

World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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World

Pastoral Letter Progressing

Vatican City — The Vatican states that bishops have authority to speak out on nuclear issues and Archbishop Joseph Bernardin says he foresees "no substantive" changes in revision of the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace. More details, Page 1.

Pope Asks Clemency

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II has asked clemency for inmates sentenced to death, especially political prisoners. Vatican Press Office Director Father Romeo Panciroli said it was the first time that Pope John Paul has spoken against the death penalty. More details, Page 3.

No Just Nuke War

Vienna, Austria — There is "no cause that would morally justify" nuclear war, said an international, interfaith group of religious leaders at the end of a three-day conference with scientists. Saying that "the future of humanity" is at stake, they called for "urgent actions" by nations to eliminate nuclear arms from the world. Called by Cardinal Franz Koenig of Vienna and Father Theodore Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University, the conference was attended by representatives of the Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Moslem faiths as well as delegates from various national academies of science.

IRA Killers Castigated

Belfast, Northern Ireland — At the funeral Mass for a Catholic judge killed by Irish Republican Army gunmen, Bishop Cahal B. Daly of Down and Connor said those who belong to the IRA "cut themselves away from the community of love which is the Christian church."

He spoke at the funeral of County Court Judge William Doyle, 56, who was gunned down outside the church which was the site of the funeral Mass, St. Brigid's.

"His religion was irrelevant to us," said the IRA, in a statement issued after the shooting. Doyle was a "token Catholic," said the IRA, "a key figure in Britain's oppressive occupation machine."

The bishop said, "This foul deed blasphemes in its desecration of human life, created in God's image and likeness, created through love and for love." He said the murder was particularly blasphemous because it came as the judge was leaving the parish church after Mass.

Speaking of the perpetrators, he said, "By their words of hate and their policies of murder, they cut themselves away from . . . the Christian church."

Nation

Rostow Firing Explained

Washington — The firing of President Reagan's chief arms control aide, Eugene V. Rostow, was defended by Reagan as a streamlining of his administration's arms control efforts and not a policy shift.

All Lies, Pravda Says

United Nations — Allegations that the Soviet Union and Bulgaria were involved in the 1981 attempt to assassinate Pope John Paul II are "utterly absurd" lies concocted by the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, said the Soviet Communist Party newspaper Pravda.

Free Tuition for Jobless

Cincinnati — A total of 490 unemployed persons have responded to an offer by the College of Mt. Joseph in Cincinnati of one tuition-free course in the 1983 Spring semester.

Courses in computer science, accounting and management were the first filled. Persons have to live within a 75-mile radius of the college, have been employed full-time for three years at some point in their lives and have become out of work within the past 12 months.

Those responding to the offer must present proof of their unemployment and have to pay parking and book fees. The courses cost would cost about \$300 each.

People

Names Make News

Pope John Paul II thanked Rome's Communist mayor Jan. 20 for the city's "prompt availability" to help prepare for the 1983 Holy Year which begins March 25. He also told Mayor Ugo Vetere that the Church will cooperate on local problems, such as unemployment, drug abuse and terrorism . . . The pope has named Auxiliary Bishop Stanley J. Ott of New Orleans to be the bishop of Baton Rouge. He succeeds Bishop Joseph V. Sullivan who died in September.

Focus on Today's World



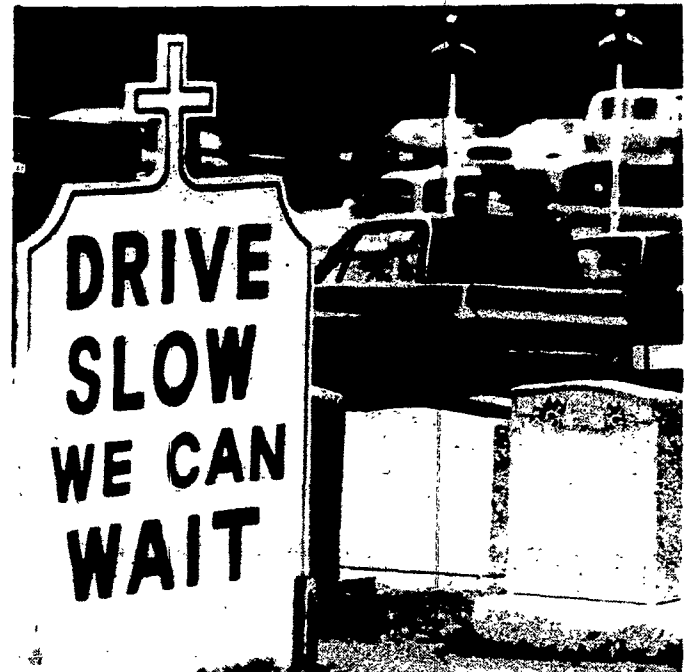
Divine Word Father Anthony Zimmerman walks through a section of a Buddhist temple filled with little stone statues called "mizuko" or "water babies." The statues are placed there by parents of aborted fetuses who feel sorrow over their abortions. Father Zimmerman said there are about two million abortions a year in Japan. (NC photos)



▶ A monument company in Middletown, Conn., offers a reminder to drivers passing by. (NC photo)



◀ Sister Maria Copal, a member of the Sisters of the Cross of the Good Shepherd in St. Paul, Minn., prepares batter on a hot plate that will be pressed and baked and eventually cut into the familiar round wafers for Communion in more than 700 parishes, nursing and retirement homes in six states. The order turns out more than 8.5 million wafers a year. (NC photo)



Cross Erected

Photo by Terrance J. Brennan

Up some 50 feet above the ground, Father John Norris, left, witnesses the placing of the cross on the new church at Assumption in Fairport. The structure will have a seating capacity of 700 according to Father Norris, who also stated that the opening of the church is scheduled for early March with official dedication ceremonies by Bishop Clark set for May 15. Positioning the cross are Local 33 ironworkers Richard Greene and Bill Wenzel.

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