

World, Nation, People... in Brief

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World

Papal Itinerary Listed

Ottawa -- Ten cities will be included in Pope John Paul II's itinerary when he visits Canada Sept. 10-20, 1984, according to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. A preliminary schedule issued by the bishops said the pope will fly from Rome to Quebec City next Sept. 10. Other Canadian cities on the itinerary will be Montreal; St. John's, Nfld.; Moncton, N.B.; Halifax, N.S.; Toronto; Winnipeg, Man.; Edmonton, Alta.; Vancouver, B.C.; and Ottawa.

Irish Vote Praised

Vatican City -- In a front-page article, the Vatican newspaper praised Ireland's Sept. 8 vote against abortion as a significant step against what it called "the planetary tragedy" in which "millions of human beings are cruelly eliminated just because they are not wanted." Two-thirds of Ireland's voters cast "yes" ballots in a Catholic-backed referendum to amend Ireland's constitution to ban abortion.

Marcos Assails Schools

Manila, Philippines -- President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines accused Filipino Catholic schools of teaching anti-government hatred. "The teachers and even nuns and priests in the Catholic schools are teaching the children hatred, hatred against Marcos, hatred against the government," Marcos said in a Sept. 25 statement from the Malacanang Palace. The statement, which also warned businessmen who had taken part in anti-government rallies that they would be tracked down and prosecuted, was the president's harshest speech in the current crisis, observers said. Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila said the charge about teachers "is not true." He added that current events classes in Catholic schools are merely being taught the "real situation" in the country.

Nation

Vatican Tie Nearer

Washington -- The Senate began paving the way for full U.S.-Vatican diplomatic relations Sept. 22 when it approved legislation lifting a 100-year-old ban on appointing a U.S. ambassador to the Holy See. There was no recorded vote and only limited discussion on the measure, offered as an amendment by Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) to a State Department authorization bill. Differences between the Senate bill and the House bill, passed without the amendment on Vatican relations, will be ironed out in a conference committee.

'Justification No Issue'

Milwaukee -- Justification by faith need no longer be a "church-dividing" issue, a national team of Catholic and Lutheran theologians announced Sept. 18. The U.S. Lutheran-Roman Catholic dialogue group completed the landmark agreement -- the first anywhere in the world by a major dialogue group on justification, the central doctrinal issue that divided Rome and Martin Luther 450 years ago -- at a four-day meeting in Milwaukee Sept. 15-18. "We can and do confess together that our hope for salvation rests entirely on God's merciful action in Christ," the group stated.

Reagan Visits Cardinal

New York -- President Reagan visited a seriously ill Cardinal Terence Cooke of New York at the cardinal's residence Sept. 25, one day before the president's speech at the United Nations. A statement from the Archdiocese of New York said the president and Mrs. Reagan spent 20 minutes in private conversation with Cardinal Cooke, who is suffering from leukemia and has been confined to his home. "The cardinal was moved by their visit and by their kind words," said the archdiocesan statement.

Cooke: Help Poor

New York -- Before the personal presidential visit, Cardinal Cooke had urged the Reagan administration to continue and even increase U.S. aid to poor countries, according to a Sept. 22 report by the New York Times. The cardinal, who is dying of leukemia, referred to both his own illness and the issue of aid to poor countries in a Sept. 15 letter to President Reagan, according to the report.

People

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago has been named winner of the 1983 Albert Einstein Peace Prize for his role in the U.S. bishops' pastoral on war and peace. The cardinal chaired the National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Ad Hoc Committee on War and Peace, which drafted the pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response." Cardinal Bernardin "symbolizes the remarkable leadership that produced the document," Norman Cousins, author and head of the Einstein prize selection committee, said.

