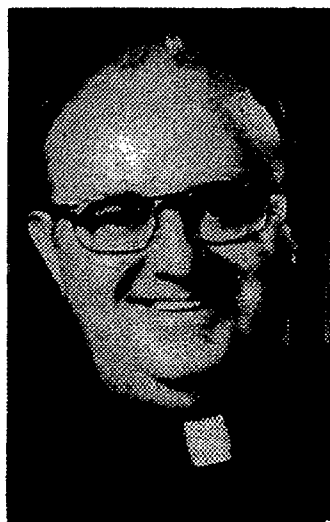




Cabrini Dinner May 20

Roberta Peterson, left, is treasurer, and Paula Watson, the chairman of the annual Mother Cabrini Circle scholarship benefit smorgasbord dinner scheduled from noon to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 20, at the Montgomery Neighborhood Center, 10 Cady St. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors and children. For tickets contact Nola DeRouen, 671-1748; Dorothy Carroll, 328-6639; or Jackie Alston, 436-6777.



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New Cluster

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The bishop has named Father William Spilly to serve as pastor of this cluster as well as the overall coordinator of the project.

The other cluster, Father Latus said, includes St. Bernard's, Scipio Center, and St. Isaac Jogues, Fleming. Father Paul Cloonan, he said, will continue as pastor of the two and will also serve as a member of the team.

In addition, other team members are Deacon John Prave of Union Springs and, it is anticipated, two women religious.

On the last, Father Latus said that the diocese has been in consultation with the Sisters of St. Joseph and the Sisters of Mercy, and that it is hoped one Sister will have skills as a pastoral assistant and the other as a director of religious education.

Father Latus noted, "It is anticipated that in the future, individual team members might be designated formally as pastoral administrators for each of the communities."

The entire development, he said, reflects the growing lack of clergymen to serve parish communities.

In addition, Bishop Clark announced that All Saints in Lansing, previously a mission of King Ferry, will become a mission of St. Catherine of Siena in Ithaca.

The move is not surprising, Father Latus said. All Saints "has some natural, geographical, social and working links already."

Furthermore, St. Hilary's in Genoa, a mission of St. Bernard's in Scipio Center, will be closed and its members will join surrounding parishes.

Father Latus said the church itself is very small and old, and the community is small. The community has been part of the planning process and has recognized that such a move would enable parishioners to "be part of a more lively part of the Church," he said.

The plan was presented last Tuesday evening at St. Patrick's Church in Aurora during a meeting for all the communities involved.

"In many ways it reflects what has been in the (Courier-Journal) articles on the priest shortage," Father Latus said.

For three weeks last month, the diocesan paper published stories on the subject, principally by NC News writer Jerry Filteau.

Father Latus also remarked that one impetus to implementing the plan is next month's retirement of Fathers John Hayes, Bernard Kuchman and Richard Stanton, all of the area.

In the case of Father Kuchman's area, just to the north of new clusters, Father Latus noted, "The bishop will most likely name an administrator to succeed Father Kuchman, who is retiring. (The administrator) will be directed to study for possible reclusterings in this area."

Father Kuchman is pastor of St. Michael's in Montezuma and St. John's in Port Byron.

Father Latus also noted that Father Richard Stanton, though retiring, has expressed his wish to remain and minister in the area and to assist the new team.

The project will be centered in Aurora.

Papal Tour

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celebration of Children's Day on May 5.

"This is the meaning of our lives: to love God and to love others — to love our parents, our brothers and sisters, our relatives and friends, all our fellow human beings, even those who may have hurt us or offended us," the pope told the children.

In the afternoon, the pope went by helicopter to Sorokdo, an island 700 yards off South Korea's coast. It looks like a resort for vacationers with dense forests, mild weather, long beaches of white sand and well-kept parks. Instead, it houses 2,500 victims of leprosy.

South Korea has one of the world's highest incidences of leprosy, known medically as Hansen's disease, with more than 50,000 victims. The recovery rate, though, is good, with the majority being rehabilitated within three years with good medical care. But the social stigma remains, causing most recovered leprosy victims to live with each other in colonies rather than face the stares of society.

The pope walked among 700 lepers gathered in wheelchairs in the hospital auditorium. The pope reached out to many of them, blessing and touching them, some with faces disfigured and hands hanging limply.

"To the unspeakable question 'Why me?' Jesus offers the living answer of his own death on the cross," said the pontiff in a brief homily, "for he suffered entirely for others, giving himself in unending love."

One of the lepers, Sang-Rok Park, gave a welcoming address.

"We and all the lepers of Korea at this moment feel more keenly that our life has meaning and that we, too, are loved by our heavenly Father," he said.

"Because of your visit," he said, "we will apply ourselves more earnestly to fighting our disease and we promise to recover our health as quickly as possible."

The pope urged Americans to exclude "selfishness in any form" and exchanged greetings with President Reagan.

As the pope stepped down from the plane, President Reagan and his wife Nancy stepped forward to shake hands with him.

As is customary with brief refueling stops, the pope did not kiss the tarmac as he does when making pastoral visits to countries.

Reagan, who had arrived in Fairbanks the previous day on his return from China, joined the crowd of about 10,000 at Fairbanks International Airport shortly before

the Alitalia charter flight carrying the pope touched down.

After shaking hands with other dignitaries gathered to greet the two world leaders, the pope and the president stepped up to a podium, where Reagan welcomed the pope and the pontiff delivered a 13-minute speech addressed to the crowd gathered in 35-degree weather and to the people of the United States.

Recalling his previous stopover in Alaska, when he was returning from another Far East trip in February 1981, Pope John Paul commented that he remembered "being welcomed by a lovely little child, Mollie Marie, who reached out and handed me a bouquet of forget-me-nots, your state flower."

