

People and Events Of the World and Nation

U.S. Bishops Push Vatican Request On Seminaries

Washington (RNS) — America's Catholic bishops, at Vatican request, have begun a broad national evaluation of U.S. seminaries.

Announced by Archbishop John Roach, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, the study has been rumored for a year. Pope John Paul II is said to want tighter standards on teaching in seminaries worldwide.

Similar surveys are under way in Brazil and the Philippines and others are scheduled in Europe.

Heading the American survey is Bishop John A. Marshall of Burlington, Vt., former vice rector of the North American College in Rome and past chairman of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Priestly Formation.

He is preparing a questionnaire to be sent to all seminary rectors. This will be followed by on-site visits.

A spokesman for the NCCB said the Vatican request came last Spring. He said it would take at least two years to complete. "This will be a massive thing," he said.

The evaluation will cover theological and college-level seminaries, including houses of formation run by religious orders. It will not include religious studies departments at Catholic universities and colleges, or the high school pre-seminaries or the theology courses for Sisters and lay people many seminaries now offer.

Catholic Bishops Support Compromise Abortion Measure

Washington (RNS) — The American Catholic Church is supporting Sen. Orrin G. Hatch's compromise constitutional amendment on abortion.

Hard-line abortion foes, however, immediately denounced the compromise and questioned the right of Church leaders to speak for American Catholics on the issue.

The compromise introduced, by the Utah Republican, a stalwart abortion foe and head of the Senate Judiciary subcommittee on the Constitution, if passed by a two-thirds vote of both houses of Congress and ratified by at least 37 of the states, would empower both the states and Congress to restrict abortions.

Father Edward Bryce, executive director of the U.S. Bishops Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said the amendment would effectively reverse the 1973 Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision legalizing abortions in the first trimester of pregnancy. Before that decision, states had the right to decide the issue.

The bill is a compromise between those who support the high court decision and those who insist on a prohibition against all abortions.

The latter usually favor either an amendment to the Constitution which would ban abortion outright or the so-called human rights bill which would define life as beginning at conception and so offer the unborn "full protection under the law."

It is felt that conference officials counted heads in both houses and came up short on the necessary votes and thus are backing the compromise.

Although they agree with the assessment, hard-line anti-abortionists immediately condemned the Catholic position, calling the proposed bill "a sellout of the unborn."

Polish Bishops Send Aide to Brief Pope On Development

Vatican City (RNS) — Bishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, secretary of the Polish Bishops Conference, arrived here to confer with Pope John Paul II, a close observer of events in his native Poland.

The bishop said the visit was in keeping with conference policy to maintain regular contact with the pontiff.

Accompanying him was Cardinal Franciszek Macharski who succeeded the pope as archbishop of Cracow.

On Sept. 20, in his Angelus message, the pontiff renewed his support for Polish self-determination, and read from a statement last week by the Polish Bishops Conference urging the Poles to seek peaceful dialogue with the nation's Communist government.

O'Connor Confirmation Greeted Warmly by Mainline Churches

Washington (RNS) — Many members of the U.S. religious community greeted with enthusiasm the unanimous confirmation of Sandra Day O'Connor as the nation's first woman Supreme Court justice.

But comment from the religious right was uncharacteristically terse and some abortion foes said the vote left them feeling "betrayed" by their Senate supporters.

Conservative Senate opposition disappeared with even Sen. Jesse Helms of North Carolina and Sen. Jeremiah Denton of Alabama contributing to the 99-0 landslide vote for Mrs. O'Connor. The non-voter was Sen. Max Baucus of Montana who was in his home state when the vote was taken.

President Duarte Meets in Washington With Catholics

Washington (RNS) — Leaders of the Catholic Church had a "frank" 2 1/2-hour meeting with El Salvador's President Jose Napoleon Duarte on Sept. 23 at the apostolic delegate's offices here.

The guests included Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Duarte's alma mater and one of his professors when he was studying engineering at Notre Dame University.

Also present were Bishop Thomas C. Kelly, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, and Washington Archbishop James Hickey.

A spokesman said the churchmen questioned Duarte about a political solution to the Salvadoran civil war, the role of outside forces, including American, and the nature and extent of opposition his government faces. They also asked about the progress of the investigation into the murders of four American Catholic women missionaries last December.

On the deaths of three nuns and a lay woman, Duarte said that under his country's laws he doubts that there is sufficient evidence to convict the six men thought to have killed them. The law requires eyewitness evidence of a crime, he said, adding that the six are still in jail.

After the meeting, Bishop Kelly reiterated the USCC's previous policy on El Salvador which calls for halting military aid from any source, supporting political dialogue leading to free elections and permitting Salvadoran exiles now in the U.S. to remain here until political resolution of the war.

The meeting was arranged by Archbishop Pio Laghi, the apostolic delegate. Also present were Father Bryan Hehir, USCC director for international peace and justice; Father Alan McCoy, president of the Conference of Major Religious Superiors of Men; and Father Philip Land, SJ, of the Center for Concern.

Viet Vets Join Forces

In an effort to become more self-supporting, two area organizations of Vietnam era veterans have joined forces to create a salvage operation to be known as Salvage One.

The groups, Viet Nam Veterans of America and Veterans Outreach Center, both non-profit and tax-exempt, last week issued a call for any metal. Salvage One is seeking such items as vehicles, large and small house appliances, industrial equipment, pipes, wire and the like.

The groups will pick up any donated material and will also clean out garages, attics, basements, warehouses and businesses free of charge to retrieve metal.

Further information is available by calling (716) 232-3256.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting news to the Courier-Journal is noon on Thursday preceding the following Wednesday's publication.



LONG RIDGE MALL
10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

October 7-10, 7-9p.m.
Live Music and Radio Personalities
DANCE CONTESTS: 8 p.m.
\$50 cash and trophy, first prize each night.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT..... "The Twist"
THURSDAY NIGHT..... "The Hustle"
SATURDAY NIGHT..... "Texas Two Step"
SATURDAY at 3 p.m. DANCE FINALS
WEEKEND VACATION and TROPHY FIRST PRIZE


October 10-11, 1 - 2:30 p.m.
SOAP OPERA STARS IN PERSON
"Bobbie Spencer" of GENERAL HOSPITAL
"Dr. Cliff Warner" of ALL MY CHILDREN

October 15-17: GREECE HISTORICAL SHOW

Sat., 12-4 p.m. 4-H APPLE GOODIE CONTEST
Oct. 17 2:30 Old-Fashioned Fashion Show

October 22-25 ARTS and CRAFTS FESTIVAL

October 31 — 2-5 p.m. FOR KIDS
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