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World

Pontiff Stresses Unity

Vatican City — "No effort will be spared" in the quest for Christian unity, Pope John Paul II told the head of the Syrian Orthodox Church in India June 3. The pope told Catholicos Mar Baselius Thoma Mathews I, the first Indian Orthodox leader ever to make an official visit to the Vatican, "that no effort will be spared to give due attention to all that needs to be done" to unite the two churches. The Indian Orthodox body broke with Rome in the fifth century.

Disabled Bishop Sees Pope

Vatican City — An Italian-American archbishop who is a double amputee was among the more than 100 people in St. Peter's Square who received the sacrament of anointing the sick from Pope John Paul II June 5. The Italian-American, 70-year-old Archbishop John Henry Boccella, who lost both legs to diabetes six years ago, also concelebrated Mass with the pope. Archbishop Boccella, who was born in Avellino, Italy, moved to the United States as a boy and attended grammar and high schools in Philadelphia. He lives in a Rome clinic conducted by the Little Sisters of the Sacred Heart.

Falklands Reconciliation?

London — A plea for reconciliation between Britain and Argentina in the aftermath of their 1982 war in the South Atlantic has been signed by 36 church leaders in both countries. The plea was made public June 5 in London and Buenos Aires, Argentina. The church leaders pledged "to work to re-establish and strengthen those links of Christian fellowship which once joined our two nations."

Nation

Art Show Causes Fervor

Chicago — The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights and a campus chaplain have disagreed over whether the chancellor of the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle campus, should be removed because of an art show criticized as anti-Catholic. The Catholic League urged firing of Chancellor Donald Langenberg, saying he was responsible for the university's sponsorship of a Douglas Van Dyke art exhibit which depicted Christ with the head of a pig and the pope as the devil. But Father William J. Cloutier, director of the Pope John Paul II Center for Catholic students and an opponent of the art exhibit, said he was "saddened" by the call for the removal of Langenberg and that the exhibit "was arranged eight months before Langenberg assumed responsibilities."

Hatch Nears Senate

Washington — A proposed constitutional amendment on abortion, sponsored by Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), will be debated in the Senate sometime in June, Senate Majority Leader Howard H. Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.) said June 5. An aide to Baker said the next day that no precise date for the opening of the debate had been set. A revised version of the Hatch amendment, which attempts to remove a right to abortion from the Constitution, was sent to the full Senate without recommendation by the Senate Judiciary Commmittee in April after a committee vote on the proposal resulted in a 9-9 tie.

5,000 at Pentecost Mass

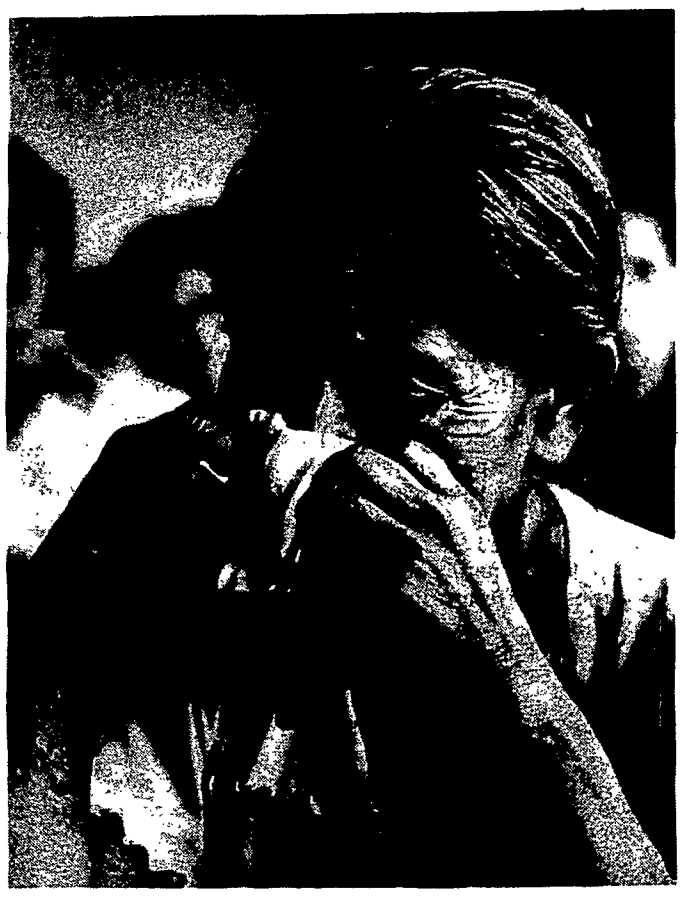
Great Falls, Mont. — Instead of attending separate celebrations at the 12 Catholic churches in the Great Falls area, almost 5,000 parishioners gathered for one special Mass at the Four Seasons Arena on Pentecost. Saturday evening Masses were held as scheduled, and an early Sunday morning Mass for the elderly and those unable to attend the special Mass was celebrated in the diocesan cathedral, but regular Sunday Masses were cancelled to bring the Catholic community together in one place to profess its faith.

