

## World, Nation, People... in Brief

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### World

#### Pope Prays for Girl

Vatican City -- Pope John Paul II again led prayers for a missing Vatican teen-ager at his weekly general audience July 27. "Once again, a 'Hail Mary' for the missing, kidnapped girl of the Vatican, Emanuela Orlandi," he said before reciting the prayer with 35,000 people at the end of the audience in St. Peter's Square. It was the seventh time in less than a month that Pope John Paul had commented on the disappearance of Emanuela, a Vatican employee's daughter who has been missing since June 22.

#### Poland Tightens Screws

Warsaw, Poland -- The Polish government July 26 announced plans to move ahead with a series of laws to further restrict demonstrations and dissidence and tighten censorship controls. The government's move, scheduled for consideration by the Polish Parliament July 28, in effect would extend powers temporarily relinquished when the government lifted martial law July 22. Cardinal Jozef Glemp of Warsaw and Gniezno, Polish primate, had opposed the restrictions and won a temporary delay in parliamentary action on them, but the government refused to scrap the legislation.

#### 12 Priests Jailed

Vatican City -- The people's court in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, sentenced 12 priests to jail terms ranging from five years to life, Vatican Radio reported July 21. The Jesuit-run radio station said the priests, including seven Jesuits and a Dominican, were convicted on charges of carrying out "anti-state activities and anti-revolutionary propaganda." The sentences were handed down June 29-30 and published July 3 in the official daily newspaper of the Vietnamese Communist Party, Nhan Dan.

#### Pray for WCC: Pope

Castelgandolfo, Italy -- Pope John Paul II reiterated the Catholic Church's "irreversible" commitment to ecumenism July 24 and asked worldwide prayers for the success of the World Council of Churches' assembly in Vancouver, British Columbia. The pope made the call during his Sunday Angelus talk before some 4,000 people at his summer residence in Castelgandolfo, 15 miles from Rome.

### Nation

#### LA Now No. 1

New York -- The Archdiocese of Los Angeles has replaced the Archdiocese of Chicago as the largest See in the nation, according to the 1983 Official Catholic Directory. Los Angeles lists 2.37 million Catholics, 4,157 more than Chicago. The directory bases its figures on reports from the Latin and Eastern Rite Catholic archdioceses and dioceses in the United States and is compiled annually by P.J. Kennedy and Sons of New York. The number of Catholics in the United States is now 52,088,744, an increase over last year of 881,165, according to the directory. **More details, Page 7.**

#### NFP Role Discussed

Washington -- Natural family planning will renew family life in U.S. dioceses, directors of three major natural family planning provider groups told a conference at the Catholic University of America July 21. "Natural family planning's potential for rejuvenation of the family is immense," said Dr. Thomas Hilgers of Creighton University's Natural Family Planning Education and Research Center, Omaha, Neb., one of the provider groups. **More details, Page 10.**

#### Disagrees with Policy

Washington -- U.S. government policies are "deepening the internal crises" in Nicaragua and "escalating the dangers of war" in Central America, Archbishop John R. Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis, president of the U.S. Catholic Conference, said July 22. In a statement issued at USCC headquarters in Washington, Archbishop Roach indicated that the U.S. bishops support legislation in the House of Representatives aimed at prohibiting further funding of covert activities in Nicaragua. **Related story, Page 9.**

# Old St. Mary's Plans Giant Birthday Party

By Kathleen Milliken, RSM

"St. Mary's, the Heart of Downtown Rochester" is the theme as the parish celebrates its 150th anniversary with the City of Rochester in 1984.

Dedicated on July 13, 1834, St. Mary's is now the oldest Catholic parish in the city.

A special Eucharist of Thanksgiving will open the year-long celebration on New Year's Eve, followed by a parish party and viewing of the city fireworks at midnight.

On March 2, the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra will present a concert program honoring the sesquicentennial of both St. Mary's and the Baptist Temple; St. Mary's also will participate in the ecumenical prayer service and walking tours of the downtown churches on June 10.

Climax of the festivities will come Sunday, July 8, with the Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew H. Clark, followed by a gala picnic.

