

THE POPE

Unemployment Is Ethical, Spiritual Problem

Following is excerpted from Pope John Paul II's address to the workers of Barcelona, Nov. 7.

Prolonged unemployment gives rise to insecurity, lack of initiative, frustration, irresponsibility and lack of trust in society and in oneself. Capacities for personal development are atrophied, enthusiasm and love for the good are lost, family crises and desperate personal situations break out, and so there is an easy fall — especially on the part of the young — into drugs, alcoholism and crime.



It would be false and deceptive to consider this distressing problem — which has become endemic throughout the world — as the product of passing circumstances or as a purely economic and socio-political problem. It is really an ethical problem, a spiritual problem, because it is a symptom of a moral disorder existing in society when the hierarchy of value is broken.

Through its social magisterium the church recalls that the ways to a just solution of this grave problem demand a revision of the economic order as a whole. Comprehensive planning of economic production, not simply planning by sectors, is needed. The correct and rational organization of work is necessary, not only on the national level, but also on the international level. The solidarity of all working men is needed for this.

The state must not resign itself to having to tolerate chronic high unemployment. The creation of new jobs must constitute for it a priority as much economic as political. But businessmen and workers together have to help in overcoming the lack of jobs. The former have to keep up the production rate of their factories, the latter should attend to their work with due efficiency and be disposed through solidarity to give up "double" jobs and recourse systematic use of overtime, which reduces the possibility of providing work to others.

An economy that is at the service of man must be created by all possible means. To overcome clashes between private and collective interests, to overcome egoisms in the struggle for subsistence, a real "change of attitude" is demanded of all, a change in lifestyle, minds and wills, a conversion of man to the truth about man.

I have dwelt particularly on this matter because it is so topical. I know that you are preoccupied by many other problems concerning wages, health conditions at work, protection against accidents at work, the role of the labor unions, management and profit sharing, and proper protection of workers coming from other places.

These are complex problems and they are vital for you. But I would repeat once again: do not forget that the primary characteristic of labor is that of uniting humanity. "This is what its social power consists in: the power to construct a community." Base yourselves on that and on the great Christian values which enliven you. Take your serenity and confidence with you to your places of work. Brighten your surroundings with charity and hopes. In this way it will be easier for you to find the right solutions.

Allow me now, dear men and women workers of Spain, to address my words to another class of workers in Spain: businessmen, industrialists, top administrators, qualified experts in socio-economic life and backers of industrial complexes.

I invite you to reflect upon the Christian concept of enterprise. I would remind you above all that there is a deeper problem, above and beyond technical and economic aspects in which you are masters. I mean the moral dimension. Economics and technology really have no meaning unless they have reference to man, whom they must serve.

Work is actually for man, not man for work. Consequently, enterprise is for man and not man for enterprise.

An indispensable requirement for a society seeking to be a just society is that it overcome the unnatural and illogical antinomy between capital and labor, which has been often artificially sharpened by programmed class struggle. This requirement is based on the primacy of man over things. Only man — entrepreneur and worker — is subject to work and is a person. Capital is nothing but "a conjunction of things."

You well know that the economic world has been suffering a great crisis for some time. The social question has turned from a "class" problem into a "world" problem. Development of energy sources and the effect of strong political interests in this field have created fresh problems. These have led to doubts about certain economic structures until recently considered indispensable and untouchable, making the running of them ever harder.

In the face of such difficulties, do not waver, do not doubt your mission. Do not fall into the temptation to give up business, to shut down, to devote yourselves egoistically to calmer and less demanding professional activities. Overcome such temptations to escape, and keep on bravely at your posts, trying to give a more humane face every day to your enterprise and keeping in mind the great contribution you make to the common good when you open up fresh work possibilities.

Major errors were committed by entrepreneurs during the development of the industrial revolution in the past. But that is no reason for failing, dear industrialists, to give public recognition and praise to your dynamism, your spirit of initiative, your iron wills, your creative capacities and your ability to take risks. These qualities have made you key figures in economic history and in confronting the future.

Because of its intrinsic dynamism, enterprise is called to perform a social function, under your drive, and this social function is profoundly ethical. It is that of contributing to the perfecting of man, of every man without any discrimination by creating conditions making work possible and enabling it to be work, at the same time, in which personal capacities can be developed. In this way effective and reasonable production of goods and services can be attained, and the worker should thus be able to feel that he is really working at "something of his own."

So, an enterprise is not just an organism, a production structure. It should also transform itself into a life community, a place where a man lives with and relates with his peers, where personal development is not only allowed but encouraged as well. Is not the main enemy of the Christian sense of enterprise perhaps a certain functionality that makes efficiency the one and only and the immediate requirement for production and work?

Work relations are first of all relations among human beings. They cannot be measured by the sole rule of efficiency. You yourselves, dear men of enterprise here present, if you wish your professional activity to be consistent with your faith, should not conform to the rule of "making things work," of making them be efficient, productive and effective; seek rather that the fruits of your enterprise redound to the good of all through the overall promotion of man and the personal perfection of those who work at your side, collaborating with you.

