

People and Events of the World and Nation

Newark Archdiocese Sells Seminary, Transfers Programs

Newark, N.J. (RNS) — The Newark Catholic Archdiocese has decided to move its Immaculate Conception Seminary to the grounds of Seton Hall University where it was founded.

Archbishop Peter Gerety added that the seminary buildings and 444 acres in Darlington have been sold to local developers for \$8.6 million.

The prelate said Immaculate Conception would formally affiliate itself with the archdiocesan university next September, with the actual relocation no later than January 1984.

A spokesman said the decision came after three years of study. Costs of operating the seminary, and especially of heating it, have grown staggering, he said.

The building was meant to house 300 seminarians; current enrollment is about 100.

Pope to Join Spiderman, Others In Comic Books

New York (RNS) — Pope John Paul II is going to join the ranks of the Incredible Hulk, Spiderman and Francis of Assisi.

Marvel Comics, the nation's largest publisher of comic books, will produce one this Spring depicting the life of the pontiff.

Whose idea was it? The pope's!

A year ago, Father Mieczyslaw Malinski, the Polish priest who is the pope's official biographer, showed John Paul a copy of the Marvel comic book commemorating St. Francis' 800th anniversary. He was somewhat startled to hear his longtime friend respond, "Well, why don't they do one on my life?"

"I like comics," the pontiff told his astonished colleague. "It's a good medium for teaching children."

Father Malinski contacted Marvel which quickly agreed. The St. Francis comic was a financial success.

The new book, 64 pages, will sell for \$1.50 and will trace the pope's life from childhood through the attempt on his life last May.

Graham Urges Protestants to Welcome Pope

New York (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham says Protestants in England should welcome the visit of Pope John Paul II.

"My position is that the papal visit is a tremendous opportunity to witness for Christ," the Southern Baptist preacher commented.

Graham recently returned from England, where he conducted a minicrusade in Blackpool. While there, he heard of Protestant protests about the planned visit of the pope and told Protestants that their protests are a mistake.

Italian Jews Pay Tribute to 20 For Defying Nazis

New York — Italian Jews gathered in the town of Assisi, Italy, March 14 to honor townspeople who sheltered 300 Jews during World War II and saved them from deportation to Nazi death camps.

Silver plaques were presented to 20 persons, many of them Catholic clergy, who helped rescue the Jews brought to Assisi from other parts of Italy, disguising some of them as monks.

Representing the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith was Daniel Kropf of Trieste, vice chairman of the league's European Foundation. His parents were among the Jews given protection by the people of Assisi, under the direction of a Catholic priest from September 1943 to June 1944, when Assisi was liberated.

Abraham H. Foxman, associate national director of ADL, described the rescue operation as a "demonstration of solidarity and compassion between Christian and Jew in the spirit of Francis of Assisi."

Pope to Ask China for Direct Line to Catholics

Vatican City (RNS) — For the second time in less than three months, Pope John Paul II will ask China to allow relations again between the Vatican and China's three million Catholics.



Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury runs through a crowd of noisy, placard-waving demonstrators outside a Liverpool parish church after preaching at a service on March 11. The group was protesting the archbishop's decision to welcome Pope John Paul II to Great Britain. (RNS)

Hecklers Shout Insults about Pope in Protest

Liverpool, England (RNS) — Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury was forced to cut short an Anglican church service here after Protestant hecklers protesting Pope John Paul II's scheduled visit to Liverpool in May disrupted the service.

Some 100 demonstrators, some wearing orange sashes and carrying placards saying, "Calvary, Not Popery," hissed, booed and sang anti-Catholic songs, as the archbishop tried to deliver a sermon in the parish church of St. Nicholas.

After his pleas for prayers and silence went unheeded, the primate of the Church of England knelt at the altar for a moment of prayer before retreating to his car as the police held back demonstrators shouting "traitor" and "Judas."

