



Reunion Planned

Members of the 1937 graduation class of St. Mary's School, Auburn, are invited to a 45th anniversary celebration at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 8, at the home of James Greene, 16 Teller Ave., Auburn. Any interested members of the class that have not yet been contacted, should call James Greene at (315) 252-8445, or Carmella Zambito Ianconis at (315) 252-3684.

**People and Events
Of the World and Nation**

**Must Take 'Risks,'
Pope Offers
Lebanese Service**

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II, saying that risk-taking was part of being a pope in today's world, declared that he would be willing to go to war-torn Lebanon "without delay" in the cause of peace.

"I affirm here publicly that I would be willing to travel without delay to the tortured land of Lebanon, if that were possible, for the cause of peace," the pontiff said at a meeting with cardinals and other members of the Roman Curia.

Defending his recent trips to Britain and Argentina, in the midst of armed conflict over the Falkland Islands, the pope said the trips were "atypical" because they took place under conditions which, in general, would have made a papal visit inadvisable.

But, he said, "these risks have by now become a part of the universal pastoral action of today's pope."

**Reagan Twice Axes
Bill Containing
Postal Rate Relief**

Washington (RNS) — President Reagan has now twice vetoed an "urgent" supplemental spending bill containing postal rate relief for religious and charitable mailers.

The stopgap spending bill included \$62 million to cover costs for the U.S. Postal Service to put nonprofit mailers back on a phased schedule of postal subsidy reductions. The entire subsidy was abruptly dropped in a budget-cutting move last year.

The president's rejection of the funds is the second blow to nonprofit publishers and fund-raisers this month. The recently passed budget compromise sets a ceiling for postal subsidies which may hike costs for these mailers by one third, beginning in October.

**House Democrats
Press Reagan on
Nuns' Deaths**

Washington (RNS) — House Democrats have again asked President Reagan to certify that the Salvadoran government is making progress in investigating the deaths of American citizens there as a condition for sending more U.S. aid.

U.S. law requires the president to certify every six months that El Salvador is making human rights progress for military

aid to continue. It also linked the certification last January to progress in bringing the slayers in U.S. citizens to trial.

Seven Americans — four Roman Catholic women missionaries, two labor advisors and a journalist — were murdered or disappeared in the last two years. Five guardsmen are being held in connection with the deaths of the missionaries but there has been no trial date set and no progress reported at all in the other cases, according to Rep. Gerry Studds of Massachusetts.

**Pope Said Planning
Intervention in
Vatican Dispute**

Vatican City (RNS) — Pope John Paul II will personally intervene in a labor dispute between the Vatican's Lay Employees Association and administrators headed by American Archbishop Paul C. Marcinkus, the association reported.

Mariano Cerullo, president of the 1,678-member group, said it had received a letter from Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, saying the pope would personally examine demands for salary hikes and other benefits and issue a document on the subject.

Association leaders have accused Archbishop Marcinkus of bargaining in bad faith. The group's leaders claim that the American and his six fellow commissioners look upon the association as a mere consulting organ, with no authority to represent the interests of the employees.

**Slowed Decline
Reported in
Number of Priests**

Vatican City (RNS) — Worldwide, the number of Roman Catholic priests declined in 1980 by about 0.6 percent, the lowest rate of decline 1971, the Vatican has reported.

In a summary of its Statistical Yearbook of the Church for 1980, the Vatican said the total number of priests at the end of 1980 was 413,000.

Expressing cautious optimism about the slowed-up overall rate of decline, the Vatican said that the number of major seminary students preparing for the priesthood had, on the other hand, increased by 1.6 percent in 1980 and by 5.8 percent since 1978.

In North America, however, there were 6.2 percent fewer seminary students in 1980 than in 1979. During the same period, the number of priests in North America decreased by 0.51 percent in 1980; in Central America by 3.33 percent and in South America by 0.70 percent.

**Unionism, Nestle Issues
In Hotel Takeover**

By John Dash

Church people figured prominently last week in an increasingly complex series of developments surrounding the renovation of a downtown Rochester hotel.

At issue is the takeover of the Americana Rochester hotel's lease from Wilmorite, Inc. by Stouffer Corp., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nestle, S.A., the Swiss-owned company being boycotted for its marketing practices in developing countries.

According to Father Donald J. Bauer, a Syracuse-based priest who has been involved in both the Nestle issue and in labor-management controversies, pressure will be laid on the Stouffer Corp. to "persuade the home office in Switzerland to follow the recommendations of Church people and INFACT (the leading U.S. organization involved in the Nestle boycott). If this succeeds, then Rochester will always be remembered as the one to put it over the top to save the lives of children of Third World countries."

On the union question, the priest said that Stouffer has demonstrated an anti-union stance throughout its chain. "It has an anti-union lawyer and an anti-union consulting firm," he said. He said that Stouffer practices show a pattern of anti-union activity and that he expected that pattern to be followed in Rochester.

The whole matter came to a head a week ago Friday when it was announced that the Americana would vacate its lease five days later, thus clearing the way for Stouffer to launch a \$14.5 million renovation of the State Street property.

Also, last Wednesday, the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development announced approval of a \$3 million Urban Development Action Grant to help pay for the renovation.

Carol Crossed, long-time promoter of the Nestle boycott in this area and a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist on Humboldt Street, was quoted as expressing disappointment with the UDAG announcement.

She later explained, "The present administration's policy is one that hurts the poor by helping the rich, more commonly known as the trickle-down theory. That's the way they play the game." She further said that anti-Nestle-marketing groups would oppose the use of government money to aid the Nestle project.

She and representatives of several religious and civic organizations met last Tuesday with Stouffer officials. She said that she had a sense the Stouffer's representatives were "overwhelmed by the intensity of the convictions" from the community representatives.

She said that it "was a great meeting — a clearing of the air, independent of the action we

took," in which participants were free to express convictions in a "friendly, not hostile" atmosphere.

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