

# People and Events Of the World and Nation

## Falkland Stalemate May Force Pope To Cancel Trip

London (RNS) — The Falkland Islands crisis might force Pope John Paul II to cancel his planned visit to Great Britain in May.

That was affirmed here by Cardinal George Basil Hume, archbishop of Westminster, who said that "if war breaks out" between Argentina and Great Britain, the pope would almost certainly cancel his visit to England, Wales and Scotland, scheduled May 28 to June 2.

A Vatican official in London said the papal visit would "almost certainly" be canceled, or at least postponed if the situation should get worse, or even negotiations become deadlocked.

The Vatican source said that the papal visit to Britain during the crisis would give the impression that the pope "was taking sides."

## U.S. Church Said Free to Evaluate Own Seminaries

Chicago (RNS) — The Vatican is giving the U.S. bishops committee charged with evaluating American seminaries a free rein in its preparations, according to the study's head.

"The Holy See is permitting wide latitude," said Bishop John A. Marshall of Burlington, Vt., in a talk to the seminaries department of the National Catholic Education Association.

"There has been nothing predetermined whether in methodology or agenda. I have absolutely nothing to hide."

Bishop Marshall, who assumed his committee role last September, said he expected the evaluation would be in full swing in the Fall of 1983 and would continue for five years.

## Lawmakers Dubious Tax Credit Bill Has Enough Votes

Washington (RNS) — President Reagan's recent proposal to provide tuition tax credits to parents with children in private schools has sent opponents and supporters of the plan scrambling to test the waters of congressional sentiment on the issue.

The prevailing political sentiment appears to be that the bill probably won't be able to muster the votes in Congress needed at a time when austerity is the cry. Church-state issues complicate the issue and arouse emotional debate.

The proposal would give a maximum tax credit up to \$500 to families with pupils in nonpublic elementary and high schools and who have incomes under \$50,000. A lesser amount would be available for families with incomes up to \$75,000. The credit would be phased in with \$100 in credits available by 1983, \$300 in 1984 and the limit in 1985.

Critics of the plan on the Hill, and even those who support tuition tax credits on principle, said the budget crisis will kill the bill's chances for a vote this year.

## Vatican, Hungary Agree to 5 Bishops After Envoy Visit

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II, with the approval of the Hungarian government, has named four new bishops and an archbishop there.

Announcement of the appointment followed a one-week visit to Hungary by Archbishop Luigi Poggi, the pope's special envoy to Eastern Europe.

In Budapest, the government said it had given "preliminary approval" to the appointment.

The new archbishop is Bishop Laszlo Paskai of Veszpren who becomes coadjutor with right of succession to 80-year-old Archbishop Jozsef Iijas of Kaposvar.

## More than 5,000 Deacons in U.S., Survey Discloses

Washington (RNS) — The number of permanent deacons in the American Catholic Church now tops 5,000 — a hundredfold increase in a decade.

The new total is 5,175, according to a report from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

(That total does not include the 24 permanent deacons ordained in Rochester on April 17.)

There are another 2,352 men preparing for the diaconate, Msgr. Ernest J. Fiedler, chairman of the NCCB Committee on the Permanent Diaconate, reported. He said the 1981 figures represent an increase of 519 deacons over 1980 and a decrease of 162 candidates.

The report revealed that 80 percent of the deacons are white, 5 percent black and 14 percent Hispanic; the largest group are in the 41-50 age group; 42 percent have completed college and 6 percent have an eighth grade education or less; 93 percent are married.

Chicago has more permanent deacons, 411, than any other diocese.

## Victoria Becomes 11th Diocese In Texas

Washington (RNS) — The Catholic Church has added another diocese in Texas, bringing to 11 the number in that state, Archbishop Pio Laghi, the apostolic delegate, has announced.

The new Victoria diocese will comprise 10 counties in southern Texas, formerly part of the San Antonio archdiocese and the Corpus Christi and Galveston-Houston dioceses. The area has a Catholic population of 115,000.

Auxiliary Bishop Charles V. Grahmann of San Antonio will head the new diocese.

## Founder of Order In Montreal to Be Canonized

Montreal (RNS) — Marguerite Bourgeoys, a French nun who founded the Congregation of Notre Dame here in the 17th Century, will become a saint of the Catholic Church later this year.

Dubbed the "Mother of New France," as Canada was known in its early history, Mother Bourgeoys will become the third Canadian religious figure to be honored by the Church.

In May, Mother Marie-Rose Dourucher, 19th Century foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, and Brother Andre Besette, founder of St. Joseph's Oratory, will be beatified in Rome.

Mother Bourgeoys' canonization has been set tentatively for Oct. 31 in Rome.

## Seminary Head Named Auxiliary For Cleveland

Washington (RNS) — Father Edward Pevec, rector of Borromeo College here, has been named an auxiliary of the Cleveland diocese.

The appointment was announced by Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate. He also revealed the resignation of Brooklyn Auxiliary Bishop Joseph P. Denning, who became 75 in January.

Father Pevec, 57, has been rector of the seminary college since 1979.



## Jubilant Day

Charles and Stella Falletta are flanked by their children, Father Falletta, Mrs. Dolores DiPietro, Mrs. Marie Kowalczyk and Father Joseph Falletta, during the festivities attendant on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mass concelebrated at St. Cecilia's Church by their sons and five other priests was followed by a party at Arena's Party House.

## Fr. Louis J. Hohman



The Open Window

## A Puzzle, A Sorrow

Several days ago I received a Xerox copy of some articles from the paper and also some parts from the Missal and they were sent by the Trinity Baptist Church: Christ for Catholics.

In view of the fact that there was no cover letter, it was difficult for me to understand at first what this particular person or persons were trying to get at.

Among the things Xeroxed were the article from the Democrat & Chronicle with the headline "Schism grows among Catholics over Latin v. modern Mass;" the ad for the traditional Latin Mass having the question, "Is your parish still Catholic?"; apparently a cover from a pamphlet entitled "The Mass is our only salvation." On the other side was a cover from a pamphlet titled, "The Roman Catholic Bible has the answer;" and there were two prayers from the Mass, both of which indicated that the priest is offering a sacrifice to God. The prayers were both quotations from the Tridentine Missal.

Eventually I came to the conclusion that this group of people was trying to say what has been said many times over the last 400 years; namely, that there is only one sacrifice and that is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary, that the sacrifice of the Mass is superfluous and simply not called for; and that the idea of a priest offering sacrifice is contrary to what the Bible tells us.

In response to this communication I would like first of all to say that in a time when we are trying to understand one another it seems to me as though all of us should be asking honest

may not expect the possibility of such a representation, there is no way of proving that it is not called for, especially in view of the fact that the tradition of it goes back to the earliest century of the Church. The terminology may seem to some (hopefully not people of bad will) to be not consonant with basic Christian belief but to others it is perfectly consonant. May we all seek more understanding and less controversy. It is only in search for unity that we will find the action of the Holy Spirit bringing us to unity.

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