto Rico Law School, has been named president of Catholic University.

The selection had been made at a meeting of the university's board of trustees April 1 but was not announced until approved by the Vatican.

Dr. Fuster, a native of Guayama, has a doctorate in law from Columbia University. He will take his new post in July when the resignation of Francisco J. Carreras, president of the university for 12 years, takes effect.

Dr. Fuster, 40, was dean of the UPR law school from 1974 until December 1979, when he took a leave to serve as deputy assistant attorney general of the U.S. for one year. His appointment is for six years.

High Court Upholds Indiana Rule Limiting Abortions

Washington (RNS) — States may restrict all abortions during the fourth through sixth month of pregnancies to accredited hospitals, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled.

The 6-3 ruling, affirming a lower court decision, was issued without comment on the basis of written briefs only. In it, the high court upheld an Indiana law passed shortly after the court's landmark 1973 ruling that states may not forbid abortions outright.

Indiana had sought in a number of ways to minimize abortions performed within the state. Included were hospital-only restrictions, a ban on saline abortions or abortions in cases where the fetuses could be expected to live outside the womb, requiring a 24-hour waiting period and demanding parental consent for abortions on unmarried girls.

But only the hospital-only restriction for second-trimester abortions was at stake in the high court test.

Attorneys for Gary-Northwest Indiana Women's Services argued that the hospital-only restriction was too broad and had the effect of forcing many Indiana women to go outside the state to obtain abortions.

Nuclear Sub Name Draws Fire from Catholic Groups

Groton, Conn. (RNS) — Catholics are protesting the Navy's selection of the name Corpus Christi for its newest missile-carrying submarine. Corpus Christi is both the name of a Texas city and the Latin for Body of Christ.

Catholic protest to the name has come from several sources including the diocese in which Groton is located. Bishop Daniel P. Reilly of Norwich, Conn., said the name is "offensive to the faith and conscience of millions of Americans and totally inappropriate in a nation that respects an individual's right to belief and worship."

Rep. Elizabeth Morancy (D-Providence), a member of the Sisters of Mercy who serves in the Rhode Island House of Representatives, called the naming of the submarine "blasphemy on the part of the U.S. government" and "an insult to all who profess the Christian religion and to all mankind."

Pope Reiterates Abortion Opposition As Election Nears

Sothe Il Monte, Italy, (RNS) — Speaking three weeks before Italy votes in a new abortion referendum, Pope John Paul II again condemned the practice.

During a 10-hour visit April 26 to the northern Italian city of Bergamo and the town of Sothe Il Monte, where Pope John XXIII was born in 1881, the pontiff repeated word for word some recent anti-abortion remarks.

"The taking of human life always signifies that man has lost trust in the value of his existence, that he has destroyed in himself, in his conscience and will, that prime and fundamental value," he said.

"If we accept the right to take away the gift of life to unborn man, will we then be able to defend man's right to life in any other situation?" he said.

Italians go to the polls May 17 to vote on two proposals to change the country's three-year-old abortion law, which allows abortion on demand for women 18 and older during the first three months of pregnancy.

One proposal, sponsored by the Movement for Life organization, seeks to limit the law to cases where the mother's physical health is in grave danger. The other, sponsored by the leftwing Radical Party, seeks to eliminate the time restriction and have abortions performed outside public facilities.

NCEA Members Praised for Schools, Opposed on Taxes

New York (RNS) — Catholic teachers and administrators, here for the National Catholic Educational Association meeting, heard high praise for their school's achievements but limited support for tuition tax credits.

None of the four major speakers brought in to compare Catholic and public schools voiced support for the Reagan administration to grant a tax break to parents sending children to private schools.

Dr. James Coleman, chief author of a controversial new government report praising Catholic schools, said he feared tuition tax credits would mostly aid wealthier families and do little or nothing for disadvantaged minority students.

Priest-sociologist Father Andrew Greeley said tuition tax credits would increase government control of Catholic schools.

