

John Paul Reshuffles Curia

Editor of Philadelphia Diocesan Newspaper Gets Key Position

By Father Kenneth Doyle

Vatican City (NC) -- In a major reshuffling of top Vatican personnel, Pope John Paul II has named a U.S. priest to direct Vatican communications and has named a black African cardinal to head the key post of head of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops.

The changes, announced April 9, also include increased responsibilities for Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, secretary of state, who was made the pope's representative in his role as head of state of Vatican City.

Msgr. John Foley of the Philadelphia archdiocese, editor of the archdiocesan weekly, The Catholic Standard and Times, becomes president of the Pontifical Commission for Social Communications, a post vacated by Polish Archbishop Andrzej Deskur, who resigned for reasons of health.

The 60-year-old Archbishop Deskur, still hampered by a stroke suffered in 1978, was named president emeritus of the communications commission and a consultant to the church's Secretariat of State.

The Vatican announcement also said that Msgr. Foley, 48, would be ordained an archbishop.

At a press conference in Philadelphia, Archbishop-designate Foley said he viewed his new job as "reporting candidly, openly and honestly, because we have nothing to fear from the truth."

The job, he said, would give an "international dimension" to his priestly role of "trying to show the good news not only of Christ but of people and the good things that people do."

He declined to characterize himself as the pope's spokesman, saying, "The Holy Father doesn't really need a spokesperson."

He said it would be difficult to leave Philadelphia, "surely the cradle of religious liberty in the world."

Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia, also appearing at the press conference, noted that other top Vatican appointments announced the same day included an African cardinal and bishops from France and Ireland. Along with the others, Archbishop-designate Foley's appointment reflected the "internationalism of the church" and the principle that the church's central offices "should reflect the composition of the church," Cardinal Krol said.

Cardinal Bernard Gantin, a 61-year-old native of the African country of Benin, was transferred from his post as president of the Pontifical Justice and Peace Commission, which he had headed since 1976, and becomes prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops, which supervises the appointment and activities of bishops in most of the world.

The shifts in personnel included resignations of several curial department heads who had been in office for five years, a policy called for by Pope Paul VI in his reform of the Curia in 1967.

In addition, some officials resigned for reasons of age or health. Among those who resigned because of health was 74-year-old Archbishop Jean Jadot, pro-president of the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Christians since 1980. Archbishop Jadot, who was apostolic delegate to the United States from 1973 until 1980, said he intends to return to his native Belgium where he hopes to be involved in pastoral ministry.

To free Cardinal Casaroli for his new role, two of his posts were transferred by the pope. Cardinal Agnelo Rossi replaces him as president of the Administration of the Patrimony of the Holy See, and Cardinal Sebastian Baggio takes over his

post as president of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State. Cardinal Rossi and Cardinal Baggio resigned their previous posts because of the five-year expiration of their terms. Cardinal Rossi was prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and Cardinal Baggio was prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops.

The Vatican press office said the pope had conferred on Cardinal Casaroli "the high and special mandate" to represent the pontiff in the affairs of Vatican City State.

Replacing Cardinal Gantin as head of the justice and peace commission is 61-year-old Cardinal Roger Etchegaray of Marseilles, France.

Cardinal Opilio Rossi, 74, resigned at the expiration of his five-year term as president of the Pontifical Council for the Laity and has been named head of the Commission of Cardinals for the Pontifical Shrines of Pompei, Loreto and Bari. The three are located in Italy.

Replacing him as head of the laity council is 63-year-old Argentine Cardinal Eduardo Pironio.

Cardinal Pironio resigned at the expiration of his five-year term as prefect of the Vatican Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes. He is replaced by Archbishop Jean Jerome Hamer, a 67-year-old Belgian who had been secretary of the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

Cardinal Giuseppe Casoria, 75, has resigned for reasons of age from his post as prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Sacraments and Divine Worship. Plans call for the congregation to be split into two separate ones. Both will be headed by Archbishop Augustin Mayer, a 72-year-old German Benedictine, who had been secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes.

