

People and Events Of the World and Nation

Historian: Pius XII Saved Many Jews During WWII

New York (RNS) — An estimated 400,000 Jews were spared incarceration and death at the hands of the Nazis during World War II, mainly through the direct efforts of Pope Pius XII, according to a Catholic Church historian, Father Derek Holmes.

The English priest, in a recently published book, cites many instances of papal intervention which saved the lives of thousands of Jews in eastern and western Europe, including more than 30,000 in Italy.

In the book, "The Papacy in the Modern World," Father Holmes reveals a series of international events surrounding the wartime papacy which, he says, explain the reluctance of Pius to condemn publicly the Nazi atrocities.

Father Holmes explains that "the pope's own works in behalf of the Jews might have been endangered by a public denunciation of the Nazis, even though such a denunciation might have justified his moral reputation in the eyes of mankind."

"His choice was simple: Was his own moral reputation more important than the life of a single Jew?"

His work is based on Vatican archives from the 1930s and 1940s, newly available as the result of a 15-year research effort by an American priest and correspondent, Father Robert Graham, SJ.

Father Holmes writes: "Judging from the pope's correspondence with the German bishops, fears of reprisals would seem to have dominated his attitude toward the fate of the Jews in Germany. He was certainly well-informed and there is a suggestion of total helplessness in his letters in the face of such incredible evil."

Mormons Change Scripture Passage Offending Non-Whites

Salt Lake City (RNS) — A new edition of the Book of Mormon has been published which changes the wording of a controversial prophecy that American Indians will become "white and delightsome" when they become Christians.

In the new edition, the phrase becomes "pure and delightsome." Jerry Cahill, spokesman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon), said the church is picking up the wording used by founder Joseph Smith in an 1840 edition of the book. The first edition was published in 1830.

Cahill said the 1890 and 1837 editions of the book each contained the wording "white and delightsome" in the prophecy. But in the third edition, Joseph Smith used the word "pure" instead of "white." He died in 1844.

"Later editions, for some reason, inadvertently re-inserted the word 'white,'" he said.

Catholic Charities Aides Urged to Work For Handicapped

Las Vegas, Nev. (RNS) — Catholic Charities directors heard a Protestant clergyman who was born without arms urge them to use "whatever political power the Church has to retain hard-won rights" for the disabled.

The Rev. Harold Wilke of White Plains, N.Y., director of the Healing Community and a United Church of Christ minister, addressed 1,000 delegates to the 67th convention of the National Conference of Catholic Charities.

The minister told them that they must find ways to prevent what he termed the "transfer" of money from social welfare to the military from being too damaging to the nation's handicapped.

He suggested that Church agents work, especially through political action, to strengthen prevention programs: He cited efforts to prevent alcoholism as an example, noting that up to 25,000 persons are disabled by alcohol abuse each year.

In a policy statement on the handicapped, delegates urged actions such as inviting disabled persons to join Catholic Charities boards; developing support services to prevent institutionalization; recruiting disabled persons to work in Charities agencies; forming alliances with other groups to develop programs addressing the needs of handicapped persons; making accommodations in churches such as wheelchair ramps, interpretations for the deaf, materials in large print or braille and specialized religious instruction.

Aide Urges Parents Be Told When Teens Get Contraceptives

Minneapolis (RNS) — Contraceptives have failed to eliminate teenage pregnancy, so it is time for the government to advocate chastity, adoption and parental involvement in adolescent sexual decisions, a Reagan administration spokeswoman said here.

"The technological fix is not enough," Marjory Mecklenburg, director of the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention, told about 260 professionals attending a conference on adolescent sexuality at the University of Minnesota.

She proposes that family planning clinics would notify parents when their teenage daughters accept contraceptives.

"The Reagan administration does not object to contraceptive services, but when adolescents are given contraceptives their parents should be involved," Mrs. Mecklenburg said.

But the doctors, nurses, teachers, social workers and researchers attending the conference didn't rush to embrace her ideas.

Several expressed fear that government advocacy of sexual abstinence would lead to a repressive society, and some said that a chastity movement isn't viable in America today.

Workshop on Music Slated

"Let's Get It Together," a workshop for pastoral musicians, parish liturgy committees and staffs has been scheduled by the Liturgy Office for Oct. 24 in Penn Yan.

Leading the day-long workshop will be Grayson Warren Brown, composer, author and pastoral musician. In two general sessions, Brown will address the topics of relationships among parish musicians and between the

parish musician and the assembly as well as the relationship of music to the liturgical celebrations.

Brown brings not only a background of service as a pastoral musician but also a dynamic sense of liturgy itself. He is the author of "Sunday Mornings: Some Reasons Why We Fail to Succeed" and has composed much music for liturgical celebrations, including two collections titled, "Hymns of a Soulful People" and "I Will Rejoice."

Besides the two sessions with Brown, the workshop will feature a display of current books, music and other materials. The conference will begin with registration at 9 a.m. and close with Evening Prayer at 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Anyone interested in attending should contact the Liturgy Office, (716) 328-3210, for further details, or register by mail on forms sent to parishes.

Fund-Raiser Features Dinner, Theater

Students, faculty members and parents of St. Agnes High School are selling coupon books for dinners and theatrical performances, valued at \$350, for \$7 each.

The promotion is the first fund-raiser of the year and is a major event for the school's Parents Club, under the co-presidency of Ed and Ellen Caster and Clarence and Ruth Dangler.

All coupons are now valid and extend through Oct. 15, 1982. Proceeds from the sale of the books will be used to improve the interscholastic sports program. Last year the parents purchased six computers for the school's new computer programming course.

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Novena to St. Jude

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All are invited by Father John J. Steger, pastor, to attend and pray to the Patron of Hopeless Cases and Impossible Causes.

Shut-ins may write for a Novena booklet

Conducting the Novena:

Rev. John J. Sullivan, O.P.

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Bishop Dennis W. Hickey

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Help Plan Our City's Future

All city residents are urged to attend any or all of the four public review sessions scheduled this fall to comment on the City's Community Development Program activities.

Your participation in these sessions will help ensure that your interests are considered in the decisions on how to spend the City's eighth year Community Development Block Grant.

In addition, your comments on potential Urban Development Action Grant projects are invited.

A Spanish translator will be available at each of the meetings.

THE SCHEDULE

Each of the four review sessions will focus on one of the major program areas in the Community Development Program. All review sessions will begin at 7:30 p.m. and run until approximately 9:30 p.m., and will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 30 Church Street. Free parking is available in the lot north of City Hall.

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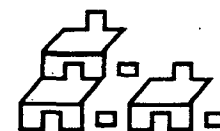
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THE PROCESS

In December, following the review sessions, the Preliminary Draft Plan for the 1982-83 Program Year will be distributed to the public. A series of neighborhood workshops will be scheduled in early January to review and discuss the Draft.

INFORMATION

For more information on these review sessions, or the Community Development Program, call 428-6500.



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