

THE POPE

Preaching is Preeminent Task of Bishops

Following is excerpted from the text of Pope John Paul's address to the Spanish Bishops Conference in Madrid, Oct. 31. The translation is by NC News.

"Among the principal offices of bishops," we once again read in "Lumen Gentium," "preaching of the Gospel is outstanding."

This priority given to the episcopal task of preaching is a characteristic of the Second Vatican Council because, the council adds, "the bishops are preachers of the faith, who win new disciples for Christ and they are the authentic masters, that is, those who are endowed with the authority of Christ, who preach to the people entrusted to them the faith that has to be believed... When they teach in communion with the Roman pontiff they ought to be respected by all as witnesses of the divine and Catholic faith."



The people of God have need of bishops well aware of their mission and assiduous in it: to believers, so as to help them progress in their faith, to those who doubt or who are gone astray, in order to help them find firmness and security, and to those who have perhaps grown distant, in order to help them return to and live their closeness to the Lord.

The bishop has to lend such service to the truth and to Christian faith without ambiguity. I rejoice therefore that this service to the faith was chosen as the theme of your last plenary assemblies, as the foremost objective of your conference for the coming years.

In this regard, an important part of the episcopal function will consist today in applying the teachings of the last

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ecumenical council correctly, without deviations through defect or through excess, taking account of indications provided by subsequent papal documents, especially those that are the fruit of the labors of each synod of bishops.

Without anxieties, serenely, but with a lively recognition of a duty bound up with the mission received from God and sealed with the sacramental consecration, each bishop ought to allow himself to be questioned interiorly on those acts whereby this duty is performed: the attention, spirit of faith and love with which he announces God's word; the importance given to pastoral letters — and these ought to be substantial, adapted to the language of man of today, comprehensible and attractive. He should question himself on the way he employs the means of social communications, so that they may be true multipliers of the human word, a vehicle for the word of God; on the relations which he keeps up with theologians, both in order to stimulate them and, if it be necessary, to help them to correct any deviations. Happy is the bishop who gives sincere answers to these questions, so as to derive reasons for serenity, at least, if not of full satisfaction: the serenity of a duty fearlessly accomplished, without discouragement, without compromise. An im-

portant field where you can apply your service to the faith is that of a theological investigation and teaching of the sacred sciences. You have a grave responsibility, that the truth of doctrine and transmission of it may be respected in accord with the magisterium.

Consequently, you may not forget publications of a theological and moral character, which have so much influence on the faith of the people.

I know that you feel the responsibility of accomplishing this task. I know that you are watchful also to make sure of sound doctrine in catechesis and in religious textbooks. You should not let up in your commitment to this. A large part of Christian training of young people and adults depends on the care that you exercise in this regard.

I know that you are sensitive to the problems which your people have to face, problems which you know well. I ask God that your pastoral zeal may feel ever urged on to confront with lucidity of faith those doctrinal and moral questions which believers have to face at each historical moment.

For Christians may not leave their faith to one side at the moment of collaborating in the construction of the temporal city. They have to make their voices heard, in coherence with the values in which they believe, and with respect for others' convictions. We have only to think of defense and protection of life from conception on, of the steadfastness of marriage and the family, freedom of teaching, and the right to receive religious instruction in the schools, promotion of values affecting the morality of public life, and implanting justice in labor relations. These are important fields — among others — and the bishops may not fail to illuminate them with Christian light. For wherever man is suffering pain and sorrow, injustice, poverty and violence, there the voice of the church has to be heard, with her vigilant charity and the action of Christians.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUPS

NORTHWEST REGION

Bread of Life Community — Lee Haugh, 46 Sharon Dr., Rochester 14626. 225-6301; Community Center, Sunday.

Blessed Name of Jesus — Ed and Marge Claffey, 36 Sharon Dr., Rochester 14626, 225-0378; Monday, 8 p.m.

Chadash — Warren and Helen Lynch, 830 Clarkson-Hamlin Road, Hamlin 14464, 964-2498; Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Prayer Group — Dan and Betty Jerzak, 288 Beach Ave., Rochester 14612, 621-7418; Holy Cross School, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Joy in Jesus Prayer Group — Al Howe c/o St. Leo's, 167 Lake Ave., Hilton 14468, 392-8895; St. Leo's School of Religion, Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Martha and Mary Prayer Group — Elizabeth Van DeValk, 1001 N. Greece Road, Rochester 14626, 225-5587; Thursday, 12:45 p.m.

