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'Not All Difficulties' Settled with Pope, Jesuit Aide Says

Rome (RNS) — The deputy-to-the temporary head of the Jesuits says "not all difficulties" were resolved in a recent meeting of Jesuit leaders convened by Pope John Paul II.

Father Giuseppe Pittau told a news conference that the recent eight-day closed meeting of Jesuit provincials had "clarified" many points and "cleared the air," although "not all doubts had been dissipated."

He said that many provincials had felt the need to let the pope know that "differences" with some of the pope's ideas "do exist," but that they still pledged their loyalty to the head of the Church.

The meeting was called to deal with the pope's expressed concerns about advocacy by some Jesuits of liberal theological positions on such matters as birth-control, priestly celibacy, married priests, women priests and Jesuit involvement in political or trade union activity, particularly in Latin America.

Touching on the last point, Father Pittau said the most controversial issue discussed was "how to draw the line between priestly work and work that can be left to the laity."

Catholic Bishops Allot \$1.2 Million To Media Projects

Washington (RNS) — The U.S. Catholic Conference's communications committee has awarded grants for 31 media projects totaling \$1,234,568 from funds collected in the annual communications collection.

Sixteen are radio and television projects. Included are new grants to "Real to Reel," a national weekly news magazine carried in 25 dioceses (including Rochester). "El Visitante," a Spanish language magazine received \$142,500.

The largest single grant went to NC News Service, \$190,000, to develop and produce a weekly national news program for satellite transmission.

Amnesty International Lays Terrorism To El Salvador

New York (RNS) — Amnesty International says in a new report that government forces in El Salvador have waged a campaign of terror against peasants in some areas of the country.

The report by the London-based human rights organization appeared as Reagan administration support for the Salvadoran military-civilian junta came under strong attack in Congress and from church groups.

The organization said its report — based mainly on testimony an Amnesty fact-finding team had collected from witnesses, church aide officials, foreign observers and journalists — concerned the period up to last August. It added that "the pattern of killing and torture was still going on."

Amnesty cited the estimate it says was made by Bishop Arturo Rivera y Damas,

acting archbishop of San Salvador, that "nearly 12,000 non-combatants were killed in 1981."

Protestant Group Objects to Meeting Of Pope, Queen

London (RNS) — Britain's militant Protestant Truth Society has protested plans for Pope John Paul II to be received in audience by Queen Elizabeth.

In a letter to Lord Carrington, British foreign and commonwealth secretary, the society declared that if the queen were to receive the pope, "it would inevitably involve the partial surrender of her sovereignty."

The pope and the queen plan to meet shortly after his arrival in Britain on May 28 for a six-day visit.

Vatican Puts Accused Priest At Arm's Length

Vatican City (RNS) — The Vatican moved quickly to distance itself from a Roman Catholic priest charged in New York with smuggling stolen Italian paintings into the United States.

The priest, Father Lorenzo Zorba, was an unsalaried member of the staff of the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations.

Father Pierfranco Pastore, assistant director of the Vatican press office, said Father Zorba "is not a part of the Holy See's Permanent to the United Nations. He is only a volunteer collaborator."

In the official lists of permanent missions to the U.N., Father Zorba is identified as an "attache." Sister Janet Richardson, press attache of the Vatican mission, said Father Zorba was assigned to the economic affairs committee of the General Assembly.

She said he was a volunteer who did not have diplomatic status or passport.

Customs officials said Father Zorba and two other men were selling two 16th Century oil paintings for \$60,000 to a man officials described as a confidential informant.

Vatican Reiterates Rule on Political Roles of Priests

Vatican City (RNS) — The Vatican has reaffirmed a ban on political or trade union activity by priests in a document ratified by Pope John Paul II.

The Vatican said the document, issued by the Congregation of the Clergy, was meant to clarify the matter for bishops who had asked for guidance in light of problems "which especially in recent years have arisen in certain nations."

The pope has more than once stressed that priestly functions differ from those of social workers, politicians or trade unionists.

Both he and the late Pope Paul VI have opposed the involvement of priests in political or union activities, especially in Latin America.

Romero Rites Set At the Cathedral

Father William O'Malley will be the principal speaker at a rite commemorating the anniversary of assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart.

Father O'Malley, author of "The Voice of Blood," will speak on the murder of his fellow Jesuit Virgilio Grande, whose death was thought to be a turning point in Archbishop Romero's perception of the situation in El Salvador.

The program is sponsored by the Central American Task Force of the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission, the Priests Council, Genesee Ecumenical Ministries, Peace and Justice Education Center, and human development groups from several parishes.

Ben Franklin Celebrates 40th

The class of 1942 at Benjamin Franklin High School had more than 600 students. It will be celebrating its 40th reunion on Saturday, April 24, at the Party House on Beahan Road, Chili. Reservations can be made by contacting Charles Gray, treasurer, at 664 Eaton Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14617.

If you have not received an invitation, please call 467-2320 or 544-4873 for further information.

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K of C Sets Eighth Year of Soccer

Henrietta Knights of Columbus Council 4812 has slated registration for the group's eighth season of Youth Soccer March 21 and 28.

The league is open to boys and girls, 8-15. Games are

played at Guardian Angels School soccer field, beginning May 17. Practice begins several weeks earlier.

Registration will be held 12:45-1:45 p.m. March 21 at Guardian Angels School and 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

March 28 at Good Shepherd School, room 110.

A \$7 registration fee is charged and the signature of a parent or guardian is required. The maximum registration fee for any family is \$14.

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