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Major Moments

The belltower of Colgate Rochester-Bexley Hall-Crozier looms behind the participants in last week's ceremonies formally noting the new affiliation of St. Bernard's Institute with the Divinity School. Left to right are John L. Greisberger, chairman of the board of St. Bernard's; Father Sebastian Falcone, dean of St. Bernard's; James T. Henderson, chairman of the board of the Divinity School; and Father Richard H. Mansfield, dean of Bexley Hall. Following the ceremonies, Father Falcone embraces Rev. Dr. Larry L. Greenfield, president of the Divinity Schools. Below, Robert S. Bourcy places his hands in those of Bishop Matthew H. Clark during deacon ordination ceremonies last Saturday at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Other ordinands were, from left, Patrick L. Connor, Dennis R. Sewar, and James E. Willsey. Father Charles Latus holds the Sacramentary in the foreground of the picture.



K. of C. Sets Up Fund To Aid Papal Charities

Louisville, Ky. (RNS) — Delegates to the 99th annual Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus have voted to establish a \$10 million endowment to assist the pope in alleviating human suffering around the world.

Before the 421 delegates representing the 1.35 million Catholic fraternal society voted unanimously for the resolution, Virgil Dechant, supreme knight, said the fund is expected to produce about \$1 million annually.

Dechant suggested the fund as a way for the Knights to note their 100th anniversary coming up in 1982. He explained that the fund would be available to U.S. and Canadian bishops to borrow money at a favorable interest rate to construct church

buildings. Income from the fund would be donated annually to the pope in perpetuity for his personal charities.

It will be called the Vicarius Christi (Vicar of Christ) foundation and will become the largest charitable trust set up by the Knights.

The first payment from the fund is expected in October 1982. Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate in the United States, was present when delegates voted on the endowment. He said the pope will be "very, very grateful" for the gift.

A highlight of the three-day conclave was a challenge given the Knights by Archbishop John Roach, president of the National Conference of Catholic

Bishops. He said the Knights "cannot afford to stand above the political scene and merely be spectators."

"In the society in which we live, people and institutions must be involved in the dialogue which ultimately will determine the norms by which people live out their lives. The Church must reflect Gospel values. We are the Church."

He defended Church involvement in public issues, saying that, although its role was not to develop specific legislation to resolve issues, "the Church cannot be silent in identifying the moral components of those issues."

The Knights also reaffirmed their opposition to an Equal Rights Amendment, linking it to support for abortion.

Doylestown Shrine Debt-Free

Doylestown, Pa. (RNS) — After nearly a decade of financial problems that led to

a widely-publicized scandal against the Pauline Fathers who operate it, the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa here is debt-free for the first time in 15 years.

which had come from elderly persons on limited incomes. The Vatican ordered a review of the shrine's finances which was followed by a fund-raising program that brought in more than \$5 million.

USCC Assails Congress

The United States Catholic Conference has used the occasion of its annual Labor Day statement to criticize the Congress for cutbacks in social program spending and increases in the arms budget.

The statement issued through the USCC Office of Domestic Social Development is titled, "Reflections on the current economic crisis in light of the Church's social teaching."

Stating that the current "economic crisis has created a turning point in American life," the paper continues, "The combined actions of the Congress on budget cuts and tax cuts constitute one of the largest redistributions of wealth and income in America's history. This shift in resources from low and moderate income families to the wealthy is almost unprecedented in its scope and in the severity of its impact."

"The budget cuts, totaling over 35 billion dollars, will fall most heavily on the poor. Literally millions of families, who now rely on assistance in such basic necessity areas as nutrition, food stamps, social security, housing, Medicaid, legal services and employment, will be deeply affected."

The statement couples this criticism with disapproval of the increase in arms spending: "As a nation we are scheduled to spend \$1.5 trillion on defense in the next five years

Donations from some 10,000 Catholics in the United States and Canada in the past 15 months staved off financial collapse at the shrine which is a popular place of devotion, especially for Polish-Americans.

Father Lucius Tyransinski, prior, announced he had sent a check for \$31,600 to the Knights of Columbus to pay off the last of a \$1.2 million mortgage. It was taken out 15 months ago and had been scheduled to run 10 years.

The financial problems began in the early 1970s when the Pauline order defaulted on a \$4.5 million loan, much of

The Gannett News Service won a Pulitzer Prize in 1980 for a series of articles reporting details of the financial debacle. The series is now the subject of a \$110 million law suit. The series asserted that Pope John Paul II had thwarted efforts of Vatican investigators and the American Catholic bishops to discipline the Paulines who are members of a Polish religious order.

Father Tyransinski, who became prior after the series appeared, called the Gannett stories "untrue" and "outrageous."

U.S. Africa Policy Criticized by OBM

The Office of Black Ministries of the Rochester Diocese has issued a formal statement opposing the Reagan administration's "new approach to establishing friendly relations between the United States and the governments (Namibia and Azania) of South Africa."

Signed by John S. Walker, executive secretary of the OBM, the opposition cites the racial policy of apartheid "as practiced by the South African governments of Namibia and Azania" as the reason for its opposition.

"Such relationships with the South African government were condemned by the United States in 1963 and were not to be implemented until the heinous practices of apartheid were eradicated and social justice and equality

attained by the black majority," OBM stated.

The statement continues: "The Office of Black Ministries strongly disavows the above actions of this country in its new approach to South Africa and urges continued opposition to South Africa Apartheid policy."

"In addition," the OBM statement says, "we strongly support the divestment of American business and corporate interest in South Africa on the grounds that American corporate presence has failed to promote the mobility and the equality of the black worker in South Africa and by its very presence contributes to the economic stability of that country for the further exclusion and exploitation of black South Africans."