



Warheads Arrive

While one sheriff's deputy carries a protester off the tracks, a second officer, left, urges another to leave as a freight train believed to be carrying 100 nuclear warheads nears its destination, the Trident submarine base at Bangor, Wash. (NC photo from UPI)



Mystery Play

Hans Polokofski of the Munich Mystery Players portrays Christ in the Crucifixion scene from "The Mystery of the Holy Mass" at St. Adelaide Church, Highland, Calif. The play, written in 1650 by Pedro Calderon de la Barca, is being performed at parishes throughout the San Bernardino Diocese by the German Troupe. (NC photo)

Business in Diocese



George Noeth, left, manager of the Greece Gallery of John T. Nothnagle, Inc., receives a trophy from Raymond A. Nothnagle for the first office, in sales, for 1982 of all 16 offices.

Students Get Crosses

Hornell — The 36 members of the St. James Mercy Hospital School of Nursing freshman class received gold crosses in ceremonies March 20 at St. Ignatius Loyola Church. The crosses signify completion of their first semester of nursing studies. Awards were presented to two class members during the ceremonies. Barbara Burgess of Hornell won the Reidman Insurance Agency Award. Established 13 years ago, the award is presented to a student who has scholastic ability and financial need. The award is worth \$450 over the three-year course of instruction. Concetta Reale of Canisto won the Jan R. Travis Award, which goes to a student who notably demonstrates humanitarianism toward other class members.

Site Announced For Hearings on Nuclear Letter

The diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission announced last week that St. Anne's school auditorium, 151 E. Henrietta Road, will be the site for the diocesan hearings on the U.S. bishop's pastoral letter on nuclear war.

The hearing will be convened 7:30 p.m., April 20, by Bishop Matthew H. Clark. In a recent letter to all diocesans, Bishop Clark said:

"In the past few months, many people have shared their opinions with me. It is evident that interest runs high. It is also clear that there are divergent points of view on this important topic. As one bishop, among hundreds, I cannot promise to present all points of view to the American bishops in Chicago; but I know that the process of developing this pastoral letter has enlightened me and can enlighten all of us. The process consists in listening to God and to each other."

The bishop asked interested parties to register for time during the hearing.

Available time is growing shorter. Lourdes Perez-Albuerne said last week. She also encouraged those who wish to speak to register as soon as possible.

Organizers of the event have stated, "Requests will be handled on a first come, first served basis because there is only a limited amount of time for people to speak. Those persons representing an organization or group will be given priority over individuals speaking only for themselves, but all who wish are encouraged to request time."

In addition, five "focus questions" have been formulated and speakers have been asked to limit their remarks to those points.

The "focus questions" are:

- What are the bishops saying their role in issues of war and peace is; and do you agree with their stated position?

- The bishops outline two positions which are part of the Church tradition regarding war: the pacifist position and the just-war theory. What specific suggestions could you offer them regarding these areas?

- Currently, the two super powers, the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A., base their nuclear

strategy on deterrence. The bishops in their pastoral try to take a look at deterrence from a moral and ethical point of view. What specific things would you want to offer as suggestions for the bishops to take a look at on this issue?

- Given the reality of the existence of nuclear weapons and their vast power of destruction which threatens God's creation, how does your faith influence your way of thinking and acting in the midst of this reality?

- The final part of the document tries to outline in a specific way some of its content to certain groups of persons. Should a careful examination of the principles outlined in the document have any impact on my behavior toward my neighbor, my job, my country; and how do I feel about this?

Copies of excerpts of the second draft of the bishops' pastoral are available from the commission. Persons wishing to register for time at the hearing are also asked to contact the diocesan International Justice and Peace Commission, 750 West Main St., Rochester, N.Y. 14611; (716) 328-6400.

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