

# World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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## World

### Diocese Denounces Funds

Vancouver, British Columbia — Catholic agencies in the Vancouver archdiocese will not accept funds from the United Way campaign this year because United Way has made Planned Parenthood a member, Archbishop James Carney announced. In a pastoral letter, the archbishop said Planned Parenthood supports such "emergency measures" as the intrauterine device (IUD) and the "morning-after pill." Critics say that if conception takes place, these measures will abort the newly-conceived human life. While rejecting United Way funds for 1983, the Catholic agencies (Catholic Charities and Catholic Community Services) have not formally withdrawn from United Way. Archbishop Carney hopes there can be resolution of the issue within a few months.

### Army Action Protested

Bethlehem, Israel — An official of Bethlehem University, a Vatican-sponsored institution, has issued a protest after a late night entry into the university grounds and buildings by Israeli soldiers, who confiscated posters, papers, photos, books and notebooks. In a statement released to the press, Christian Brother Robert Daszkiewicz, academic vice president, attacked "this dark nighttime invasion," calling it an example of "intrusive and restrictive measures which harass higher education in the occupied territory." The incident occurred Jan. 13 at 11:30 p.m., and the soldiers finally left the university at 3 a.m. In December, Israeli authorities ordered five lecturers at the university to stop teaching because of disagreements over the signing of a pledge opposing the Palestine Liberation Organization.

### CRS Donates \$25,000

New York — Catholic Relief Services (CRS) announced a \$25,000 contribution to aid flood victims in the Ecuadoran province of Los Rios. The funds will be used to purchase food on the local market, transport donated foods and buy \$10,000 worth of needed antibiotics. Also, seeds, tools and fertilizers will be purchased for the rehabilitation which is expected to begin next month. The floods are the result of a month of rain which has rendered the entire coast of Ecuador an emergency zone. An estimated 200,000 people were affected by the floods which caused \$52 million worth of agricultural damage, including the loss of the rice, soy and corn crops. — From Catholic Relief Services.

## Nation

### Women's League Criticized

Springfield, Ill. — Bishop Joseph A. McNicholas of Springfield, who once served on membership drives for the League of Women Voters, sharply criticized the league for its endorsement of abortion rights. In his weekly column Jan. 30 in the diocesan newspaper, Time and Eternity, Bishop McNicholas said the league was aligning itself "with the forces favoring the killing of the unborn" in its endorsement, announced shortly before the 10th anniversary of the Supreme Court's abortion decisions. "You're not going to sit on the sidelines," the bishop wrote of the league, "but you're going to root for the killers by saying 'kill, if that's your choice.'"

### 'Ad Limina' Visits Set

Washington — Msgr. Daniel Hoyer, general secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, said in a memorandum to all U.S. bishops that the Vatican has reserved 13 weeks during 1983 for them to make "ad limina" visits to Pope John Paul II. Church law requires all bishops who head dioceses to make personal reports to the pope every five years on the state of their sees. The phrase "ad limina" means "to the threshold" of the apostles, a reference to the tombs of Sts. Peter and Paul in Rome. The 13 time slots reserved for the bishops begin in April and occur in each of the remaining months of the year except August.

### Catholic Bishops Lauded

Indianapolis — The administrative committee of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has applauded the U.S. Catholic Bishops for initiating a public discussion on the war and peace issue. The church committee, at a meeting here Feb. 1, noted that important issues remain to be considered and that devoted Christians may disagree on the conclusions of the Catholic bishops' pastoral letter. But the committee said it would urge disciples to study the letter "in the hope that the whole church will find its way toward faithful discipleship in the search for 'peace with justice.'" Rev. Robert A. Thomas, president of the Disciples' division of overseas ministries, said that "all of us should thank God" that the Catholic bishops' work is attracting the attention of Congress and President Reagan. The bishops' proposed letter is in its third draft and is scheduled for discussion and vote at a special meeting in Chicago in May.

# Focus on Today's World



▲ Isabel Mascarenas, a senior at Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School in Miami, teaches "London Bridge" to children in Nan Palan, Haiti. Isabel was

part of a lay missionary group called Amor en Accion (meaning "Love in Action") which makes trips to Haiti during vacation time. (NC photo)



▲ Morris Verschaeve, a member of St. Philip Neri parish in Hawthorne, Fla., removes a crucifix from the wrecked church after a series of tornados swept across north central Florida. The parish is 98 years old. (NC photo)



▲ Cardinal Opilio Rossi, left, proto-deacon of the College of Cardinals, places a pallium on the shoulders of Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago during a Vatican ceremony. Also receiving the pallium was Archbishop Raymond Piarczyk of Cincinnati. The white wool pallium is a symbol of a bishop who heads a metropolitan see. (NC photo)

## the Saints by Luke

### ST. THEOTONIUS



THEOTONIUS WAS BORN IN GANFEI, PORTUGAL IN 1082. HE WAS ATTRACTED EARLY TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE, EDUCATED AT COIMBRA, AND THEN ORDAINED.

THEOTONIUS ENGAGED IN PASTORAL WORK AT VISEU, WHICH HE REFORMED. HE LATER MADE A PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, AND REFUSED A BISHOPRIC OFFERED BY THE QUEEN, WHOM HE LATER REBUKED PUBLICLY FOR HER AFFAIR WITH A COUNT.

THEOTONIUS MADE A SECOND PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND AND ON HIS RETURN, HE JOINED THE CANONS REGULAR OF ST. AUGUSTINE AT COIMBRA IN 1136. HE BECAME PRIOR OF THEIR MONASTERY AND LATER WAS MADE ABBOT.

THEOTONIUS DIED AT COIMBRA IN 1162 AND WAS VENERATED FOR HIS HOLINESS AND CONCERN FOR THE POOR, HIS PERSUASION OF KING ALPHONSO TO RELEASE THE MOZARABIC CAPTIVES, AND HIS INSISTENCE ON STRICT OBSERVANCE OF LITURGICAL PRACTICES. HIS CULT WAS APPROVED BY POPE BENEDICT XIV. HIS FEAST IS FEB. 18.

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