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Pope Condemns Killings of U.S., French Troops

By John Thavis

Vatican City (NC) - Pope John Paul II condemned the massacre of U.S. and French soldiers in Lebanon, expressing pain and horror for the "young lives cruelly cut off while they were performing a mission of peace."

The pope spoke during his Angelus blessing at St. Peter's Square Oct. 23, a few

hours after two bomb attacks killed at least 161 U.S. Marines and left at least 58 French soldiers dead or missing.

U.S., French, Italian and British troops form an international peacekeeping force sent to Lebanon to help the central government establish control over the country's feuding political and religious factions.

"This morning the news spread around the world of two grave terrorist attacks perpetrated in Beirut, Lebanon, that claimed scores of victims among the American and French military who serve in the multinational peace force sent to that tormented country," the pope said.

"A feeling of great pain, horror and denunciation

were cruelly cut off while they were performing a mission of peace. It is a new violence that is added to the massacres that have spilled a trail of blood and mourning among the people of Beirut and villages in the region," he said.

"It is a new fact of war in a

arises in the soul. Young lives advantage of the fragile truce, an attempt is being made to resume a dialogue between the parties," he said.

The pope asked 80,000 people in the square to pray with him for the young men who died, for the other victims and for the comfort of their families.

He added a prayer "that the resolution and commitmoment in which, taking ment of those working for peace and reconciliation may oppose more strongly and effectively this murderous will."

Pope John Paul has often criticized the violence in Lebanon, where hundreds of people have died in recent factional fighting by militias representing different religious and political movements.

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By Barbara Faircloug

Janesville, Wis. (NC) ---Esther "Little Dove" John, a 31-year-old Harvard graduate, said she lives by the call of the Holy Spirit.

With only the clothes on her back and a few things in her two backpacks, she is walking across the country fulfilling what she insists is "a mission from God."

In early December, Ms. John hopes to address the United Nations General Assembly to plead for "peace on this planet." She will have walked 3,000 miles to deliver her speech.

Ms. John said she began her journey after having "a vision" of it one morning. "I had been asking God for guidance in my life for about

In each of the 13 states along her route, she is gathering verbal and written messages to present to the U.N. ambassadors. Oral messages are recorded in her journal.

Robert Muller, assistant U.N. secretary general for economic and social services, has promised to help Ms. John obtain permission to address the General Assembly.

She has submitted a written petition to the secretary general, asking him to allow her to speak at a general session, but she has not yet received his response. She said she is confident he will grant her permission.

Wherever Ms. John goes — "big and small cities, farms. Indian reservations'

same thing: "Regular people want peace." Somebody has to take that

message to those in control of world affairs, she said. "I didn't think it would be me, but it's OK."

Walking 23 miles a day, Ms. John said she has felt lonely, exhausted and dis-

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"The rest of us," she said, "just want peace and

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a year," she said in an interview in Janesville. "About three weeks after I gave up asking, I woke up one day and saw what I should do.'

She started her journey in Seattle June 1 without any money. "I meant to take \$15 but I forgot it," she said. "I've always had everything I need though. People have been very good to me everywhere I've gone.'

She had walked more than 2,000 miles in heat, wind, rain and cold before reaching Janesville. With the rigors of Montana's Rocky Mountains and a close encounter with a rattlesnake behind her, she is hoping to reach her destination before winter.

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