

Solve Jerusalem Problem, Pope John Paul II Asks

Vatican City (NC) — Pope John Paul II has reiterated his desire for international guarantees to protect Jerusalem as a city sacred to Jews, Moslems and Christians.

The papal message also supported a Middle East

homeland for Palestinians and peace and security for Jews in Israel.

Prayers are needed for "a just solution to the problem of Jerusalem and of the Holy Land, and for the return of peace in the Middle East," said the pope in a Good

Friday apostolic letter.

The 1,300-word letter, written in Latin, was dated April 20 and was published in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, on April 19.

The pope called an agreement over the status of Jerusalem "fundamental for a just peace in the Middle East."

"I am convinced," he said, "that to neglect to search for an adequate solution to the question of Jerusalem, so as to resign oneself to a postponement of the problem, only compromises further the hoped-for peaceful and equitable resolution of the crisis of the entire Middle East."

The pope called for international guarantees to

protect the rights of all segments of Jerusalem's population.

"I dream of the day in which Jews, Christians and Moslems can exchange at Jerusalem the greeting of peace which Jesus gave to his disciples after his Resurrection from the dead: 'Peace be unto you,'" the pope said.

Pope John Paul said he would have liked to visit Jerusalem before the end of the Holy Year of Redemption on Easter, April 22.

"I would have desired to revive the deep emotion and immense joy experienced by my predecessor Pope Paul VI, when in 1964 he went to the Holy Land and to Jerusalem," said Pope John Paul.

Jerusalem ought to be a symbol of peace for humanity, but "unfortunately one has to recognize that Jerusalem remains a motive for enduring rivalry, for violence and for claims of exclusivity," he said.

Turning his attention to the whole of the Middle East, the pope said that the Jews in Israel have the right to "their desired safety and to the just tranquility which is the prerogative of every nation and the condition of life and of progress for every society."

The Palestinian people, said the pontiff, "who in that region find their historic roots and for decades have lived dispersed, have the natural right, by justice, to acquire a homeland and to be

able to live in peace and tranquility with the other peoples of the region."

The letter was written "to the bishops, priests, Religious families and faithful of the whole Catholic Church about the city of Jerusalem, a gift sacred to all believers in God and the desired crossroads of peace for the peoples of the Middle East."

Current controversy over the status of Jerusalem stems from the 1980 Israeli decision to make an undivided Jerusalem the country's "united and eternal capital."

Arab countries have opposed the Israeli policy, saying that parts of Jerusalem should be returned to Jordan which lost them in the 1967 war with Israel. Arab countries have threatened economic and diplomatic reprisals against countries which recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli capital.

The Vatican also has opposed the Israeli decision.

Prior to the Israeli decision the Vatican said it opposed any unilateral action taken on Jerusalem, favoring instead an international agreement involving all interested parties.

Diocesan Appointments



Bishop Matthew H. Clark appoints:
Father Robert Smith to pastor of St. Mary Magdalen in Wolcott and St. John Fisher in East Bay, from pastor of St. Margaret Mary in Rochester.

New Deacons

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member of the support group for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and, with his wife, is involved in the Pre-Baptismal Program. Also with his wife, he has been active in Charismatic Renewal, Marriage Encounter, Cursillo, and Better World among the renewal efforts.

He is employed by Lawyers Co-operative Publishing Co. He field education has been ministering to the sick at Monroe Community Hospital; participating in various ministries at Corpus Christi Parish, and at St. Rita's.

Holleran, a native of Elmira, has been a member of St. John the Evangelist Church on Humboldt Street in Rochester since 1973. He and his wife Jean have two children. He is a teacher and his wife a nurse.

As members of St. John's, the couple has been involved in various ministries. They are now serving as Confirmation and RCIA catechists, Eucharistic Ministry, preparation of prayers of the faithful, Nocturnal Adoration and the Prayer Network. In addition they serve in music ministry at St. John's and with the "Joyful Noise unto the

Lord" at Holy Trinity in Webster.

Giugno and his wife Robbie have two children and are members of St. Theodore's Parish. He is a Neighborhood Conservation Officer for the city and she is an interpreter for the deaf with BOCES I. At his parish, Giugno coordinates the catechumenate program, works with the Baptism preparation program, is a member of the liturgy committee and the parish council, and is a lector and Eucharistic Minister.

He has done field education at St. Mary's Hospital, St. Stanislaus Parish and at St. Theodore's.

Driscoll, director of religious education at St. Louis Church in Pittsford, resides in Victor with his wife Michele, a potter, and their two children. He holds degrees from both St. John Fisher College and St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn. He is enrolled in the Doctorate of Ministry program at Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He has served the diocese at St. Jerome's Church in East Rochester, and St. James Church.