Archbishop Francis Arinze of Onitsha, Nigeria, was named to replace Archbishop Jadot as head of the Vatican Secretariat for Non-Christians. He is 51 years old.

Archbishop Dermot Ryan of Dublin, Ireland, replaces Brazilian Cardinal Agnelo Rossi as head of the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples.

Also resigning for reasons of age was Cardinal Giuseppe Paupini, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, which oversees church practices regarding confession.

He is replaced by Archbishop Luigi Dadaglio, 69, who had been secretary for sacraments in the Vatican Congregation for Sacraments and Divine Worship.

Three secretaries of Vatican congregations were also named by the pope. They were:

- Archbishop Vincenzo Fagiolo of Chieti, Italy, secretary of the Vatican Congregation for Religious and Secular Institutes.



ARCHBISHOP-DESIGNATE FOLEY

- Hungarian Archbishop Lajos Kada, apostolic nuncio to Costa Rica and El Salvador, secretary of the Vatican Congregation for the Sacraments.
- Msgr. Alberto Bovone, undersecretary of the doctrinal congregation, was promoted to congregation secretary and will be ordained an archbishop.

Catholic Officials In Maine Withdraw Support of ERA

Portland, Maine (NC) -- Two spokesmen for the Catholic Diocese of Portland said they "must withdraw our support" from an Equal Rights Amendment to the Maine state constitution because of what they said was a growing linkage between ERA and abortion.

Maine voters, 25 percent of whom are Catholic, face a referendum on the state Equal Rights Amendment this fall.

In a statement issued April 2, Father J. Joseph Ford, Portland diocesan chancellor, and Michael Seavey, diocesan coordinator of public policy, expressed "regret" over the linkage between "abortion and equal rights for all citizens."

But the link between ERA and public funding of abortion has been made and "cannot go unchallenged," they said in their statement, which was approved by the two Portland bishops, Bishop Edward C. O'Leary and Auxiliary Bishop Amedee W. Proulx.

The Portland diocese covers the entire state of Maine.

As evidence of an ERA-abortion link, the statement cited testimony before U.S.

congressional committees predicting such judicial interpretations of the proposed federal ERA and the March 9 decision by a Pennsylvania appeals court judge, who said the state ERA there made Pennsylvania's existing prohibitions on the public funding of abortions unconstitutional.

"It continues to be our preference that the two (issues) remain separate and distinct," said Father Ford and Seavey.

They said they remained committed to "equality of rights under law regardless of sex." Their "support for legal protections for the unborn is clear and consistent with" that stand, they said.

Seavey and Father Ford had backed the state ERA in 1983 in a statement before Maine's Joint Legislative Committee on State Government. They noted efforts at a linkage with abortion at the time but said that they were "assured and convinced that this language in no way pertains to the debate on abortion."

In their new statement they said that recent events had forced them to "reevaluate" that position.

Camp Hosts Workshop

Camp Stella Maris will host a day-long "Spring Workshop in Outdoor Education," on Saturday, May 19. The event is being co-sponsored by the camp and the New York State Outdoor Education Association (NYSOEA).

The workshop is designed for teachers, parents, counselors and youth leaders who want to use the outdoors as a teaching resource.

Ten workshops will be offered covering topics in Outdoor Games, Math, Science, Language Arts, Canoeing, Fishing, and Art.

Lunch will be provided, as well as resource packets containing additional outdoor learning materials and information for each participant.

Registration fee for the day is \$10, with discounts available for NYSOEA members and diocesan teachers. For more information and registration materials, contact Camp Stella Maris, 716/346-2243.

Nazareth Raises Tuition

Nazareth College will raise tuition and room and board charges 7.5 percent for full-time undergraduate students, to take effect in September.

Tuition will be increased from \$4,530 to \$4,925 a year and room and board charges from \$2,700 to \$2,850. In addition, fees for continuing education courses will be raised from \$136 to \$148 per credit hour and graduate courses from \$148 to \$60 per credit hour, effective this Summer.

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