

# World, Nation, People . . . in Brief

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## World

### Pope: Cut Arms Spending

Vatican City -- Pope John Paul II, in an impassioned Christmas appeal, urged nations to stop spending enormous sums on sophisticated weapons while men, women and children die of hunger. The pope's strongly worded "Urbi et Orbi" message to the city and the world followed festive Masses in St. Peter's Basilica. Speaking to 80,000 people from the main loggia window of the basilica Dec. 25, Pope John Paul offered thanks for God's eternal love, "which comes down like a frail infant into the history of each human being." More details. Page 1.

### Nicaragua Bishop Okay

(Undated) -- Bishop Salvator Schlaefter, who was praised by President Reagan for his role in helping at least 1,000 Nicaraguan Indians flee their homeland shortly before Christmas, said he will return to Nicaragua, where he has been a missionary for 38 years. Nicaragua's Sandinista government, which the Indians were fleeing, had said that the bishop had been killed by anti-Sandinista rebels and that his body had been found. Earlier, it had reported him kidnapped. In remarks to reporters in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where he arrived Dec. 23 and later in Wisconsin, where he joined his 89-year-old mother for Christmas, the bishop said he had left voluntarily with the Indians when they decided to flee. The bishop is apostolic vicar of Bluefields, Nicaragua.

### Pope Cites 'Painful Chain'

Vatican City -- A "painful chain" of wars has made the Christmas season a time of suffering for many people around the world, Pope John Paul II said during his weekly general audience Dec. 28. The pope singled out conflicts in Lebanon, Afghanistan, El Salvador and the war between Iran and Iraq. He asked prayers for peace and for the families of the wars' victims. "It is a painful chain that we should remember as the year comes to an end," he told 20,000 people in St. Peter's Basilica and another 5,000 in the Pope Paul VI Auditorium.

### 'Apostle' Dies in Rome

Rome -- Msgr. Luigi Ligutti, who died Dec. 28 in Rome at the age of 88, was known as an apostle for rural people. As a diocesan priest of Des Moines, Iowa, he was the founder of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference in the United States during the 1930s. From 1949 to 1970 he was the permanent observer of the Holy See to the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Msgr. Ligutti died after a 10-day stay in Rome's Pius XII Clinic. A funeral Mass was scheduled for Dec. 30 at Rome's Basilica of St. Mary Major, where he was a canon. Another Mass was to be celebrated in Des Moines' St. Ambrose Cathedral Jan. 2 and a Mass of Christian Burial was scheduled for Jan. 3 in Granger, Iowa.

### Fr. Schwartz To Direct Becket Hall

As part of a new Becket Hall program in preparation, Bishop Matthew H. Clark has announced the appointment of Father James Schwartz as Becket director, effective in June. He will continue in his present capacity as director of diocesan ministry to priests.

Father Robert Collins, present Becket rector, will return to parish ministry in June.



### Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark appoints:  
 Father Charles Bennett to sabbatical studies, North American College in Rome, Italy, Feb. 12 to June 1.  
 Msgr. John F. Duffy to temporary administrator of St. Agnes, Avon, Feb. 12 to June 1.  
 Father James Schwartz to director, Becket Hall, effective June 1984, in addition to duties as director of ministry to priests.  
 Father Leo Lynch to serve as associate in residence at St. Mary's, Canandaigua.

# Focus on Today's World



Is Santa looking for a job? Not really, but Darryl Lindquist, 35, of Detroit, is. Lindquist, who has been unemployed for a year and a half, spent a day with his sign on an expressway overpass and then went home to see what calls he would get. (NC Photo)



Pittsburgh's new bishop, Anthony J. Bevilacqua, right, gets a joyful hug and kiss from Father Andrew Klarmann, a retired priest of the Diocese of Rockville Centre. The former Brooklyn auxiliary bishop credits his priestly vocation to the 86-year-old priest who was among the concelebrants for his installation at St. Paul Cathedral, Pittsburgh. (NC Photo)



First Lady Nancy Reagan pays a Christmas visit to South Korean youngsters Lee Kil Woo, 4, and Ahn Ji Sook, 7, at St. Francis Hospital in Roslyn, N.Y. She gave each of them a Cabbage Patch doll. In November the Reagans brought the children from Korea aboard Air Force One for open heart surgery at the hospital. (NC Photo)

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## the Saints *by Luke*

### ST. JOHN CHARLES MARCHIONI



JOHN WAS BORN IN SEZZE, ITALY, ON OCT. 19, 1616. HE BECAME A SHEPHERD BUT WANTED TO BECOME A PRIEST. HE WAS UNABLE TO DO SO BECAUSE HE BARELY LEARNED TO READ AND WRITE. HE BECAME A LAY-BROTHER AT NAZIANO. HE SERVED IN VARIOUS MENIAL POSITIONS - COOK, PORTER AND GARDENER - AT DIFFERENT MONASTERIES NEAR ROME.

JOHN ALSO WROTE SEVERAL MYSTICAL WORKS AND WORKED TO HELP THE STRICKEN IN THE PLAGUE OF 1656.

JOHN, WHO DIED IN ROME ON JAN. 6, 1670, IS ALSO KNOWN AS CHARLES OF SEZZE. HE WAS CANONIZED BY POPE JOHN XXIII IN 1959. HIS FEAST IS JAN. 6.

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