Dr. John Coons, a law professor at the University of California, said he prefers a voucher system. Thomas A. Shannon, executive director of the National School Boards Association, argued it is government's duty to leave private schools alone.

Pope Asks Fisher To Advise Vatican On Jewish Relations

Washington (RNS) — Pope John Paul II has named Eugene J. Fisher, executive director of American Bishops' Office of Catholic-Jewish Relations, as a consultant to the Vatican Commission for Religious Relations with Judaism.

Dr. Fisher, 37, is the first Catholic layman from the United States and the first staffer from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops named to the commission.

The Vatican commission is under the jurisdiction of the Secretariat for Christian Unity.

Blacks List Priorities

The National Association of Black Catholic Administrators (NABCA) meeting in Rochester has agreed to stress "the legitimizing of black/black Catholic goals regardless of the position of the Church on such matters, though loyalty to the Church will be stressed as much as possible. However, on issues which reflect critical black attention (Haiti, South Africa, prisons) these items must be determined and activated upon with or without the blessings of the Church."

The resolution was one of ten the association unanimously agreed to set as a priority for this year.

NABCA will support and implement the ten resolutions, through their various Offices of Black Ministries, and will

urge their dioceses to follow suit.

The association meeting drew delegates from Selma, Ala.; Richmond, Va.; Cincinnati, Columbus and Toledo, Oh.; Detroit, Mich.; Chicago, Ill.; Houston, Tex.; Atlanta, Ga.; Milwaukee, Wisc.; New Haven, Conn.; Pittsburgh, Pa.; Washington, D.C.; and Rockville Centre, Syracuse, Rochester and New York City.

The other resolutions made by NABCA are:

- Urge the implementation of economic justice, particularly through a comprehensive affirmative action program.

- Develop a thorough black lay leadership program.

- Demand and lobby for the permanent status of Haitian refugees as political entrants into the United States, and encourage black Catholic sponsorship of Haitians.

- Urge the non-support of the Reagan Administration's new softening position towards white South Africa while reemphasizing NABCA's solid support of the black liberation forces against apartheid regimes in Namibia and Azania (South Africa).

- Support the divestment of American corporations in South Africa urging boycott of those corporations that remain.

- Seek to develop for implementation an economic development program that will lead to economic self-reliance for NABCA offices.

- Reemphasize the critical need for the religious education of black Catholics which will develop social, political and spiritual awareness relative to the conditions of black people in America.

- Do all possible to ensure the perpetuation of quality parochial education within black and Hispanic communities. Parochial education to black children must not be determined relative to their Catholic or non-Catholic status. Black Catholics have the responsibility to finance black parochial education.

- To continue to love, honor and defend the poor, especially children, against governmental oppression and racial violence.

Seminary Holds Final Convocation

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will preside over the final academic convocation for the conferral of degrees at St. Bernard's Seminary tonight starting at 7:30 p.m.

Theology degrees, 21 Master of Divinity degrees and 41 retroactive Master of Divinity degrees at this evening's ceremony.

Bishop Clark will confer 26 Master of Arts in

Father Robert F. McNamara, professor of Church History at St. Bernard's since 1938, will be awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity, honoris causa, and will give the commencement address. Father McNamara is known nationally for his scholarship in American Catholic Church History and is the author of several books and numerous articles.

NFP Class Planned

A three-session Natural Family Planning class is scheduled to begin May 22 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Brockport. Registration is limited to six couples. The cost of the course is \$40 and includes the cost of the sessions and all materials. Those interested in the NFP class may contact the NFP office, 464-8705.

Information sessions for NFP are offered at St. Mary's Hospital the first Monday each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. and at Rochester General Hospital the second Friday of each month at 7:30-9:30 p.m.. No registration is required for these sessions.

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By Mail: Send Check or money-order, payable to the City Treasurer, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the above address.

(Because tickets are limited, requests will be processed in the order in which they are received. Checks that arrive, after all tickets have been sold, will be returned.)

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