New Beginnings — Al and Sheila Smith, 27 Glenbrook Road, Rochester 14616, 663-9534; Friday, 8 p.m.

New Commandment Prayer Group — George Frank, 209 Nantucket Road, Rochester 14626, 225-8185; home of Muriel and Ed Schultz, 35 Kentwood Dr., Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus — Al and Pat Fleischer, 97 Morrow Dr., Rochester 14616, 663-8865; St. Lawrence, first Friday Mass and Friday Prayer Group, 8 p.m.

St. Charles Borromeo — Paul Gerwitz, 119 Jamestown Ter., Rochester 14615, 865-6745; Thursday, 8 p.m.

SOUTHWEST

Community of Love Prayer Group — Donna Bronzo, 50 Lexington Pkwy., Rochester 14624, 247-4396; St. Helen's School Library, Monday, 8 p.m. (alternate weeks with St. Theodore).

Glory of Yahweh Ministries — Robert and Betty Annchino, 111 Brittain Circle, Spencerport 14559, 352-9037.

Nativity Prayer Group — John Miller, 125 West Ave., Brockport 14420, 637-9367; parish center, Friday, 7:30 p.m.

Reachout — Ron and Anne Klein, 14 Clearview Dr., Spencerport 14559, 352-1526; Thursday, 8-10 p.m.

St. Augustine Prayer Group — Mrs. John Bunce, 115 Woodbine Ave., Rochester 14619, 235-0235; school auditorium, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Christopher — Paula Samere, 386 Elmgrove Road, Rochester 14606, 225-5651; parish center, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

St. Columba — Brian Harvey, 805 Hosmer Road, Churchville 14428, 538-6123; church basement, Saturday, 8 p.m.

St. Peter and Paul — Bob Whitehouse, 233 Stone Farm Road, Rochester 14626, 227-5430; Queen of Peace Chapel, Thursday, 7:15 p.m.

St. Pius X Prayer Community — Joan McTigue, 1015 Paul Road, Rochester 14624, 889-2134; library, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Living Water Prayer Group — Ellen Coffey, 85 Normandale Dr., Rochester 14624, 436-4492; St. Theodore's School AV room, Monday, 8 p.m. (alternates weeks w/St. Helen's).

NORTHEAST REGION

Bethlehem Prayer Community — Joseph Aman, 460 Hollywood Blvd., Webster 14580, 671-7297; St. Rita's, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Christ the King — Tom and Sue Groat, 20 Old North Hill, Rochester 14617, 544-9442; Christ the King, Monday, 8 p.m.

Church of the Annunciation — Mary Cappadonia, 149 Blakeslee St., Rochester 14609, 467-3780; Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Glory of the Risen Lord — Joyce White, 973 Peartree Lane, Webster 14580, 872-5462; St. Paul's, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Holy Spirit — Mrs. Marge Hart, 47 City View Dr., Rochester 14625, 381-7797; Holy Spirit, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Joyful Noise unto the Lord — Lynn Barrett, 49 Sherwood Ave., Webster 14580, 872-3043; Holy Trinity, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

St. Ambrose — Bob and Ruth Dodge, 46 Empire Blvd., Rochester 14609; 288-2930; St. Ambrose,



Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

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St. Cecilia — Joyce Mietekski, 50 Sandoris Cir., Rochester 14622, 342-5785; Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Philip Neri — Joseph Marmo, 110 Rustic St., Rochester 14609, 338-7708; St. Philip Neri, Tuesday, 8 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary — Lewis Proper, 155 Sèveille Dr., Rochester 14617, 544-6546; school religious ed room, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Fellowship — Georgette Ermatinger, 224 Shorewood Dr., Webster 14580, 671-5389; homechurch; call for information.

SOUTHEAST

Emmanuel — Judy Costello, 132 Illinois St., Rochester 14609, 654-9597; St. John's Convent, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.

Good Shepherd — Fran Thomas, 6 Cedarhurst Dr., West Henrietta 14586, 334-7377; Good Shepherd, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Heart of Jesus — Rod and Rosalie Magee, 2194 Main St. E., Rochester 14609, 482-5835; Thursday, 8 p.m.

House of Prayer for All People — Armand Tanguay, 311 Tobey Road, Pittsford 14534, 381-1949; Friday, 8 p.m.

Light of Christ — Tom Vallie, 16 Pinehill Dr., Pittsford 14534, 248-8388; home: St. Louis Manse, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Peace of Christ — Dick and Pat Pelino, 18 Nettlecreek Road, Fairport 14450, 223-2857; Friday, 8 p.m.

