

# World, Nation, People... in Brief

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## World

### Now It's Up to Pope

Vatican City -- The 1983 world Synod of Bishops gave 63 propositions on the church and reconciliation to Pope John Paul II Oct. 29, ending 30 days of prayer and discussion on the issue. The propositions themselves were not made public, but a Vatican summary of them said they have "an eminently pastoral character," are geared toward "illuminating the action of the church" and are "criteria for pastoral action." The propositions were "approved overwhelmingly" by the more than 200 prelates from around the world gathered for the synod, Archbishop John Roach of St. Paul-Minneapolis told NC News Service. More details, page 11.

### Marcos Departure Seen

Rome -- Filipino Cardinal Jaime Sin of Manila said the day will come for President Ferdinand Marcos of the Philippines to leave the political scene. He compared the situation to a person awaiting his death. Cardinal Sin, an outspoken critic of the Marcos government, made the remark in an interview published in the Oct. 26 issue of *Famiglia Cristiana*, Italian Catholic magazine. He quoted a Spanish proverb which says, "for every pig arrives the feast of St. Martin, when the pigs are killed. I mean that for each of us comes the moment to leave our positions and even to leave this life," the magazine quoted Cardinal Sin as saying.



Cardinal Sin

### Managua Bishop Beaten

Managua, Nicaragua -- Members of a pro-government group beat up Auxiliary Bishop Bosco Vivas of Managua and forced several Catholic churches to cancel Masses for opposing the country's conscription policy, church officials reported. The bishop suffered a head cut Oct. 30 when he was attacked outside San Judas Church in Managua, according to a lay worker in the Managua archbishop's office. The worker said members of the group, called Las Turbas (The Crowds), blocked entrances to several churches and beat up priests and parishioners. He said there were also reports of vandalism. Las Turbas is part of the leftist Sandinista front, the political party of the ruling junta. Latin American page, 9.

### Africans Want Changes

Vatican City -- The 38 bishops of Africa and surrounding islands called Oct. 29 for reconciliation among African nations and an end to human rights violations and international exploitation on that continent. In a joint message released at the end of the world Synod of Bishops, the African prelates also blamed a lack of flexibility in Catholic rules and practices for hindering the full development of the church in Africa. The bishops, who represent 36 nations, said that Africa "is simmering with divisions and tensions."

### Jesuits See Own Mistakes

Rome -- The Society of Jesus plans to maintain the "promotion of justice" as a key part of Jesuit work, but the religious order has seen "mistakes made in the pursuit of this mission," according to the final report of the society's 33rd general congregation. Some mistakes gave rise to the danger of engaging in "a merely secular activism," said the report. The document called for a greater sense of obedience to the pope, closer collaboration with local bishops and efforts to stem a decline in vocations.

## Nation

### TV 'Brown-Out' Charged

Washington -- Hispanics are ignored on TV because of a network "brown-out," according to an audit requested by the League of United Latin American Citizens. The study, released in early October, said there is a virtual exclusion of Hispanics from network television and a total absence of positive Hispanic characters. "Such a 'brown-out' of Hispanics appears to be a deliberate form of 'benign neglect,'" according to the study.

### Vatican Bill Moving

Washington -- A House-Senate conference committee has agreed to a proposal to lift a century-old ban on diplomatic relations between the Vatican and the United States. The agreement came Nov. 1 as the conference committee began ironing out the differences between the House- and Senate-passed versions of a State Department authorization bill.

# Focus on Today's World



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago arrives for a news conference followed by four new auxiliary bishops named by Pope John Paul II for the archdiocese. From left, Fathers Timothy Lyne, 64, rector of Chicago's Holy Name Cathedral; John Vlazny, 46, rector of Niles College Seminary at Loyola University in Niles, Ill.; Wilton Gregory, 35, faculty member at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Ill.; and Placido Rodriguez, 43, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima parish in Perth Amboy, N.J. Behind them is Chicago Auxiliary Bishop Alfred Abramowicz.



Justine Merritt, 59, a grandmother from Denver, Colo., displays some of the pieces of a ribbon she hopes to tie around the Pentagon on the anniversary of the Hiroshima bombing next August. Thousands around the country are joining her efforts by making 18-by-36-inch sections decorated with names or drawings of what the makers "could not bear to lose in a nuclear war."



Father (Lt. Cmdr.) George Pucciarelli, U.S. Navy chaplain from Boston, blesses a Marine after hearing his confession at the Marine base in Beirut.

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