Focus on Today's World



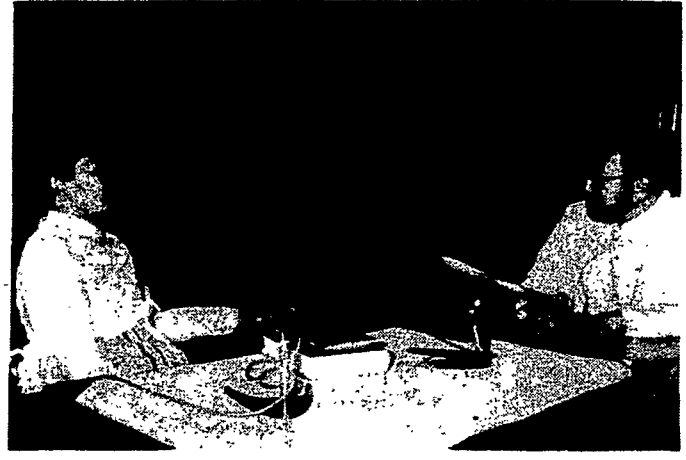
To many they seemed like an odd couple -- Father Richard Leisen, director of Catholic Charities for the St. Cloud, Minn. diocese, and Russ "Mad Dog" Thompson, leader of the area motorcycle club.



Bringing them together was the first "toy run" where about 75 cyclists donated toys, including a toy motorcycle, right, to be distributed to the needy at Christmas. (NC Photo)



Archbishop Pio Laghi, apostolic delegate in the United States, incenses the casket of Cardinal Humberto Medeiros of Boston during the cardinal's funeral at Holy Cross Cathedral in Boston. Burial was at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Fall River, Mass. (NC Photo)



Philippine President Ferdinand E. Marcos and Cardinal Jaime Sin meet in private in the presidential palace. Amid growing anti-Marcos demonstrations and violence in the streets, Marcos has accused Catholic schools of teaching "hatred" in their classrooms. (NC Photo)

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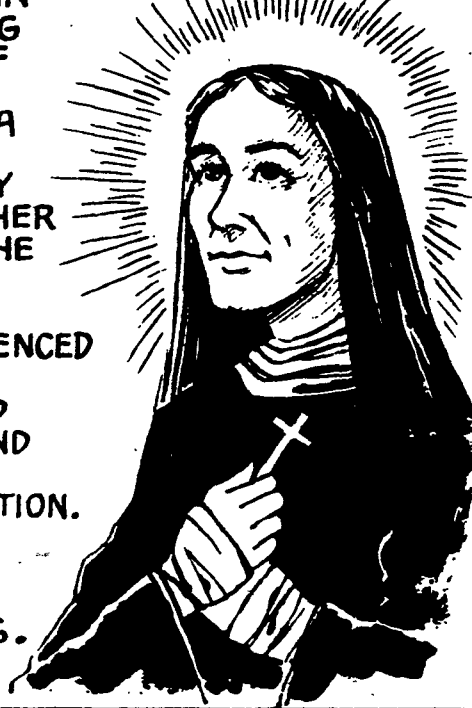
the Saints *by Luke*

MARY WAS BORN IN NAPLES, ITALY, IN 1715, AND BAPTIZED MARY ROSE NICOLETTE. SHE RESISTED HER FATHER'S DEMAND THAT SHE MARRY AND IN 1731 BECAME A FRANCISCAN TERTIARY AT NAPLES, TAKING THE NAME MARY FRANCES OF THE FIVE WOUNDS. MARY REMAINED AT HOME LIVING A LIFE OF GREAT PIETY AND AUSTERITY. SHE WAS BADLY TREATED AND SCORNF BY HER FAMILY UNTIL 1753, WHEN SHE BECAME HOUSEKEEPER FOR A PRIEST.

SHE REPORTEDLY EXPERIENCED VISIONS AND SUFFERED THE STIGMATA. MARY PRACTICED EXTREME MORTIFICATIONS AND WAS SOUGHT AFTER FOR SPIRITUAL ADVICE AND DIRECTION. SHE DIED IN NAPLES ON OCT. 6, 1791.

MARY WAS CANONIZED IN 1867. HER FEAST IS OCT. 6.

ST. MARY FRANCES GALLO



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