

Pope Will Visit Homeland With New Evidence in Hand



Trip Emphasis: Religious and Political

Vatican City (NC) — The Vatican officially confirmed that Pope John Paul will visit Poland June 16-22 and listed the cities he will visit.

Along with its official announcement of the trip, the Vatican press office released a communique from the Polish bishops conference, dated the same day. The communique announced the pope's acceptance of their invitation and named the sites of papal stops during his week-long return to his homeland.

The sites to be visited are Warsaw, Niepokalanow, Jasna Gora, Poznan, Piekary Slaskie, Wroclaw, Gora Wzietej Anny and Cracow, where the pope was archbishop before his election to the papacy.

The stops demonstrate the religious emphasis of the visit. At Niepokalanow is the monastery where Franciscan Father Maximilian Kolbe lived. He was canonized last October. Piekary Slaskie, a town in the mining region of Silesia, has a Marian shrine. On a mountaintop in central Poland, Gora

Swietej Anny is a pilgrimage center dedicated to St. Anne. The monastery of Jasna Gora is the home of the revered image of Our Lady of Czestochowa, the patroness of Poland.

But the religious stress will have strong political implications as well in the nation where the Catholic Church for years has been the strongest institution critical of government policies. In the Silesian region, labor unrest frequently boils to the surface. The shrine at Jasna Gora is a symbol of popular allegiance to the Church in the face of the Communist government.

Henryk Jablonski, president of Poland, said that the pope's visit would be "favorable for the good of the homeland, the Socialist Polish state, for national accord begun in the country, and for the further normalization of relations between state and Church."

He added that the visit would favor "preserving peace, checking the arms race and preventing a nuclear disaster."

N.Y. Times: KGB Linked Anew to Plot

New York (NC) — A Bulgarian defector has added one more link to the theory that the Soviet Union was behind the plot to kill Pope John Paul II in 1981, the New York Times reported March 23.

The Times said the defector, Jordan Mantarov, has told French authorities that the plot to kill the pope was drawn up by the KGB and by the Bulgarian secret police because they believed the pope was the "keystone" of a U.S. effort to move the Polish government away from the Communist bloc.

The KGB thought the pope's election in 1978 was engineered by Zvigniew Brzezinski, who was then President Carter's national security adviser, the Times said Mantarov told authorities.

It was not the first time that Moscow has been linked to the papal assassination attempt, but the Times said that Mantarov's account is the first report from a Bulgarian defector who was in an official position at the time of the shooting.

Mantarov was an attache at the Bulgarian embassy in Paris. According to the Times, he told French authorities after his defection in the summer of 1981 that he was a close friend of Dimiter Savov, a high-ranking official in the counterintelligence division of the Bulgarian secret service.

The Times said the French believe Mantarov because other information he provided had proved accurate. According to the Times, Savov told Mantarov "about growing alarm in Communist intelligence agencies that the pope had been chosen as an instrument to help disrupt his native Poland." After the election of the pope, Russia conveyed to the Bulgarians the desire to "eliminate" the pope and the assignment was given to the Bulgarian secret service.

The report said that Savov told Mantarov that Mehmet Ali Agca, who fired the shots wounding the pope, was chosen. He was known throughout the world as a rightist with no links to any Communist country.

Bishop Will Ordain Patrick Leo Connor

Bishop Matthew H. Clark will ordain Patrick Leo Connor a priest 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 8, at St. Michael's Church, Newark. The ordination theme, taken from Isaiah's prophecy of the messianic kingdom, is "And the lion shall lay down with the lamb."

The ordinand is the son of James and Helen Connor of Avoca. Also in his immediate family are brothers Michael, Mark and Brian, and grandmother Anna Connor.

He grew up in Lacka-

wanna, attending Our Lady of Victory Grammar School and Father Baker High School. He graduated from Morris Country Junior College of Dover, N.J., with a degree in liberal arts, and worked the next four years as a laborer in the Erie-Lackawanna Railway Diesel Shops in Hornell.

In 1976 the ordinand entered Becket Hall at St. John Fisher College to complete his college degree and begin formal studies for the priesthood. He graduated from St. John Fisher in 1978

with a double major in communications/journalism and religious studies. He entered St. Bernard's Seminary for graduate work in theology, and after the seminary closed in 1982, completed his last year of theology at Theological College of Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

He has variously worked as a dairyman, cook, journalist, teacher, laborer and railroad tower operator. His studies have also included Clinical Pastoral Education at Loretto Geriatric Center in Syracuse, part-time work with the Office of Justice and Peace, a summer placement at St. Francis Xavier in Rochester, diaconal work at St. Vincent de Paul in Washington, and a term of deacon-internship at St. Michael's under the direction of Father Edward Steinkirchner, pastor and director of the intern program.

In addition, the ordinand has studied Spanish language and culture and has worked with the Spanish com-



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Following the ordination, a reception will be held in the school gymnasium to which the public is invited

Father Connor will celebrate his first Mass 5:30 p.m., Saturday, April 9, at St. Michael's. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving 11:15 a.m., Sunday, April 11, at St. Joachim's Church, Canisteo. The public is invited also to the Masses.

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Pancakes and More Pancakes

Carla Amato, sophomore class president; Ms. Sheila Chatterton, moderator, Beth Graham, class secretary, and Christopher Inzinga, treasurer, coordinated the annual Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 6, at Cardinal Mooney. Co-sponsors of the event, a fundraiser for the sophomore class, were Perkins' Restaurants and Buckman Dairy. Proceeds from the breakfast will be used in two ways: for class activities and as donations to a charitable cause. Perkins' personnel were aided in serving 450 hungry customers by class members who donned Perkins' hats and aprons.

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John Paul tells us often of the need to repent and be renewed for our own sake, and to obtain true peace with justice. He especially recommends the rosary and proper devotion to the Blessed Virgin who gave a similar message at Fatima, Portugal, in the predawn of our dangerous nuclear age.

I desire peace for all, and so resolve to:

- Pray at least a weekly rosary.
- Do without a "Favorite Thing" for the entire Holy Year.
- Think about the need to act for Social Justice.

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