In addition, Driscoll is a member of the Diocesan

Liturgical Commission, and has served as its chairperson; is co-author of the diocesan religion curriculum for the primary grades; is a member of the editorial committee for the Diocesan Sacramental Guidelines; and is an instructor in the Permanent Diaconate Program.

Boburka, a physicist with IBM, received his early sacraments in the Byzantine Rite, changing his rite in 1960. He and his wife Yvonne have three children and now live in Owego, members of St. Patrick's Parish for the past ten years. The couple has been prominent in area renewal movements, Cursillo, Life in the Spirit Seminar, and especially Marriage Encounter. In their parish they serve as Eucharistic Ministers, and are involved in the RCIA program and Sacramental Preparation Program.

Boburka's field education has been with Tioga County Rural Ministry and St. Patrick's Parish.

Birx, his wife Ellen and their daughter live in Holcomb and attend St. Bridget's Church. He is a reading specialist at Bloomfield Junior/Senior High School, and she is a graduate student at the University of Rochester School of Nursing. Birx holds a bachelor's degree from Cornell University and his master's and doctor's degree from Northern Arizona University. He has taught in Bloomfield since 1979.

His field education has been as chaplain at Strong Memorial Hospital; at the Zen Community of New York under the guidance of Father Robert Kennedy SJ, studying the expression of Zen within the context of Christian liturgy and mysticism; and at St. Bridget's.

Battisti, his wife JoAnn and two children are members of St. Ann's Parish in Palmyra. A CPA, Battisti is a senior tax manager in the Private Business Advisory Services Department of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. His past parish involvements include the finance committee, the parish council, teaching religious education and serving as parish accountant. He now is on the liturgy committee and is a lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Battisti's field education included work at the diocesan Tribunal and Rochester General Hospital. His wife also participated in the training program and field education at the Tribunal, and is now enrolled in a masters program at St. Bernard's Institute. She, too, is a Eucharistic Minister.



Menu Checkers

Sister Nancy Whitley (left), and Sister Mary Dismas Foster, look over plans for the annual Sisters of Mercy Roast Beef Supper, Spring Sale and Folk Concert, 4-8 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse and High School. The sale will feature homemade bread, homemade candy and hand-crafted articles. The Sisters of Mercy Folk Group will perform. Supper tickets are available at \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens and \$2 for children under 10 from any Sister of Mercy or by calling (716) 482-5442. Sister Nancy is chairing the event. Sister Mary Dismas "cooks fantastic roast beef," in the words of an annual attendant.

Formation Program Scheduled

The diocesan Liturgy Office has scheduled a day-long Introductory Formation Program for Special Ministers of the Eucharist on Saturday, May 5, at Holy Apostles School Hall.

Men and women interested in the ministry of assisting the priest and deacon in the distribution of the Eucharist at Mass or to the sick should contact their pastor regarding participation in this workshop.

The program will be from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. It will include Eucharistic theology, liturgical practice, spirituality of ministry, and practicum for special ministers of the Eucharist both at Mass and to the sick.

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Bishops

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Archbishop O'Connor said, "While there have been some fundamental differences, I find a great deal was clarified."

He said the administration "didn't change my mind" about covert aid, which he opposes, to anti-Sandinista rebels.

On the other hand, Archbishop O'Connor said, "It seems to me we got a pretty good idea of some constructive efforts the administration's trying to make to improve the situation in some countries" of Central America.

Cardinal Joseph L. Bernardin of Chicago, who chaired the committee which drafted the 1983 bishops' pastoral on war and peace, said the bishops pushed for more initiatives to revive arms control talks and urged reconsideration of deployment of some strategic weapons systems.

"We had in mind systems like the MX," said Cardinal Bernardin, chairman of the bishops' Committee for Pro-Life Activities.

Asked if he thought the bishops were being used politically, Cardinal Bernardin responded, "Sure I'm aware of the fact that this is an

election year, but life doesn't stop because we're going to have an election in November."

The meeting with the bishops was the fourth in three weeks that Reagan has held with Catholic groups or officials.

Reagan met with leaders of the Catholic Health Association at the White House April 4, addressed the New York Federation of Catholic School Parents on April 5 in New York City and accepted the diplomatic credentials of Archbishop Pio Laghi, Vatican pronuncio, at the White House April 13.

The White House said that attending the luncheon were Bishop Malone; Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis, NCCB vice president; Archbishop Thomas Kelly of Louisville, NCCB secretary; and Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka of Detroit, NCCB treasurer.

Also attending, according to the White House, were Cardinal Bernardin; Archbishop O'Connor; Archbishop Bernard F. Law of Boston, at-large member of the NCCB executive committee; Cardinal John Krol of Philadelphia; and Msgr. Daniel F. Hoye, NCCB-USCC general secretary.

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