

World, Nation, People... in Brief

World

Churches to Dialogue

London (NC) — The new international Catholic-Anglican dialogue, aimed at removing all remaining obstacles to reunion of the two churches, will begin in Venice, Italy, Aug. 3-Sept. 6. At a press conference in London June 13, the Catholic and Anglican bishops who will chair the new Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC II) announced the commission's membership and its first themes — justification, ecclesiology — the understanding of what the church is — and moral questions.

Asylum for Salvadorans

Washington — The United States should grant "extended voluntary departure," a form of indefinite asylum, to refugees from El Salvador, Msgr. Daniel F. Hoye, general secretary of the U.S. Catholic Conference, told Secretary of State George P. Shultz. In a letter dated June 7, Msgr. Hoye noted that two congressional committees also have expressed support for granting Salvadorans the extended voluntary departure status, possible under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. He said if a negotiated settlement to the war in El Salvador is obtained, the problem of illegal immigration to the United States by Salvadorans would end.

Nation

Junior League Protest

Tulsa, Okla. (NC) — Catholic members of the Junior League have begun a protest against the local chapter's decision to support a planned women's resource center which will distribute information about abortion. The protest, in response to a call for action by Bishop Eusebius J. Beltran of Tulsa, is led by Frances Biolchini, who served as treasurer of the women's volunteer organization before resigning in May. Before leaving her post, Mrs. Biolchini set up a bank account for members who object to their dues being used to support the women's resource center. She sent a copy of her resignation letter to all active and sustaining members of the league and invited them to protest the league's support of the center by depositing part of their dues in the special account.

Pro-Life Setback

Washington (NC) — The U.S. Supreme Court June 15 struck down major provisions of an Akron, Ohio, ordinance which attempted to regulate abortions within the parameters of the high court's abortion rulings. In a major defeat for the pro-life movement, the court in a 6-3 decision struck down Akron's requirements that abortions after the first trimester be performed in hospitals, that women seeking abortions be informed by their physicians of the development of the fetus and the complications that could arise from an abortion, and that a 24-hour waiting period take place before the abortion is performed. A stinging dissent from the majority opinion, U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor argued June 15 that the high court should abandon its reliance on the trimesters of pregnancy as a guide for determining when the state can regulate abortions. More details, Page 1.

Bishop, Swaggart to Meet

Baton Rouge, La. (NC) — Bishop Stanley Ott of Baton Rouge announced he will meet in late June with television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, whose nationwide telecasts and monthly magazine have condemned Catholicism as a religion of "ignorance, superstition and sin." Swaggart sent Bishop Ott a letter, which the evangelist declined to make public. The bishop described it as "conciliatory." The bishop said the meeting probably will be held at Swaggart's World Ministry Center in Baton Rouge, with several other persons in attendance.

Tax Credits Urged

Sacramento (NC) — Public schools have become the "established schools" of the United States, "enjoying a protected and privileged status," according to Bishop Francis A. Quinn of Sacramento, Calif. In a pastoral letter urging a fair tax credit program for non-government schools, Bishop Quinn said students in non-public schools have "been subjected to second-class and non-privileged status under the 'established' school." Bishop George H. Guilfoyle of Camden, N.J., also called for support of a tuition tax credit bill, saying parents of children in a Catholic school "bear a double burden — they pay both taxes for public schools and tuition for Catholic schools — since they have chosen to exercise their educational rights to provide a God-centered education for their children."

Focus on Today's World



Thousands of Presbyterians march through downtown Atlanta, Ga., in celebration after voting to re-unite as one denomination in the United States. The congregation had split into North and South factions 122 years ago.



Ken Brooks of St. Paul Statuary in St. Paul, Minn., refurbishes the seventh station, where Jesus falls for the second time, for St. Anthony of Padua Church in Minneapolis. Parish families have adopted each of the church's 14 stations, donating a total of \$18,508 for the refurbishing.



Father Robert Rappleyea, pastor of Holy Cross parish in New York's Times Square area, meets for the first time a New York Police Dept. horse that was purchased in his name. In honor of their pastor, parishioners purchased the horse that will patrol the famous square.

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the Saints *by Luke*

ST. PAUL



SAUL WAS A JEW WHO HATED THE CHRISTIANS. HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO DAMASCUS TO ARREST THEM WHEN A LIGHT FROM HEAVEN SUDDENLY SHONE AROUND HIM. HE FELL TO THE GROUND AS HE HEARD A VOICE SAYING, "SAUL, SAUL, WHY DO YOU PERSECUTE ME?"

HE ASKED, "WHO ARE YOU, LORD?" AND THE VOICE ANSWERED, "I AM JESUS, WHOM YOU ARE PERSECUTING." SAUL ASKED, "LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?" THE VOICE SAID, "GO INTO THE CITY; YOU WILL BE TOLD WHAT TO DO."

SAUL HAD TO BE LED BY HIS COMPANIONS INTO THE CITY, AS HE HAD BEEN STRUCK BLIND. AFTER THREE DAYS, A MAN NAMED ANANIAS CAME TO HIM AND SAID, "BROTHER SAUL, I HAVE BEEN SENT BY THE LORD TO HELP YOU RECOVER YOUR SIGHT AND BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT."

AT ONCE SAUL COULD SEE. HE WAS BAPTIZED AND WAS CALLED PAUL. HE BEGAN TO PREACH THE WORD OF JESUS TO THE PAGAN WORLD. HE WROTE MANY LETTERS (EPISTLES) TO THE CHRISTIANS.

AFTER YEARS OF TRAVEL AND SUFFERING, PAUL WAS TAKEN TO ROME AS A PRISONER AND BEHEADED IN THE YEAR 67. HIS FEAST IS JOINED WITH ST. PETER'S, JUNE 29.

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