

Rochester Sisters Meet in Argentina

Seven Rochester Sisters of Mercy were in Buenos Aires, Argentina, last week attending the fourth Mercy Latin American/Caribbean Conference.

the Latin American/Caribbean Region." Sister Michael is the executive secretary of the Federation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas.

present were Sister Jean Marie Kearse, superior general, and Sisters Janet Caulfield, Jane Kenrick, Margaret Mungovan, Kay Schwenzer and Janet Wahl, all missionaries in Santiago, Chile. Other countries represented at the conference were Belize, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Jamaica, Guatemala, Peru, Honduras and Panama.

Her sessions dealt with "Charism, Structural Analysis and the Mercy Fourth Vow of Service."

Sister Michael Lappetito was one of two "presenters" for the conference, the theme of which was "The Cry of the Poor: Challenge to Mercy in

Other Rochester Sisters



Project Leadership

Becket Hall students Mike Brown, left, and Steve Suski, right, flank 16-year-old Steve Linder of Fairport during a small group discussion at the Project Leadership program last weekend on the St. John Fisher College campus. The three-day program is offered each year to high school juniors and seniors considering a vocation to the priesthood.

People and Events Of the World and Nation

Catholic Aide Hits Reagan Budget over Tuition Tax Credits

Washington (RNS) — Father Daniel F. Hoye, the new general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, has criticized the Reagan administration for not providing for tuition tax credits in its proposed fiscal year 1983 budget.

"The message of the new budget is that as far as the administration is concerned, tuition tax credits are an idea whose time must still be deferred," Father Hoye said.

"There is limited encouragement in the budget message's statement that the administration will send Congress a tax credit 'later in the year,'" he said. "But the failure to make provision now for tax credits is troubling."

Father Hoye pointed out that Reagan has frequently said "publicly and explicitly" that he supports tuition tax credits and will work for their enactment.

He urged supporters of the tax credit legislation "to redouble their efforts to make their position clear to the president and Congress."

2 More Guardsmen Jailed for Slaying Of U.S. Missioners

Washington (RNS) — Two more Salvadoran guardsmen have been jailed in the December 1980 slayings of four American missionary women, according to newspaper and news agency reports.

The arrests bring to eight the number of guardsman Salvadoran officials say are now being held. Quoting officials involved in the investigation, the Washington Post reported that one new suspect, a former guardsman who has become a born-again Christian has confessed his direct participation in the crime.

Salvadoran officials reportedly would not release the names of the guardsmen or how they were found, though some feel the newly religious guard has undergone a crisis of conscience. He is confined separately from other suspects.

President Disputed On Salvadoran Rights Statement

New York (RNS) — The U.S. section of Amnesty International has challenged the Reagan administration's claim that the human rights situation in El Salvador has improved.

Reagan recently certified that the Salvadoran junta was making a "concerted" effort to protect human rights and had achieved "substantial control" over its security forces.

In a telegram to Reagan, AI said it had received no information that would permit it to alter its assessment of the human rights situation in El Salvador.

The group said that the pattern of "abduction, torture and murder" reported by Amnesty International in 1981 was "unchanged."

It said it was still receiving daily reports of abuses carried out by the Salvadoran security forces.

Cardinal Orders Schools Open on St. Patrick's Day

New York — The New York Catholic Archdiocese's 343 elementary and secondary schools will break tradition and stay open on St. Patrick's Day this year.

Cardinal Terence Cooke decided to end the holiday to curb youthful rowdiness and drunkenness that has marred the city's St. Patrick's Day parade in recent years.

The decision followed an attempt, reportedly initiated by the cardinal, to transfer the parade from March 17. It was dropped after protests by Irish-American groups.

The cardinal was reported by the New York Times as being "furious at the recent misconduct around the parade." Last year, he issued an appeal to the young people which went unheeded.

James J. Comerford, parade chairman, said, "It will definitely help the parade to have the schools open."

He said he had nothing to do with the cardinal's decision but added, "Last year I indicated to the cardinal that he was getting blamed for the antics of the kids on the side streets."

Guatemalan Bishops Plead for End to 'Nightmare of Death'

Vatican City (RNS) — The Catholic bishops have issued a plea to fellow Guatemalans "in the name of God" to end the "horrible nightmare of death and destruction" plaguing that Latin American nation, Vatican Radio reported.

A statement by the Guatemalan Bishops Conference following its annual meeting urged Guatemalans "to seek the roads which will lead to longed-for peace, the fruit of justice and love."

"In our nation, we note with pain the harsh outbreak of violence and an ideological radicalization that has led to the most deplorable excesses of division and hate. The Church favors frank and sincere dialogue for peace, harmony and union."

Names Make News

Cardinal John P. Cody plans to follow Catholic Church practice and retire on his 75th birthday next Dec. 24. The cardinal is in ill health and under federal investigation for possible tax abuse... Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger has resigned his post as archbishop of Munich-Freising. The 54-year-old West German prelate was named to head the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith last year and seemingly wants to devote full-time to that position.

The Seven Last Words

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saying," or to put it another way, "Again and again he said, Father, forgive them..."

Here then, in the very first moments of the crucifixion, Jesus proclaims the new order of peace and reconciliation which is now beginning. It is a cry to the Father, irresistible and beyond recall. It trumpets to the world that the very sufferings which malice and sin are inflicting upon him are being transformed into instruments of pardon and grace. It says that atonement with the Father is now assured. The Father and we are made at-one through the ordeal of Jesus' obedience "unto death, even such a death, on a cross." (Phil. 2:8)

Here, in such a critical drama, the new creation begins. In this unfathomable, unconquerable love, the relentless human heritage of sin and

despair is reversed. God now gives us "new life in company with Christ. He pardons all our sins. He cancels the bond that stood against us with all its claims, snatching it up and nailing it to the cross." (Col. 2:13, 14)

"Father, forgive them..."

There is nothing in life and death so certain and secure as the hope born in us through this superb love of the crucified Christ. In the centuries before the Messiah, people knew that God is loving. But love can be relentless; the more noble it is, the more demanding. But now, since that ringing cry on the cross, we know that God's love is a forgiving love.

In his beloved son, so prodigal of love on the cross, we are emancipated from our bondage and restored to the Father's house.

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