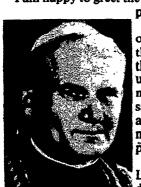
THE POPE

Ashes a Call to Spiritual Renewal

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am happy to greet the English-speaking visitors who are present at this general audience.



Today we begin the holy season of Lent with the liturgical rite of the imposition of ashes. Through this austere sign, the church calls us to spiritual renewal through the more fervent practice of prayer, sacrifice and works of charity. We are also encouraged to receive more frequently the sacrament of

The penitential practices of the enten season help us to understand better the particular penances which the priest gives us when we receive the sacrament of

pardon. We are asked to do these penances to show our

desire to cooperate with God's grace, and as a sign of the new life which God has given us through this sacrament. The penance given by the priest is not a price which we must pay in order to be forgiven, for God's mercy and pardon are completely free and unearned. Rather, the penance, and our fulfillment of it, express our willingness to fight against evil and, with God's grace, to further the kingdom of God in the world.

I would like to extend a special word of welcome to the national pilgrimage from Tanzania. I pray that the Lenten season which we begin today will be a time of particular blessing and spiritual renewal for you and your families.

It is a joy, too, to greet the group of pilgrims from Wales. Your presence here before me reminds me of the warm hospitality which I received when I traveled to your land. May your faith in Christ be always strong, and may the Lord fill you with his peace.

And may the blessings of the Savior be with all the other pilgrims from England, Sri Lanka and the United States.

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Parade Grand Marshal To Fight Deportation

New York (NC) --Attorneys for Michael O'Rourke, honorary grand marshal of the 1984 St. Patrick's Day parade, said they would press to have the Supreme Court decide if he should be extradited.

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O'Rourke, who has said he once belonged to the Irish Republican Army, is being held in a New York jail. A three-judge appeals court ruled Feb. 21 that O'Rourke should be deported to the Ireland as an undesirable alien.

But O'Rourke, 31, wants to remain in the United States where, prior to his arrest on immigration charges, he married a Philadelphia woman.

Authorities in Ireland, where the IRA is illegal, want him on charges of escaping from police custody and of unlawfully setting off explosives.

O'Rourke bombed his way out of a Dublin, Ireland, courthouse in July 1976 shortly after a special juryless criminal court gave him a six-year sentence on a

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A mechanic by training, O'Rourke had been operating what authorities said was a bomb factory.

He allegedly entered the United States under the name Patrick Manion and went to work as an auto repairman in Philadelphia. He was arrested in October 1979 by U.S. immigration

O'Rourke claims that his acts were politically motivated and therefore, under the extradition treaty between the United States and Ireland, he cannot be extradited. The treaty covers only criminal offenses.

He also claims that since he is married to a U.S. citizen he is entitled to remain in the United States.

O'Rourke, who says he is no longer a member of the guerrilla IRA which is fighting to drive the British from Northern Ireland, is still a staunch IRA supporter.

"I still believe that the only solution is for England to get out," he said.

In proceedings Feb. 21 the

Second Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in New York rejected O'Rourke's petition to halt deportation proceedings and his request for political asylum.

'Insofar as they relate to the Republic of Ireland, the petitioner's crimes were not political," the judges wrote in a six-page decision.

Breathing Focus

Rochester Health Network is sponsoring a free three-part program "Self-Help for Chronic Lung Ailments," at 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays March 14, 21 and 28 at RHN Headquarters, 500 East Avenue. The program will include, instruction on breathing disorders such as allergies, asthma and chronic bronchitis. The event is open and free to the public. To register call RHN at 442-0100.

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NFP Meeting ~

Horseheads -- An information session on Natural Family Planning, sponsored by St. Mary Our Mother Church, will be held at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 18 in the church rectory. The session, featuring community educators for Natural Family Planning David and Katheryn Spring, is free and open to the public. For more information call 562-3331, Monday through Friday between 1-4 p.m, or Wednesday evening between 6-8 p.m.

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p.m., Monday, March 19 which is free Both events at Nazareth Arts Center