People

Sacred Heart **Father Brian D. McCullough** has been named staff coordinator at the National Conference of Catholic Bishops for the follow-up to the U.S. bishops' pastoral on war and peace. He will assist the pastoral follow-up committee to encourage dissemination, study and discussion of the pastoral. Since 1977, Father McCullough has been director of the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers' Office of Justice and Peace at the order's U.S. provincial headquarters in Hales Corners, Wis. . . .Pope John Paul II June 7 named **Father John R. Keating**, the Archdiocese of Chicago's chancellor and vicar general since 1979, to be bishop of Arlington, Va. The 48-year-old bishop-designate was elected administrator of the Chicago archdiocese when Cardinal John Cody died in 1982. Pope John Paul also named **Msgr. Bernard Popp**, rector of San Fernando Cathedral in San Antonio, Texas, an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of San Antonio.

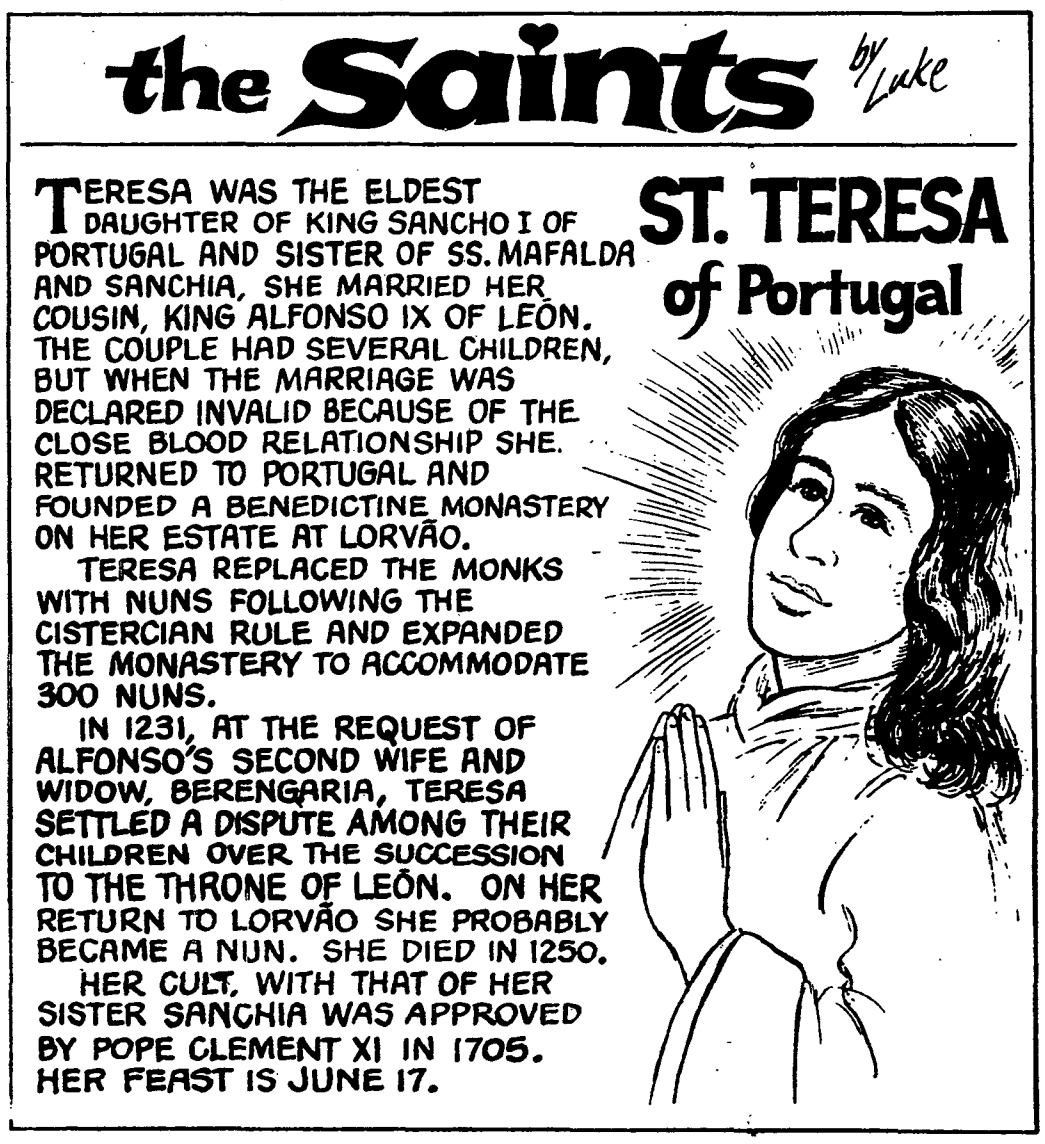
Focus on Today's World

Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Polish primate, speaks at the unveiling ceremony for the monument of Pope John Paul II and the late primate Cardinal Stefan Wyszynski at the Catholic University in Lublin. The pope was a professor at the university for 24 years and will return there June 17 during his upcoming eight-day trip to Poland. (NC Photo)



A Salvadoran mother of a youth who has disappeared cries during a meeting of relatives of the country's 3,000 disappeared persons. The relatives are demanding that the government account for their missing family members. (NC Photo)

Msgr. Edward Hickey, 89, former chancellor of the Detroit Archdiocese, reads a prayer book in a Detroit hospital after being attacked by three youths who broke his arm, punched his face and fled with his wallet. (NC Photo)



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