

Respect Church Teaching Authority, Pope Tells U.S. Bishops

Vatican City (NC) -- In a talk to a group of U.S. bishops, Pope John Paul II stressed the importance of remaining faithful to the church's teaching authority.

The pope, speaking to the bishops Oct. 22 as part of their ad limina visit, said that their teaching charism "is unique" and "it must be exercised personally and cannot be delegated."

Bishops are required to make ad limina visits every five years to report on the status of their dioceses.

"It is as a minister of God's word, acting in the power of the Holy Spirit and through the charism of his episcopal office, that the bishop manifests Christ to the world, makes Christ present in the community, and effectively communicates Christ to all who open wide their hearts," the pope said.

The pope also emphasized that each bishop exercises his charism only when he is in communion with the pope and the other bishops of the world.

Citing the documents of Vatican II, the pope said that "the council declares that the episcopal office of teaching in the church is conferred by

episcopal consecration and can be exercised only in hierarchical communion with the head and members of the college of bishops."

The pope added that the bishop's mission also includes defending the word of God "against whatever would compromise its purity and integrity."

If we understand the nature of the church, "we will not be surprised to find, in every generation of the church's life, including our own, not only sin, but some measure of error and falsehood," the pope said.

"A serene sense of realism and church history will, however, help us to exercise our role as authentic teachers of God's word without exaggerating or minimizing the existence of error and falsehood which our pastoral responsibility obliges us to identify and reject," he said.

The pope added that in looking at the development of the church's doctrine, bishops should realize that the "the present or 'current' teaching of the church does not admit of a development that is either a reversal or a contradiction."

The pope also recalled his words to the U.S. bishops when he met with them in Chicago in 1979 where he said that the entire body of the faithful share in the insights of faith.

"But these insights of faith and this 'sensus fidelium' are not independent of the magisterium of the church,

which is an instrument of the same Holy Spirit and is assisted by him," he said. "It is only when the faithful have been nourished by the word of God, faithfully transmitted in its purity and integrity, that their own charisms are fully operative and fruitful."

The pope also discussed

the role of theologians.

"Although in different ways, both bishops and theologians are called upon to guard the word of God, to study it more deeply, to explain it, to teach it, to defend it," he said.

Among the bishops making their ad limina visits were Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia; Cardinal

Joseph Bernardin of Chicago; Archbishop Philip Hannan of New Orleans; Bishop Walter Curtis of Bridgeport, Conn.; Bishop Cletus O'Donnell of Madison, Wis.; Bishop William McManus of Fort Wayne-South Bend, Ind.; Bishop Stanley Ott of Baton Rouge, La.; and Bishop John Paul of La Crosse, Wis.

Hyde Ban Receives Final Congress OK

Washington (NC) -- Congress gave final approval Oct. 20 to a one-year extension of the Hyde amendment ban on federal funding of abortion.

The House and Senate earlier had approved differing versions of the amendment, named after its chief

sponsor, Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Ill.). A House-Senate conference committee then agreed to extend previously existing language, which permits federal abortion funding only in cases where the life of the mother is endangered.

The final action came when both bodies agreed to the conference committee's recommendations.

The measure was attached to an annual appropriations bill for fiscal 1984 for the Departments of Labor and Health and Human Services. President Reagan was expected to sign the measure but had not done so by Oct. 24.

The House on a 231-184 vote Sept. 22 approved a version of the Hyde amendment which would have denied abortion funding even in life-of-the-mother cases. But Hyde noted then that the House was approving the more stringent measure only because of a parliamentary quirk and that the life-of-the-mother excep-

tion would be restored in the conference committee.

Senate opponents of the Hyde amendment had been expected to challenge the measure when it reached the Senate floor by proposing additional exceptions in cases of rape or incest. But the challenge never materialized when the Senate approved the measure Oct. 4.

Religious News Service Sold

New York -- The National Conference of Christians and Jews and the United Methodist Reporter announced Oct. 19 that ownership of Religious News Service will be transferred to the Reporter effective Nov. 16. The transfer was approved by the UMR executive committee on Oct. 14 but final approval depends upon ratification by the full UMR board when it meets in Dallas Nov. 9-11. UMR was the largest subscriber of RNS with a circulation of 500,000.

Pope Greets Pilgrims

Vatican City (NC) -- Following is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul's remarks in English at his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square, Oct. 5

I offer a warm welcome to all the English-speaking visitors who are present for the audience today.



At the present time, the Synod of Bishops is taking place here in Rome, and the topic of the discussions is reconciliation and penance in the mission of the church. The synod is seeking to deepen the church's understanding and fidelity to what St. Paul writes about in the reading which we have listened to this morning: "God through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." As the work of the synod unfolds, I ask you to pray with me for its success, so that the church might

better fulfill her mission of proclaiming the mercy of God and of fostering spiritual renewal and reconciliation.

I extend a special word of welcome to the members of diocesan pilgrimages who have come for the Jubilee Year of the Redemption: to the pilgrims from New Orleans, Seattle and Newark, and from Rockville Centre, Scranton, Cleveland, Oakland, Pembroke, Oslo, Cloyne and Leeds.

I am also pleased to greet the Marian center rosary tour from Japan, the Slovak pilgrims from the United States and the pilgrimage group of American Indians.

It is a joy, too, to welcome the group of pastors from the Lutheran Church of Sweden, and the theologians and pastors from the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.

I offer cordial greetings to the participants in the seminar on fundamental theology and communication, and I assure you of my prayers as you seek to proclaim the Gospel through modern means of communication.

May God bless you all.

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3-year-old Michelle was abandoned by her father. Soon after, her mother was forced to leave her in order to find work. She now lives with her grandmother in a hut with dirt floors and a grass roof.

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