Anglican, Catholic Officials Hold Talks at Vatican

By Father Kenneth J. Doyle

Vatican City (NC) — Catholic and Anglican officials held a preliminary meeting at the Vatican in November to plan a second phase of the ecumenical activities which began in 1970 with the formation of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission.

A Vatican press release said the meeting was held Nov. 9-10 at the offices of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity.

Last May 29, Pope John Paul II and Anglican Archbishop Robert Runcie of Canterbury, England, signed a common declaration pledging the two churches to work toward full unity. The declaration envisioned a new commission to build on the work of the commission formed in 1970 to discuss theological issues which unite and divide the churches.

The declaration said that the mandate of the new commission would be "to examine, especially in the

light of our respective judgments on the Final Report, the outstanding doctrinal differences which still separate us, with a view toward their eventual resolution; to study all that hinders the mutual recognition of the ministries of our communions; and to recommend what practical steps will be necessary when, on the basis of our unity in faith, we are able to proceed to the restoration of full communion."

The Final Report mentioned in the declaration is the document written by the old Anglican-Catholic commission and published in March after being reviewed by the top authorities of both churches. The Final Report delineated broad doctrinal agreement and envisioned a united church, with the bishop of Rome as "universal primate."

The Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith praised the progress achieved in the report and recommended continued dialogue, but noted that substantial agreement did not yet exist on some elements essential of the Catholic faith.

Members of the new

commission will be chosen within the next few months, said the press release, which foresees the first meeting for

the second half of 1983.

The release said the commission would operate

according to the mandate contained in the common declaration signed by the pope and Abp. Runcie.

NFP Program Growth Termed 'Significant'

Washington (NC) — The program approved by the U.S. bishops to introduce Natural Family Planning as a continuing service in the country's dioceses has under-

gone "significant growth and development" in the past year, said Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan of Atlanta.

In a report Nov. 17 to the annual Fall meeting of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, Abp. Donnellan, a member of the bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities, said 143 dioceses have already appointed diocesan coordinators to oversee implementation of the plan.

"Also, in cooperation with the Catholic Health Association, a survey of Natural Family Planning programs in Catholic hospitals has been conducted," the archbishop said. "About one-third of the 633 Catholic hospitals have some type of NFP program. Several of those without a program, however, have indicated an interest in developing programs especially in cooperation with a diocesan coordinator."

2 NFP Meets Called Off

Two Natural Family Planning Information Sessions have been canceled.

The session planned for this evening, Dec. 15, at Lakeside Hospital, Brockport, and the one scheduled for Friday, Dec. 17, at St. Mary's School Library in Canandaigua, have been called off.

Another session, free and open to the public, has been listed from 7:30 to p.m., Friday, Jan. 28, at the Canandaigua school library.

Further information is available from NFP, 464-8705.

Carrier

Heating & Cooling Service & Installations

Gas & Oil Furnace
Central Air & Heat Pumps
Electronic Air Cleaners

JOHN BETLEM INC.
CALL PAUL
271-8888
898 Clinton Ave. So.

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

THOSE WHO WISH TO HAVE ARRANGEMENTS CARRIED OUT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IDEALS OF THEIR FAITH CAN RELY UPON THE FUNERAL DIRECTORS LISTED TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES WITH SYMPATHETIC CARE AND ATTENTION.

ROCHESTER	PENFIELD	IRONDEQUOIT
<p style="text-align: center;">Ashton-Smith Funeral Home Inc. 1210-1218 Culver Road Rochester, NY 14609 (716) 482-6260</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Nulton Funeral Home <i>Malcolm M. Nulton</i> 1704 Penfield Road Penfield, NY 14526 (716) 381-3900</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">May Funeral Home <i>(Formerly Miller Bros.)</i> <i>George L. May Jr.</i> 2793 Culver Rd. (716) 467-7957</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Corbett Funeral Home, Inc. <i>Roger G. Blakeslee</i> 109 West Avenue Rochester, NY 14611 (716) 235-2000</p>	<p style="margin: 0;">GREECE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Younglove-Smith Funeral Home 1511 Dewey Avenue Rochester, N.Y. 14615 (716) 458-6200</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Edward H. Dreier Funeral Home <i>Edward H. Dreier</i> 1717 Portland Avenue Rochester, NY 14617 (716) 342-8500</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Crawford Funeral Home Inc. <i>R. Kenneth and David P. Crawford</i> 495 N. Winton Road Rochester, NY 14610 (716) 482-0400</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Vay and Schleich Funeral Home Inc. <i>"Greece's Largest and Most Complete Facilities"</i> 2692 Dewey Avenue Greece, NY 14616 (716) 683-5827</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Schauman Funeral Home Inc. <i>Edwin Sulewski</i> <i>Jean Michaels</i> 2100 St. Paul Street Rochester, NY 14621 (716) 342-3400</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Younglove-Smith Funeral Home 1511 Dewey Avenue Rochester, N.Y. 14615 458-6200</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thurston Funeral Home 2636 Ridgeway Avenue Greece, NY 14626 (716) 227-2700 <i>John L. Lioi</i> Managing Director</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Paul W. Harris Funeral Home Inc. 570 Kings Highway South <i>(corner Titus)</i> (716) 544-2041</p>