

# World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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## Cardinal Stresses Bond

Baltimore — Cardinal Johannes Willebrands, president of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity, called for moving Catholic-Protestant dialogue beyond the stage of finding agreements to establishing full communion between denominations. The 73-year-old archbishop of Utrecht, the Netherlands, spoke Oct. 20 in Baltimore, delivering the first Peter Ainslie Lecture on Christian Unity, a lecture series on ecumenism sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Said Cardinal Willebrands, "The church is called to be itself a communion . . . a community of faith, of hope, of love."

## Annual Report Released

New York — The international community must take effective measures to end political killings by governments, Amnesty International said Oct. 26 in releasing its annual report. "In 1981 thousands of people were unlawfully and deliberately killed for political reasons, without any form of legal process, by order of their government or with its complicity," said the report, released in New York by the U.S. branch of the international human rights organization which has won the Nobel Peace Prize. The 367-page document reviews political imprisonment, torture and executions in 121 nations in 1981.

## Tax Credits a Priority

Washington — Tuition tax credits should be a priority in President Reagan's legislative program for the first session of the new Congress in 1983 if the current Congress fails to act on the matter, said U.S. Catholic Conference General Secretary Msgr. Daniel Hoye in a letter to Reagan. Msgr. Hoye also said he is gratified that the administration will press the issue in the special session of Congress scheduled for late November. Edward Anthony, director of the USCC Office for Educational Assistance, said his office remains "hopeful and confident that this issue is high on the list of priorities of the administration."

## World Hunger 'Ignored'

St. Paul, Minn. — Jesuit Father William J. Byron, president of the Catholic University of America, said in an interview with the Catholic Bulletin, archdiocesan paper of St. Paul-Minneapolis, that although nuclear warfare is the greatest threat to human life, people are giving too little attention to the second biggest threat — world hunger. With "people dying by the thousands every day" of starvation, he said the issue of world hunger is not given enough attention, especially in the United States. And the United States, as the acknowledged "breadbasket" of the world, should spearhead a movement to solve the problem.

## Policy Challenged

Bonita, Calif. — John Altomare, 21, a senior at Revelle College in San Diego, is challenging the school's policy of providing registration fee money to help pay for abortions. Altomare plans to file a federal complaint against the college, charging it with discrimination on "moral and religious grounds" and violation of his right to "ideological non-association." When Altomare, a member of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Chula Vista, Calif., submitted his registration fee with a statement prohibiting the possible use of the funds for abortions or related services, his check was returned with a letter from a university official saying his demands could not be met.

## Priest Answers Charges

Miami — Msgr. Bryan O. Walsh, director of Catholic Charities and executive director of Catholic Community Services in the Miami archdiocese, answered accusations from Governor Bob Graham of Florida that "serious problems exist in the Haitian Interim Placement Program." Msgr. Walsh said, "It is my judgment that under extremely difficult conditions, Catholic Community Services has accomplished the basic objectives of this program." The Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitation Services, however, released a survey that showed a majority of Haitians interviewed said they had not received adequate help from voluntary agencies. Msgr. Walsh said there were "certain deficiencies in the methodology" of the survey, such as simplistic questions.

## Archbishop Named

Washington — Pope John Paul II named Auxiliary Bishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati the new archbishop of that See. The appointment was announced Nov. 2 by Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate in the United States. Archbishop Pilarczyk, 48, was ordained a bishop in 1974 and has been a priest of the Cincinnati archdiocese for 23 years. From 1978 to 1981, he served as chairman of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Committee on Education.

## Names Make News

Virgil C. Dechant has been elected to a seventh term as the supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus. . . . Joining other religious leaders in Philadelphia, Cardinal John Krol has endorsed a nuclear weapons freeze. He called nuclear war "a crime against God and man and merits unequivocal condemnation."

# The Pope in Spain



▶ Pope John Paul II hugs four-year-old Ruth Gonzalez during ceremonies Nov. 1 in Alba de Tormes. The pontiff was greatly surprised to learn that the child was born on Oct. 16, 1978 — the same day that he was elected to become the 264th pope. (RNS photo)



▲ Pope John Paul II greets nuns at the Monastery of the Incarnation at Avila before celebrating Mass. (NC photo)



▲ Pope John Paul II elevates the monstrance during a Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Madrid. (NC photo)



▲ Pope John Paul II waves to Spanish bishops as he arrives at the altar to celebrate Mass outside the walls of the old Spanish city of Avila. Near the site of the Mass is the convent where St. Teresa of Avila spent much of her life. (NC photo)

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