St. Anne — Ann Stehle, 61 Doncaster Road, Rochester 14623, 424-1841; St. Anne's, Thursday, 8 p.m.

St. Jerome — Kay Dianetti, 323 Magnolia Ave., East Rochester 14445, 586-0347; St. Jerome's,

Newark Little Flock Prayer Group — Jill and Linda Trout, 114 Ford St., Newark 14513, (315) 331-7697; St. Michael's, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.

Penn Yan Prayer Group — Henri Demoras, 112 Glencoe Ave., Penn Yan 14527, (315) 536-2432; private homes, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.

Seneca Falls Maranatha Prayer Group — Wallace and Lucy Briggs, 7 Pinehurst Dr., Seneca Falls 13148, (315) 568-8112; St. Patrick's school, Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.

Victor Spirit of Life — Sheila Cody, 1240 McMahon Road, Victor 14564, 924-3833; Thursday, 9:30 a.m.

Palmyra Prayer Group — Russ and Rita Goebert, 146 West Foster St., Palmyra 14522, 597-5365; Goebert home, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

SOUTHERN TIER

Corning The Anawim Community — House of Prayer, 161 State St., Corning 14830, (607) 936-4965; John McBride, (607) 936-3059; St. Mary's House of Prayer, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

St. Patrick's Prayer Group — Mike McHale, 226 West 3rd St., Corning 14830, (607) 936-8085; school, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Elmira St. Mary's Prayer Group — Bill Baker, 1502 Hickory Lane, Pine City 14871, (607) 743-9251; Marian Center, Sunday, 8 p.m.

St. Patrick's Prayer Group — Mrs. Angie Rice, 501 Columbia St., Elmira 14901, (607) 732-7997; Friday, 7:30 p.m.; 2nd Friday, Mass, St. Patrick's.

Groton Children of the Living God — Sheila Kingsley, 114 Fern Road, Groton 13073, (607) 898-3075; St. Anthony's Nursery, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

Horseheads One in Love Prayer Group — Sally Q. Ryan, 232 Bluejay Dr., Horseheads 14845, (607) 739-5514; St. Mary Our Mother school, last Thursday only, 7:30 p.m.

Ithaca Charismatic Prayer Group — Carl

Eichenlaub, 205 1/2 Pleasant St., Ithaca 14850, (607) 272-4186; G-22 Anabel Taylor Hall, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Immaculate Conception — Mary Kohm, 313 Warren Pl., Ithaca 14850, (607) 273-1353; school, Thursday, 8 p.m.

Owego

St. Patrick's Prayer Group — Jim Ross, Ballou Road, Owego 13827, (607) 687-4674; school, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. (also first Saturday Mass).

Waverly

Heart of Christ Prayer Group — Mrs. Lois Cullinan, 530 Fulton St., Waverly 14892, (607) 565-7867; St. James school, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

Watkins Glen

St. Mary's Prayer Group — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morin, 110 N. Jackson St., Watkins Glen 14891, (607) 535-6683; school, Wednesday, 8 p.m.

SPANISH

Circulo de Oracion — Julia Vasquez, 46 Florendin Dr., Henrietta 14467, 334-6678; Spanish Apostolate Office, Sunday p.m.

Holy Redeemer Prayer Group — Generosa Rivera, 137 Lincoln St., Rochester 14605, 325-3718; school hall, Friday, 7 p.m.

St. Michael Circulo de Oracion — Augustin Montañez, 18 Borinquen Plaza, Rochester 14605, 454-7669; St. Michael's, Thursday, 7 p.m.

YOUTH

Children's Prayer Group — Linda Gintoro, 31 Wood Ace Dr., Pittsford 14534, 359-2471; Good Shepherd Chapel Mass, 1st Friday and 3rd Tuesday summer, every Tuesday, 7 p.m.

King's Kids (6th-7th, 8th grades) — Jeff and Beth Mander, 148 Oak St., Brockport 14424, 637-2997; Thursday, 7 p.m.

St. Augustine — Denis and Michelle Conant, 280 Dewey Ave., Rochester 14608, 647-3674; rectory, Sunday, 7 p.m.

Reality (St. Leo) — Tom and Marilyn Ward, 116 Rolling Meadow Cir., Hilton 14468, 392-9507; Thursday, 7 p.m.

Reality (Trinity) — Ed Belles, 79 South Ave., Webster 14580, 265-9831; location varies, Monday, 7:30 p.m.