

Reflect on Racism As Tribute to King, Minority Bishops Ask

Washington (NC) -- U.S. bishops should use the anniversary of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth to reflect on progress made in eliminating racism, said a letter from five minority bishops.

The bishops, members of the board of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice, also asked each U.S. diocese to use the new King holiday, Jan. 15, as a unity day between the different cultural groups found in the church.

Progress in eliminating racism should be measured against the 1979 U.S. bishops' statement on racism, "Brothers and Sisters to Us," they said. The pastoral deals "with the new face of racism today and its

continuing dreadful effects on our Native American, Hispanic, and black brothers and now increasingly on the Asiatic members of the community."

The Conference for Interracial Justice will assist each diocese in planning "collaboration between cultural groups and for ongoing reflection on specific progress being made on interracial justice in the church."

The minority bishops are Archbishop Robert F. Sanchez of Santa Fe, N.M.; Bishop Ricardo Ramirez of Las Cruces, N.M.; Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Francis of Newark; Auxiliary Bishop Eugene A. Marino of Washington; and Auxiliary Bishop Harold Perry of New Orleans.

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Msgr. Ball

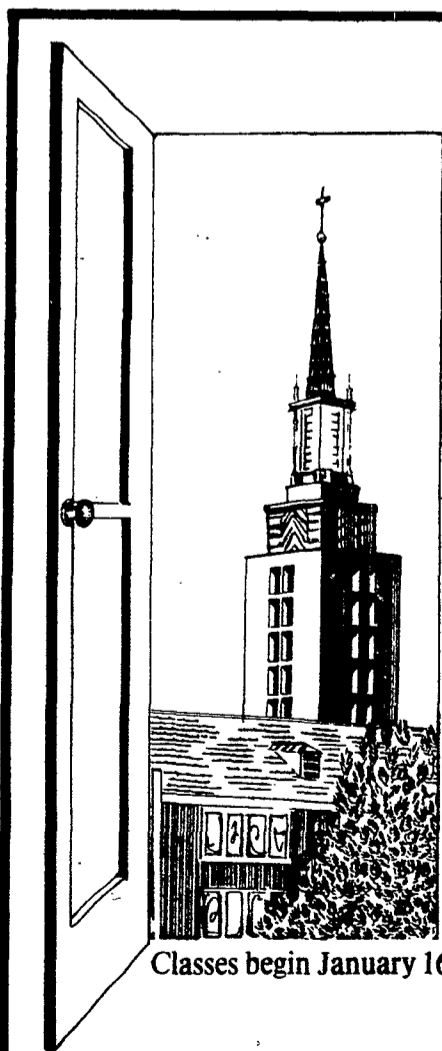
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bouquet from St. Rose parishioners. In return, he received thanks from the pope; and the letter was signed by J.B. Montini, later Pope Paul VI.

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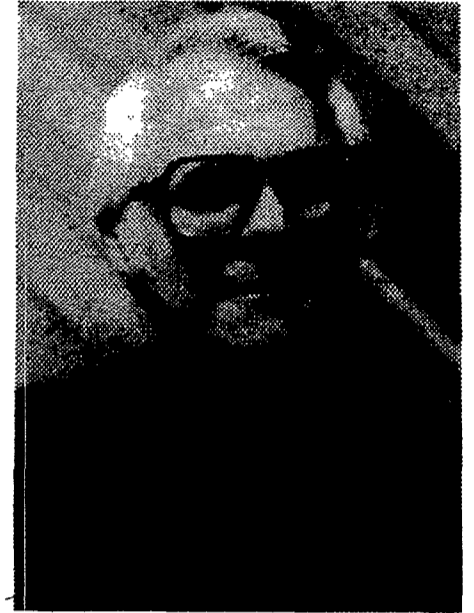
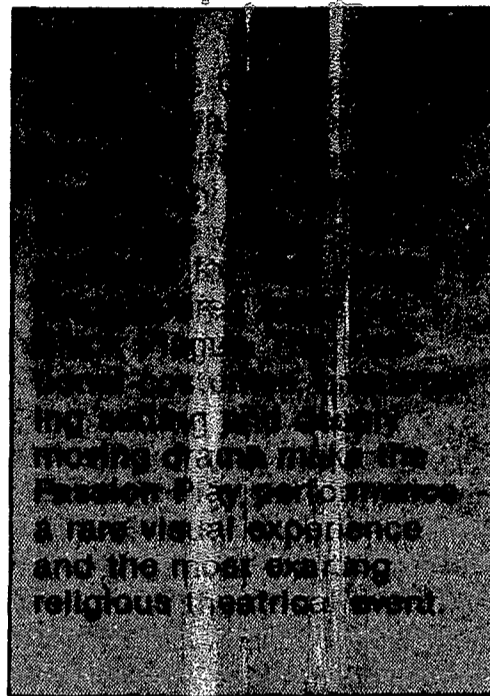
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