"Shortly afterwards, that little girl was called home to her heavenly Father, but her loving gesture is not forgotten," the pontiff said.

The girl, Mollie Marie Jordan, died in December 1981 at age 7.

Using the state flower as a symbol, the pope said that he never forgets the American people, "even when I am miles away."

In greeting the pope, President Reagan called him "a minister of peace and love" and praised his "quest for human rights and world peace."

"I can assure you, the American people seek to act as a force for peace in the world and to further the cause of human freedom and dignity," the president said.

He added that "an appreciation for the unalienable rights of every human being is the very concept that gave birth to our nation."

"But no one knows better than Your Holiness that the quest for human rights and world peace is a difficult, often disheartening task," the president commented.

Reagan also told Pope John Paul that "far more can be accomplished by the simple prayers of good people than by all the statesmen or armies of the world."

"Only when the fellowship of all men under the fatherhood of God is recognized and acknowledged, only then will the world finally know true peace and understanding," the president said.

Following their public exchange the pope and president went into the airport terminal, where they conferred privately for half an hour. It was the pope's second meeting with Reagan, who visited the Vatican on June 7, 1982, during a trip to Europe.

Child Abuse Seminar Set for May 30-31

Twenty-eight local agencies and organizations are sponsoring two one-day conferences from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday, May 30-31 at Nazareth Arts Center. Funded with the assistance of a grant from the Daisy Marquis Jones Foundation, the conferences are for parents and professionals interested in the topics, "Facilitating Bonding and Attachment" and "Helping the Sexually Abused Child."

Guest speaker will be Dr. Foster Cline, physician, child psychiatrist, author and lecturer. Dr. Cline will discuss the diagnosis and

treatment of the unattached child and offer specific techniques to facilitate bonding at various stages and ages of development.

The conference will also center on the sexually abused child and ways of effectively dealing with these children and practical treatment ideas which will be geared to both parents and professionals.

Participation in the workshops is limited and the deadline for registration is Monday, May 21. Child care will be available at Nazareth for \$1. Registration forms and further information are available from Mrs. Jane K. Stevens, 586-7042.

Consider Vocations, Pontiff Asks Youths

(Text of Pope's Talk, Page 12.)

By Sister Mary Ann Walsh

Vatican City (NC) — Pope John Paul II has asked youths to consider religious vocations when making plans about their future.

"What will you do with your life?" the pope asked Catholic youths in his message for the 21st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, scheduled for May 13.

"What are your plans? Have you ever thought of committing your existence totally for Christ? Do you think that there can be anything greater than to bring Jesus to people and people to Jesus?" said the message.

The papal message, dated Feb. 11, was released by the Vatican April 26.

The pope also told youths that praying for vocations "does not mean being occupied only with the vocations of others."

"Many of you are called to carry out the priesthood of Jesus, many others to giving themselves totally to him living a chaste, poor, obedient life. Many go as missionaries to all continents," the pope said.

The pope also addressed bishops, priests, Religious and families, on their role in fostering vocations.

He called on parents to help children find their special calling in life.

"In order to carry out such a sublime and demanding task," the pope said, "I exhort you to be faithful to the vocation which you yourselves have received in the sacrament of marriage. In your family greatly foster prayer: You yourselves have need of the light of God to discern his will and to respond to it generously."

The pope also urged bishops to continue to develop programs to foster vocations and asked priests and Religious to speak about Christ and vocations to the priesthood and Religious life, especially to the young.

"In numerous regions a new youth, is growing, open to prayer and to the quest for God, desirous of participating in the life of the Church and of society," the pope said. "Do not disappoint their expectations. Be, then, messengers of the will and call with courage."

The pope also said the call to pray for vocations is not an invitation but rather "an imperative which challenges our faith and touches our conscience as baptized."

"Therefore, I invite all of you to pray, to pray a lot, to pray continually to this end that touches in such a vital manner the interest of the kingdom of God."

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know what a chore it is to do a column weekly. It is a major undertaking. And also sharing in the success are all editorial contributors, regular or irregular — their input makes the paper interesting and well-read."

While the survey by necessity concerns itself with editorial, Costello said, other departments share in the success of the paper — advertising, circulation, the office staff and typographers. "All departments work together on a daily basis to bring the paper to its readable form," Costello concluded.

Courier Survey

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The newspaper's objectivity was again upheld as 42 percent of the clergy saw it as "middle of the road," 29 as "moderately liberal" and 18 as "moderately conservative." A very small percentage saw it as "very conservative" (4) or "very liberal" (3).

As far as Page One is concerned, an even higher of priests (64 percent) than the general readership felt that controversial issues should not be kept off the front page. Only 24 percent felt that such news should be kept off Page One while 13 percent had no opinion or didn't answer.

They were asked whether they agreed or disagreed with a number of statements and they most often agreed with the following statements: articles in the Courier-Journal are well-written (72 percent); the Courier-Journal is informative (70); the Courier-Journal is an excellent source for local diocesan news (68); the Courier-Journal keeps me up-to-date (66).

According to McGraw-Hill, a lesser percentage of priests felt that the newspaper gave sufficient information about continuing changes in the Church — 55 percent. And slightly less than half agreed that the Courier-Journal presented an acceptable balance of local and national news (49). Only 34 percent rated the newspaper as challenging.

Alternatives To 9-5 Job To Be Studied

"Earning a Living — Your Way" will be the topic of a workshop to be presented by John Applegath, author of "Working Free," from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, May 12, at the Sheraton Inn Airport, 1100 Brooks Ave.

The workshop aims to help individuals find practical alternatives to the 9-5 job and earn a living compatible with their values and principal life goals.

A moderate registration fee will be charged. Space is limited and early registration is suggested. Further information and registration are available from Ellen de Buono at 385-2706.