

# World, Nation, People... in Brief

## World

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### Constitution Criticized

**Durban, South Africa** — Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban, South Africa, president of the Southern Africa Catholic Bishops' Conference, has criticized a proposed constitutional change which would allow Indians and coloreds (people of mixed race), but not blacks, in the South African Parliament. The proposal would provide segregated houses of Parliament for the whites, Indians and coloreds. Archbishop Hurley said he believed the only just system for South Africa would be a "one man, one vote" majority rule. He also said the proposed change was an attempt to get the world to believe the country is moving away from apartheid, the system of strict racial segregation established by South Africa's white-minority government.

### Abortion Amendment OK'd

**Dublin, Ireland** — The Dail (Irish Parliament) has passed a constitutional amendment, backed by the Catholic bishops, which prohibits the Dail or Supreme Court from approving abortion legislation. The toughly worded amendment, approved 87-13, was criticized by Health Minister Barry Desmond, who said, "This almost all-male and almost all-Catholic Dail seems determined...to impose its moral values and medical criteria on the women of Ireland for decades to come. Shame on those of us who did so today."

### Lefebvre Near Acceptance?

**Tulsa, Okla.** — Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, suspended by Pope Paul VI for ordaining priests in defiance of a direct papal prohibition, said he expects the Vatican to issue a decree May 15 which will bring it closer to accepting his position regarding the liturgy. "I think we are much closer" to resolving the 15-year-old dispute, the French-born archbishop said in an interview while in Tulsa to administer Confirmation and dedicate St. John Fisher Church, the only church in Oklahoma for his followers. The 77-year-old Archbishop Lefebvre, head of the international Society of Pius X, did not identify the source of his information about the expected Vatican decree, but he said he had received a letter from an official in the Vatican saying it "is ready to authorize the Latin Tridentine Mass." Liturgical reforms of Vatican II included ending the use of the Tridentine Mass. One of the conditions the archbishop expects in the new decree is acceptance of the new Mass. He said, however, that he could not accept such a compromise.

## Nation

### Reagan Publishes Essay

(undated) — Denouncing those who "want to pick and choose" which members of the human race have qualities that "bring them up to snuff," President Reagan has written that the United States "must choose between the sanctity of life ethic and the 'quality of life' ethic." The president's comments appeared in an article he wrote for the spring issue of the Human Life Review, published in New York. The article, "Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation," is a rare instance of an incumbent president having an essay published. In the article, Reagan criticized the Supreme Court's 1973 decision striking down laws at the state level restricting abortion. He wrote, "Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution." Reagan also expressed his support for all anti-abortion measures that have come before Congress, including a constitutional amendment.

### School Prayer Studied

**Washington** — High school students should be able to stay after school for Bible study and prayer groups, Secretary of Education Terrel H. Bell told the Senate Judiciary Committee April 28 during the first of three days of hearings on school prayer. The first day dealt with proposals related to the proposed constitutional amendment allowing prayer in public schools. During the second day of the hearings Deputy Assistant Attorney General Edmund Schmultz told the senators that "the president feels strongly that Congress should support this proposed amendment and act on it as quickly as possible." Sen. Strom Thurmond (R-S.C.), chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), chairman of the Constitution subcommittee, introduced the administration's school prayer proposal last year, but no action was taken.

## People

### Attacker Found Guilty

**Vila Nova de Ouren, Portugal** — Father Juan Fernandez Krohn, 33, an illicitly ordained Spanish priest, was found guilty of attempting to kill Pope John Paul II at Fatima, Portugal in May 1982, and has been sentenced to six and a half years in prison. While being sentenced by the Portuguese court here, Father Krohn called the judges "puppets, communists, murderers." Subsequently, the court gave him another seven months imprisonment for his insults.

# Focus on Today's World



A West German sidewalk painter offers inter-religious images with side by side portraits of Pope John Paul II and Martin Luther. Perhaps he had in mind the current Holy Year proclaimed by the pope as well as the 500th anniversary of Luther's birth being celebrated this year. (NC Photo)



"I painted Oscar Romero because...people throughout the world say he is a saint," said San Francisco artist Robert Lentz of his icon, "St Oscar Romero of the Americas." The late archbishop of San Salvador was murdered three years ago while celebrating Mass. Lentz paints what he calls "liberation icons" and plans to do others on St. Francis, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King and Gandhi. (NC Photo)



Ignoring the current debate over prayer in public schools, this young first grader in a Newville, Pa., elementary school saw it only fitting to offer a few words of thanks before devouring his treat at a birthday party for a classmate. (NC Photo)

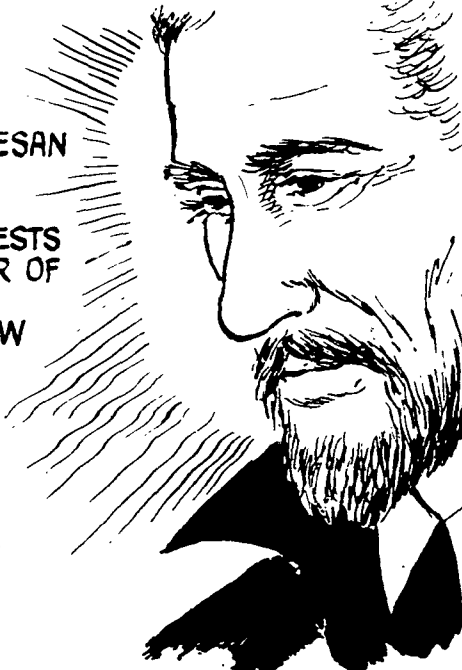
## the Saints by Luke

MICHAEL WAS BORN OF POOR PARENTS NEAR BAYONNE, FRANCE, ON APRIL 15, 1797. HE WAS A SHEPHERD AS A BOY AND LATER STUDIED AT ST. PALAIS COLLEGE THERE AND AT AIRE AND DAX. HE WAS ORDAINED AT BAYONNE IN 1823.

HE WAS A PARISH PRIEST IN CANDOS, BEFORE BECOMING A PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AT DIOCESAN BETHARRAM SEMINARY AND LATER RECTOR. IN 1838 HE DREW UP A CONSTITUTION FOR MISSIONARY PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART. THE ORDER OF WHICH HE FOUNDED.

DIFFICULTIES AROSE WHEN A NEW BISHOP DISAPPROVED OF MICHAEL'S IDEAS FOR THE CONGREGATION. MICHAEL PERSISTED, BUT PAPAL APPROVAL DID NOT COME UNTIL 14 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH. HE DIED MAY 14, 1863 AND HE WAS CANONIZED IN 1947 BY POPE PIUS XII. HIS FEAST IS MAY 14.

### ST. MICHAEL GARICOÏTTS



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