

World, Nation, People... in Brief

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World

Pro-Lifers Up in Arms

Winnipeg, Manitoba — Manitoba pro-lifers say they are disappointed by Manitoba Attorney General Roland Penner's refusal to issue an injunction against an apparently illegal abortion clinic. Dr. Henry Morgentaler, acquitted three times in Montreal after being charged in abortion cases, opened an abortion clinic in Winnipeg May 6. In Canada, abortions can be performed only in an accredited or approved hospital with the agreement of a therapeutic abortion committee. Penner said he thinks the issue should be settled by criminal court.

Poles' Rights Violated

Warsaw, Poland — The Polish government is violating human rights and beating up youths in an effort to stamp out loyalty "to the forbidden concept of unions," said Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Warsaw and Gniezno June 2. He also defended church aid to political prisoners and their families. "We reject the accusation that by helping people the church wants to strengthen and spread its influence," Cardinal Glemp said. "It doesn't need to do that. It is here, in this nation, forever, through good times and bad."

Bishops Promise Support

Cape Town, South Africa — The Catholic bishops of England and Wales have sent the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference a letter promising their "pastoral support" to any young South African conscientious objector seeking asylum in Britain. In the letter, the English and Welsh bishops said they supported the 1977 statement by the South African bishops which calls for the right of every individual to follow his conscience with regard to military service. By law, every South African male is required to serve two years in one of the armed forces. Claims of objection on religious grounds are judged by a statutory board of examination, but conscientious objection on non-religious grounds is not permitted.

Nation

'Weeping Madonna' Studied

Stockton, Calif. — A commission set up by Bishop Roger Mahony of Stockton to investigate a mysterious "weeping madonna" statue in Thornton, Calif., privately reported back to the bishop June 1. Parishioners at Mater Ecclesiae Mission Church say a four-foot-high statue of Our Lady of Fatima has moved distances of 20 feet and shed tears. Father Robert Pereira, one of four priest-commissioners investigating the phenomenon, said the commission did not want to make its conclusions public and that Bishop Mahoney would release a statement on the case. However, Father Pereira said, he still holds to previous statements that there is not enough evidence to show a supernatural cause for the events.

Special Ministry Planned

San Francisco — Archbishop John R. Quinn of San Francisco has approved a new pastoral plan for ministry to homosexuals which reaffirms the church's rejection of homosexual activity but urges acceptance and sensitivity toward homosexually oriented persons. The principle of gradualism — that all persons are sinners and may slip at times on the difficult path to perfection — holds a prominent place in the new guidelines for pastoral counseling and ministry to homosexuals.

Priest Stresses Prayer

Techny, Ill. — "Pray canon law," a Vatican official told approximately 200 nuns gathered May 26-28 for a symposium on religious life under the new code of canon law. Montfort Father Elio Gambari, undersecretary of the Vatican's Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes and a consultant to the Vatican commission responsible for the recently completed revision of church law, said the new law "tells us what we are and what we are to do as Religious." The new code, formally issued in January and taking effect in November, is the result of nearly two decades of work to revise the general laws governing Western or Latin-rite Catholics in light of the reforms of the Second Vatican Council.

People

Filipino Cardinal Julio Rosales, who defended martial law in the Philippines and once opposed a U.S. Catholic Conference official's criticism of the human rights situation in the Asian country, died June 2 at 76. . . Msgr. Joseph Gremillion, a former Vatican official and a leading figure in the Catholic Church's engagement in social justice issues following the Second Vatican Council, has been named director of the Institute of Pastoral and Social Ministry of Notre Dame University in Indiana. He succeeds Msgr. John Egan, recently called back to the Chicago Archdiocese as director of human relations and ecumenism. . . Pope John Paul II named U.S. Cardinal William W. Baum to the Presidential Committee of the Pontifical Council for the Laity June 1. Cardinal Baum is prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Catholic Education and the former archbishop of Washington, D.C.

Focus on Today's World



In ring number two, Father Jack Toner distributes Communion to a clown during a Mass at Madison Square Garden in New York for performers and other personnel of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Father Toner recently was assigned as chaplain for the circus. (NC Photo)



Inside the U.S. Capitol in Washington, Franciscan Father Richard Rohr, pastor of the New Jerusalem Community in Cincinnati, leads a group in prayers calling for an end to the arms race. Police arrested 243 demonstrators and charged them with unlawful entry. (NC Photo)



Mother Teresa of Calcutta smiles as Pope John Paul II gives her the registration book for a car to be used in her order's work among the poor. The car was given to the pope during his recent visit to Milan. (NC Photo)

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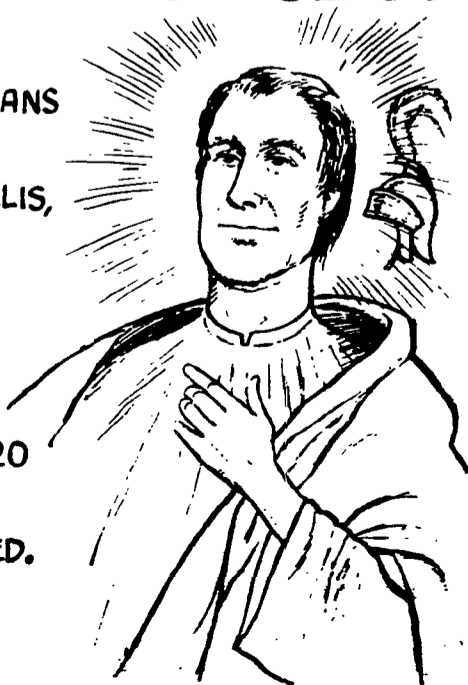
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