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### CRS Aids Poland

Efforts to help the people of Poland continue by Catholic Relief Services. Clockwise, from left, one family of food recipients outside their Warsaw apartment. The building was pockmarked by shelling during World War II; another food recipient in Warsaw helps load food into truck for transport to local parish; people in Katowice gather to buy supplies.



## Jesse Jackson Asks Pope To Intervene for Haitians

Washington (RNS) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson met here with Archbishop Pio Laghi, the apostolic delegate, as part of a drive to encourage Pope John Paul II to intervene in the cases of Haitian refugees detained in the U.S.

In a press conference after the meeting, Jackson described conditions at Krome Avenue North Detention Center in Miami, where Haitians are "detained, as 'inhumane... an ugly scar on the face of American democracy'" and called it a "concentration camp."

Of the 600 Haitians there, Jackson said, 98 percent are Catholic. For that reason, he said he hoped the pope would give their situation the same kind of attention drawn by the

Polish crisis and offer his "moral leadership to help alleviate their pain."

Father Blaise Cupich, a spokesman for the archbishop, told reporters that the Haitians' plight "is something we have been particularly concerned about already." He said that the Church, through the Archdiocese of Miami and the national bishops' conference, has "taken direct action to communicate the Church's concern for a fast, fair and humane response to their plight." Such action has included direct communication with both the U.S. State Department and Immigration and Naturalization Services, he said.

He added that he did not think "it was Mr. Jackson's

intention to call directly on the Holy Father's intervention," but rather to "discuss what each of us were doing to alleviate the suffering."

Jackson told reporters that the Haitians have suffered unduly because they are black, claiming that they have been refused entry into the United States, and treated badly if accepted.

"There is a Statue of Liberty to greet white refugees and a statute of limitation to delete black refugees," he said. He charged that if those Haitians now detained had been Polish or Soviet Jew refugees, the government "would not allow them to be kept in those camps."

## Renkiewicz Named To Fisher Post

Frank A. Renkiewicz, noted Polish-American historian, has been named Director of Polish Studies at St. John Fisher College, Father Patrick Braden, president, announced last week.

Renkiewicz will coordinate the newly established Polish Studies Program at the college. Most recently, he has been professor of history at the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minn., and consultant in ethnic studies for the Multicultural History Society of Ontario, in Toronto.

The Polish Studies Program was developed to promote the study and appreciation of Polish culture, history and language—a Fisher release stated.



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The program was established with a \$100,000 grant from the Louis Skalny Foundation Trust.

### Sesquicentennial Spans 3 Years In Geneva Parish

Geneva — A three-year celebration of its sesquicentennial was launched last week at St. Francis de Sales Parish here.

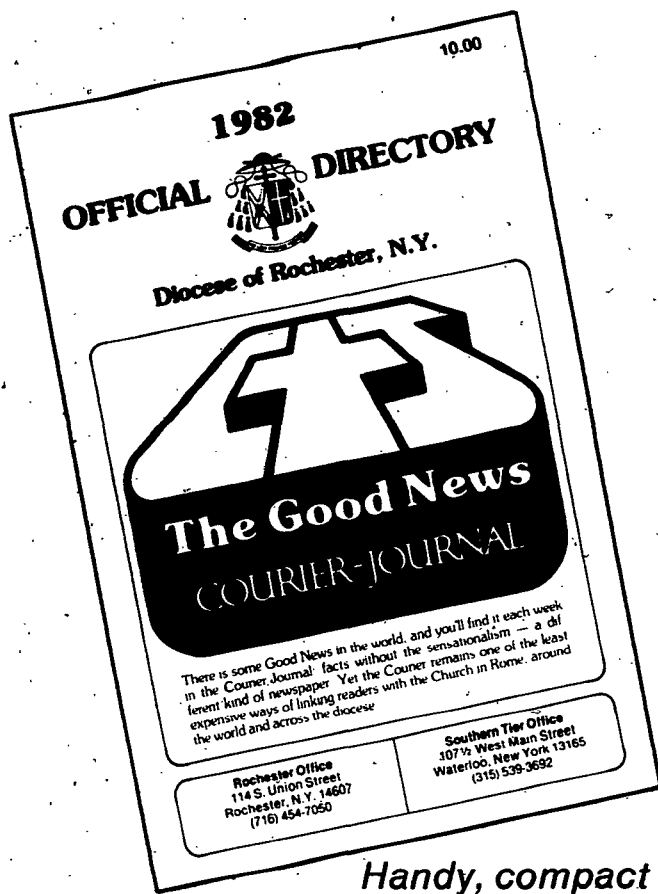
The opening festivities began with Mass, presided over by Father Edwin B. Metzger, pastor, and featuring music by the Inter-Parish Choir and the Hispanic Musical Group, followed by a reception in the rectory.

The rites, held on the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, Jan. 24, commemorated the first celebration of Mass in Geneva, in the Rogers home, in 1832.

The three-year observance will also encompass a planning and fund-raising effort.

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