Other events include a parish renewal during Lent, a musical show in May, a Thanksgiving dinner and a Fall lecture series on theological and faith topics of interest.

A parish history and a



St. Mary's Church, downtown Rochester.

special sesquicentennial calendar also are being prepared.

Members of the Sesquicentennial Committee have been at work since April, considering ways to focus on St. Mary's, past and present, with a look to the future, too. With a combination of historical, religious, educational and social events, the parish will be

celebrating with the city on some occasions, e.g. the Lilac Festival and the downtown historical parade.

Members of the committee are Peggy Amsden, Harold Hacker, Joe and Mary Lynn Heininger, Monica McCluskey, Dick Kennett, Bernard McAniff, Bill Malley, Jerry Muhl, Maurice Simmons, John Scheible, Fred Wolff and Pat Sullivan,

with regular staff members Joan Young; Joan Sobala, SSJ; Sheila Walsh, SSJ, and Father James Lawlor. Gene DePrez and John Kuchera are consultants; Kathleen Milliken, RSM, is public relations director.

Anyone with stories to tell of Old St. Mary's, or photos or memorabilia to be shared should contact the staff at 232-7140.



## If There's Fear, Hatred Follows

By John Dash

Long before the morning of Palm Sunday, March 27, 1983, they were calling him "nigger lover."

But it's a mantle he wears more by accident, he said, than by design.

He is Father Francis Ciezadlo, pastor of 4,000 families on Chicago's northwest side and St. Pascal's Church, where on the morning of March 27 a group of whites screamed insults and spat at Harold Washington, then candidate for Mayor of Chicago.

The incident shocked the nation. "Racial bigotry has once again reared its ugly head," read the lead sentence of an editorial in this newspaper on the event.

St. Paschal's, the priest said last week, is located on Chicago's "lily white" northwest side, a spiritual home for third generation German, Italian, Polish, Irish, and more recently, Filipino Catholics.

The priest said, "There are a few Jews who live in our neighborhood, but they find it hard living there."

Those responsible for the outrage of March 27, he said, "expressed the feelings of our people. Our people have a fear of their neighbors, that they can be inundated by blacks."

In Rochester visiting friends last week, Father Ciezadlo spoke about his parish with the perspective of



## Chicago Pastor Still Faces Aftermath of Shocking Racial Incident in Last Mayoral Campaign

a few months distance from Palm Sunday morning.

"If there's a fear," he said, "there will be a hatred in return."

"Peace brings love, or love brings peace. You need both together."

Father Ciezadlo came by his epithet more than eight years ago, when he was first assigned to St. Pascal. Earlier he had successively worked at parishes whose population had changed from white to black.

It was a coincidence, he claimed, but he became known in certain white neighborhoods as the priest who promoted changing the racial character of parishes in which he worked.

In the center of St. Pascal's Parish, the priest said, there is a tract of land, owned by the state, on which once stood an insane asylum.

The state wants to sell the land, the city wants to use it for a college and a cultural center, the federal government wants to erect public housing, and "most of us are hoping for private housing from private enterprise,

that's our concern. That's why we wanted to question the candidates for mayor."

So, "One Monday morning I woke up and realized this was the fifth year in a row candidates didn't come to this side of the city. I talked it over with the parish staff and asked if it was good for us to invite both candidates." (At that time the field had narrowed to Washington, a Democrat, and Bernard E. Epton, a Republican.)

"We made attempts to contact them both, but the only respondent was Washington. Epton said 'We don't have time for you.'"

"We told Washington, 'This is our community. We have our problems and we want you to come.'"

The candidate called a few days later, asking if he could attend Mass, the priest recalled.

"Come to Mass, we said, if you're coming as a regular worshipper. We'll give you a front seat if you want, but come on time."

The candidate was also told not to campaign during

the church service, or expect to speak during it.

"Meanwhile I let the news out," the priest admitted.

"On Friday, I was talking to the youngsters and accidentally mentioned that there would be a lot of news people (at the parish in ensuing days)."

"The old ladies (present at the talk to the children) let it

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