Pope John Paul, who is scheduled to arrive in Britain on May 28 for a six-day visit, is to go to Canterbury for an ecumenical service with Archbishop Runcie.

The Italian news agency ANSA said the pope planned to celebrate a special Mass for "Christian communities in China."

The Vatican has no diplomatic relations with China's communist regime which has remained hostile to papal appeals in the past.

In 1957, eight years after coming to power, the communist government in Peking established what was in effect a Catholic Church independent of the Vatican.

stepcousin, Mrs. Helen Dolan Wilson, by the Chicago archdiocese, according to her attorney.

Leonard Ring denied allegations published by The Chicago Sun-Times that Mrs. Wilson's \$300 monthly pension was based on false records.

He said that "as is the case with several other employees of the archdiocese — including some who had worked for the cardinal in other dioceses — her years of service as an employee of the Archdiocese of St. Louis were included in the benefit package for Mrs. Wilson."

The Chicago Sun-Times quoted Robert Norton, a spokesman for Aetna Insurance, as saying there were no contract provisions in the Chicago pension plans permitting the transfer of pension service credits from one archdiocese to another.

Nothing Fraudulent, Says Lawyer for Cody Cousin

Chicago (RNS) — There was nothing "unusual, fraudulent or mysterious" about the pension granted Cardinal John Cody's

Nestle Adopts New Guidelines

Washington (RNS) — The Nestle Company has distributed new policy guidelines to counter critics who mounted a boycott against the world's leading

supplier of infant formula.

The Swiss firm announced plans to bring its marketing practices in line with an international health code.

The code, governing the marketing of breastmilk substitutes, bars giving free formula samples to nursing mothers, mass marketing of formula to the general public, promotional schemes and the use of pictures with the product that glorify the use of infant formula over breast-feeding.

A spokesman for the Infant Formula Action Coalition (INFAC), one of the principal organizers of the boycott, was skeptical of the Nestle plan. Still, Rick Hove, INFAC Washington coordinator, said the policy guidelines were "a big step forward."

The group belongs to the International Boycott Committee whose members also include the National Council of Churches' Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. The international group met with Nestle officials to discuss ways of implementing the new policy.

But Pagan referred to the INFAC message as a "publicity gimmick."

"We do not intend to respond to the Telex or meet with them," he said. He complained that INFAC published its message before it was received by Nestle in Switzerland.

He said that the new policy instructions "have been sent to all Nestle managers and agents."



Smile Maker

Internationally acclaimed mime artist Bob Berkey entertains children from the School of the Holy Childhood and the Mary Cariola Residence Centers during a program sponsored by Nazareth College's Undergraduate Association and the Alumni Association at Nazareth Arts Center.

Father Walchars To Preach Retreat

Father John Walchars, SJ, will lead a retreat, "Lord, Who Are You?" April 30-May 2, at the Cenacle Center for Spiritual Renewal.

Private consultation with Father Walchars or a Cenacle Sister will also be available. Registration is 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 30. The program will end at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday. The donation fee is \$45 and reservations and further information are available by contacting the Cenacle, 693 East Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 14607: (716) 271-8755.

The program, open to both men and women, includes celebration of the Eucharist, conferences, sharing groups, and time for rest, reflection, and personal prayer.

Energy Aid Ready

Action for a Better Community's home energy assistance program (HEAP) will be taking applications for energy aid in the following suburban locations from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: in Brockport at 191 West Ave., today, Wednesday, March 24, and Thursday, March 25; in Gates at the town hall on Tuesday and Wednesday,

March 31. In order to apply for energy assistance, clients must bring their current fuel bill, identification for every household member, and proof of income for the past four weeks.

For more information, call 262-3402.

In announcing the guidelines, Rafael D. Pagan Jr., president of the Nestle Coordination Center for Nutrition, said, "This policy statement is a logical sequence to the unequal support given by Nestle to the principles and aim of the World Health Organization Code when it was adopted last year by the World Health Assembly."