

People and Events Of the World and Nation

Texas Bishop Urges N-Bomb Workers, Consider Quitting

Amarillo, Texas (RNS) — The bishop of this diocese has urged employees of a local plant scheduled to be the nation's final assembly point for the neutron bomb to quit their jobs.

"We urge those involved in the production and the stockpiling of nuclear bombs to consider what they are doing, to resign from such activities, and to seek employment in peaceful pursuits," Bishop L. T. Mathiesen said.

His statement rocked this conservative Panhandle community. The Pantex plant is one of the area's largest industries with 2,400 employees, many of them Catholics.

The 60-year-old prelate told reporters he didn't expect workers to resign immediately and that he was "not requiring" anyone to quit.

"I want them to listen to their own consciences," Bishop Mathiesen said. "I was not saying you have to resign... most people started working there in good faith. Their retirement, their family income depend on it. You don't exchange one evil for another."

"I'd say the same thing to anyone working in an abortion clinic. And nuclear weapons are anti-life supreme."

His statement came weeks after Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle touched off a similar furor by suggesting that Christians opposed to nuclear armaments stop paying their income taxes.

Pro-Life Priest Opens New Center In Nation's Capital

Washington (RNS) — Father Paul Marx, a Benedictine priest forced from a pro-life post at St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minn., will direct an international center he founded here.

The center, Human Life International, will seek "to meet the challenge of the contraception-sterilization-abortion-euthanasia movement which is spreading its tentacles across the world."

Father Marx said it will concentrate on "positive alternatives such as natural family, courses in Christian sexuality and comprehensive marriage preparation courses."

He said the center will concentrate on organizing a "pro-life" stance among developing countries.

He is former executive director of the Human Life Center at St. John's Abbey and was given an unrequested sabbatical last year. Board members said the priest had been pushing himself too hard and needed a rest.

Father Arrupe Expects Release From Hospital

Rome (RNS) — Father Pedro Arrupe, the superior general of the Roman Catholic Jesuit order who suffered a stroke, will be released from the hospital sometime this week, it is expected at Jesuit headquarters.

Vatican sources said Arrupe's doctors were skeptical that the 74-year-old priest could recuperate enough to be able to continue governing the order, which numbers 36,000 members.

Jesuit press spokesman Father Jean Claude Dietsch said that Father Arrupe, who was left partially paralyzed, would probably continue his convalescence in his room at the Jesuit headquarters near St. Peter's Basilica.

The order's assistant superior general, Father Vincent O'Keefe, a native of Jersey City, N.J., has been running the order since Father Arrupe's hospitalization on Aug. 7.

St. Mary's Will Host Lung Clinic

St. Mary's Hospital and the American Lung Association of the Finger Lakes Region are sponsoring a new self-help clinic for persons with emphysema, chronic bronchitis, or asthma in the Rochester area.

The free six-week clinic begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, in Room 206 of the Bishop Kearney Building of St. Mary's. The sessions will concentrate on breathing exercises and techniques, respiratory equipment use and nutrition.

Registration is limited to the first 25 persons contacting the American Lung Association (716) 442-4260 before Sept. 1.

Such clinics have attracted more than 700 since their inception in 1977.

BLUE ARMY

Father Benedict Ehmann will celebrate Mass at 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at Holy Rosary Church opening the monthly vigil of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima. Fathers John Reif and Frederick Bush will lead the devotions which conclude at midnight.

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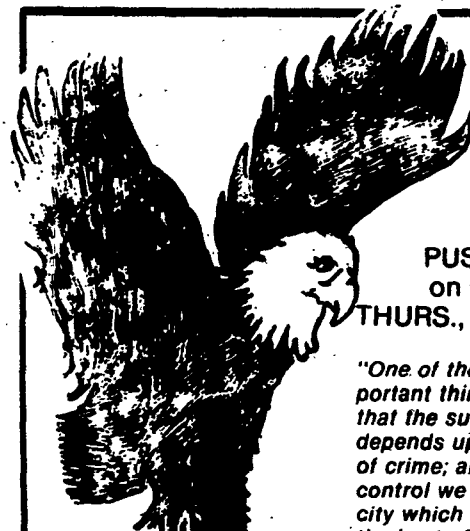
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Street Fete Marks Feat

A street celebration will mark the opening of the new Corpus Christi Center Building at Webster and Parsells avenues.

Festivities start at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, on Parsells Avenue between Webster and Baldwin Street. The celebration will include music, crafts, dance, food and a tour of the rehabilitated building.

The restoration of the formerly abandoned structure

2 Orientations Set by NFP

Natural Family Planning has scheduled two orientation sessions. The first will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, at the main conference room at Rochester General Hospital. The second will be from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Monday, Sept. 14, at the Bishop Kearney Building, St. Mary's Hospital.

Further information is available from the NFP office, 464-8705.

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at noon tomorrow, Sept. 3, at Blessed Sacrament Church. The devotions include recitation of the rosary at 12:15 p.m., and benediction at 5 p.m. preceding the regular 5:20 p.m. Mass.

occurred over the past 18 months, was done mostly by volunteer labor and was financed by about \$75,000 in private contributions. The

building's three apartments and three storefronts are rented. The major tenants are a physician and a Family Resource Center.

Free Milk Program

A free special milk policy for Catholic elementary school children unable to pay the full price has been announced by the Office of General Education. Eligibility will be determined by family size and income.

The policy is sponsored by the Bureau of School Food Management under the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Services. School officials will use an income scale and any uncontrollable financial hardship which may affect a family's ability to pay for special milk. Provision is also made for foster children.

Families falling within the income scale are urged to apply by completing application forms sent home in a letter to parents. Income applications may be submitted anytime during the school year.

Each school will designate an official to review applications and determine eligibility. Any dissatisfaction with a ruling by an official may be appealed through a hearing.

The policy also provides that there will be no identification of, or discrimination against, any student unable to pay the full cost of the milk.

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