

# World, Nation, People... in Brief

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## World

### Terrorism Condemned

Vatican City -- Pope John Paul II condemned as "acts of blind terrorism" several bombings in Lebanon which killed more than 50 people, mostly civilians, in early August. The papal views were made public Aug. 8 in a French-language telegram from Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, papal secretary of state, to Archbishop Luciano Angeloni, papal nuncio to Lebanon. Pope John Paul "condemns and deplores these acts of blind terrorism and offers fervent prayers for the victims," Cardinal Casaroli said.

## Nation

### Pastoral OK, But

Philadelphia -- More than 300 delegates at the Catholic War Veterans' national convention in Philadelphia voted unanimously to accept the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter on war and peace. But they did so with strong reservations, and in separate actions they backed positions opposed by the pastoral. The Catholic veterans opposed an immediate nuclear freeze and backed development of the neutron bomb, issues on which the U.S. bishops took an opposite stance. More details, Page 6.

### March Supported

Washington -- The U.S. Catholic Conference and a number of Catholic organizations have supported the 1983 version of the march on Washington which attracted 250,000 people 20 years ago. In 1963 marchers urged freedom and jobs for blacks. The anniversary march is being organized to protest unemployment, denial of basic rights and the arms race. It will take place Aug. 27 between the Washington Monument and the Lincoln Memorial. Parishes in the Washington Archdiocese will have Masses or prayer services Aug. 27 focusing on the themes of the march. More details, Page 6.

### 'Shape of Ecumenism'

(Undated) -- A "personal parish" for former Episcopalians who join the Catholic church will be established in San Antonio, Texas, in an action which its founding pastor called "the shape of ecumenism to come." The first such parish in the United States, it will be led by Father Christopher Phillips, the fifth married former Episcopal priest to be ordained a Catholic priest, according to Father James Parker, assistant to Bishop Bernard Law of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, Mo., the Vatican delegate for the admission of married Episcopal priests to the Catholic priesthood in the United States.

# Focus on Today's World



At the World Council of Churches assembly in Vancouver, British Columbia, a Japanese drummer taps out a beat for peace and justice to mark the 38th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. About 1,000 people attended the solemn ceremony before moving to a tent for an all-night prayer vigil. (NC Photo)



Beneath a picture of Jesus, an anti-Sandinista Nicaraguan guerrilla stands in a doorway of an abandoned schoolhouse where the rebels said they killed 39 government troops. (NC Photo)



At Pope John Paul II's summer residence at Castelgandolfo, Italy, a nun passes through a security checkpoint as policemen with metal detectors look through bags of tourists and pilgrims. Threats on the pope's life have prompted the extra security measures. (NC Photo)

## Pope to Pilgrims

Vatican City (NC) -- Here is the text of Pope John Paul II's English-language remarks during his general audience Aug. 3.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
I greet all the English-speaking visitors who are present at the audience today in this Jubilee Year of the Redemption.

In the passage from the Letter to the Romans which we have listened to this morning, St. Paul speaks of the law of the Spirit which has freed us from the law of sin and death. To live according to the law of the Spirit means to carry out the will of God with the help of the Spirit who dwells within us. The Spirit of God enlightens our mind and moves our will so that we can turn away from sin and live the truth in love. In this way, the words of the prophet Ezekiel are fulfilled: "I shall put my Spirit in you, and make you keep my laws and sincerely respect my observances."

I wish to extend a special word of welcome to the visitors from Indonesia and from the island of Cyprus. And I greet the groups from Malta: the altar boys who have come to Rome to serve Mass in St. Peter's Basilica and the pilgrims accompanied by Archbishop Mercieca who are on their way to Lourdes. I assure all of you of my prayers, in particular for those who are sick or infirm. May Christ the Redeemer be always with you, to strengthen you and give you hope.

It is a joy, too, to welcome the Jesuits from the United States who are making an Ignatian pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I offer very cordial greetings to the Sisters of St. Basil the Great who are participating in their general chapter, and I pray that the Holy Spirit will stir your hearts to an ever deeper realization of the greatness of religious life. May He confirm you in your essential mission to serve the Church in holiness of life through joyful consecration to our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God bless you all.

## the Saints by Luke

### BORN IN 1274, IN BRIGNOLLES, PROVENCE, LOUIS WAS THE SON OF KING CHARLES II OF NAPLES AND SICILY AND MARY DAUGHTER OF KING STEPHEN V OF HUNGARY.

WHEN HIS FATHER WAS CAPTURED BY THE KING OF ARAGON IN 1284, HE WAS SENT TO BARCELONA WITH TWO OF HIS BROTHERS IN 1288 AS HOSTAGES FOR HIS FATHER'S RELEASE. HE WAS FREED AFTER SEVEN YEARS THERE BY A TREATY IN 1295 BETWEEN HIS FATHER AND KING JAMES II OF ARAGON.

LOUIS REFUSED TO MARRY JAMES'S SISTER, SURRENDERED HIS RIGHTS TO THE THRONE, AND AFTER MUCH OPPOSITION, WAS ORDAINED WHEN HE WAS 22. HE WAS NAMED BISHOP OF TOULOUSE AND JOINED THE FRIARS MINOR IN ROME.

HE LIVED A LIFE OF GREAT AUSTERITY DESPITE HIS ROYAL BACKGROUND, RESIGNING HIS BISHOPRIC AFTER A FEW MONTHS BECAUSE HE FELT HE WAS UNEQUAL TO ITS DEMANDS. LOUIS DIED AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS AT BRIGNOLLES ON AUG. 19, 1297. HE WAS CANONIZED IN 1317. HIS FEAST IS AUG. 19.



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