

Prelate Promises Church Will Continue to Help Haitians Here

Miami (NC) — The Church will continue to support legislative and judicial remedies for Haitian refugees, Bishop Anthony J. Devilacqua, chairman of the U.S. bishops' Committee on Migration and Tourism, said at a conference May 2.

The bishop, who heads the Diocese of Pittsburgh, spoke at a meeting for people who minister to Haitians. It was held May 1-3 in Miami.

Bishop Devilacqua outlined the Church's efforts on behalf of the Haitians who have been labeled economic refugees by the U.S. government and denied political asylum.

The conference was sponsored by National Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration and Tourism and the Pierre Toussaint Haitian Catholic Center in Miami.

Bishop Devilacqua said he looked forward to an appeal to the Supreme Court of an 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision which reinstated a Reagan administration program for detaining Haitian refugees arriving in the United States.

Bishop Devilacqua called the appeals court decision "a serious setback to the existing rights under the U.S. Constitution of all non-resident aliens."

The bishop said that "in the context of the stark reality confronting Haitians and the ambivalent attitude of welcome and rejection presented by the United States, the Church is challenged to perform a role of mediation, education and prophetic witness."

Practical steps have been taken, such as special offices for Haitian ministry and centers for assistance, the bishop said, but more must be done to make Haitian concerns part of the normal flow of diocesan services.

Evangelization, as the continued task of the Church, requires a steady commitment on the part of pastoral agents in the Haitian community, he said.

"Part of our challenge as leaders in the religious community may be facilitating the immigrants' adjustment by directing them to look at their future, rather than their past and to find in the host society the concrete possibilities for personal growth and for the care of the family. Integration comes best from a position of strength," he advised.

More than 10 percent of the Haitian population has been forced abroad with an estimated 600,000 Haitians now living in the United States, the bishop said, and behind these statistics "hide the sorrows, personal tragedies, injustices suffered, timid hopes of our brothers and sisters."

Participants in the conference included Archbishop Edward A. McCarthy of Miami; Gerry Wynne of U.S. Catholic Conference Migration and Refugee Services; Ira Kurzman, an attorney for Haitian refugees; Auxiliary Bishop Rene A. Valero of New York and Father Sylvano Toussaint, director of the NCCB Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees office.

Fr. Albert Shamon



Word for Sunday

Shepherds And Sheep

Sunday's Readings: (R) Is. 40:1-11; (G) Acts 2:14-36-41; (C) 1 Pt. 2:20-25.

Sunday's liturgy is all about shepherds and sheep: shepherds' calling, and sheep going astray. The response is the familiar, but marvelous 23rd or Shepherd's Psalm.

There was a man who had achieved success in business but not happiness. He was nervous, tense, worried, sick. His physician suggested he talk with a clergyman. When he did, the cleric gave him this prescription: "Read the 23rd Psalm five times a day for seven days."

It worked. Why? This Psalm represents a positive, hopeful, faith approach to life. When one's mind becomes saturated with it, a new way of thinking results and a new life emerges.

We believe David composed this Psalm. In the first line he boasts, "The Lord is my shepherd." David, a shepherd, knew how much sheep depend on the shepherd. Whether they struggle, starve and suffer or thrive, flourish and fatten will depend on the kind of shepherd they have. With praise David almost shouts, "See — guess who the Lord is!"

The Lord man needs peace and hope. Sheep get panic and can be down in repose when four requirements are met. The sheep must be free from fear, from friction, from hunger and from pests.

Sheep are timid. A mere jackrabbit bounding suddenly from behind a bush is enough to stampede a whole flock. If just one sheep runs in fright, the rest will bolt with it in blind fear, not even waiting to see what frightened them.

It may come as a surprise to learn that sheep, the symbol of meekness, can be competitive, fractious and bumptious. An arrogant, cunning, domineering old ewe will boss a bunch of sheep by butting or driving them away from the best grazing or favorite bed-grounds. The other sheep use the same tactics of butting and thrusting at those below and around them. Because of this rivalry, the sheep cannot rest, for always they must stand up and defend their rights against intruders. But when the shepherd comes into view, the sheep quickly forget their rivalries and stop their fighting.

Sheep also get restless when they are hungry and thirsty. Green pastures allay these needs. The green, succulent food insures a heavy milk flow for the ewes. And the dew quenches their thirst. Sheep can go for months on end without drinking, especially if the weather is not too hot and the morning grass is heavy with dew.

For shepherds, summertime is fly time. Hordes of insects emerge with warm weather. What especially troubles the sheep is the nose fly. These pests work their way up the nasal passages into the sheep's head and set up an intense irritation. When nose flies

of the sheep become frantic with fear.

At the very first sign of flies, a good shepherd protects his sheep against them by anointing linseed oil, sulphur and tar over their heads and noses. "You anoint my head with oil."

Our Lord referred to Himself as the Good Shepherd. When He is my shepherd — what need we fear? Fear? Friction? Hunger? Attack? Only goodness and kindness will follow us all the days of our lives, for is not the Lord our shepherd too?

St. Anthony of Padua Launches Fund-Raiser

St. Anthony of Padua Parish on Lorimer Street is conducting a major fund-raising program in conjunction with the upcoming feast of St. Anthony. The program seeks both an increase in the Sunday offerings to meet operational costs, and a 30-month pledge to meet necessary building repairs.

Rather than soliciting for materials for the school roof, sections of the church roof and the parking lot among other needed repairs, Father John Mulligan, pastor, said that a new St. Anthony of Padua Grotto

will be constructed in the entrance to the church.

Designed by Rochester artist Carl Zollo, the grotto will include a monthly Mass for those memorialized.

"We are commemorating those parishioners who contributed to past church and school building programs, as well as those who contribute to this program and those who make future contributions. After costs for the grotto have been met, proceeds will be used for necessary parish repairs," Father Mulligan said.

The program, which seeks \$85,000 in cash and pledges and a substantial increase in the Sunday offering, is under the leadership of co-chairpersons Albert and Cecilia Ciaccia, Joseph Ferreri, Raymond Fratta, Salvatore Matroniano, Angelo Carcone and Peter Piedici.

Former parishioners, friends of St. Anthony's, and alumni of the school are being invited to participate in the drive. Solicitations will include several in-hall solicitations, personal contacts,

and letters to those who have moved.

The program begins May 20 and will conclude on St. Anthony's feast day, June 13.

Nazareth Professor Wins Award

Dr. Alexander Sutherland, associate professor of English at Nazareth College has been named recipient of a Fulbright Award to teach and consult in the Yemen Arab Republic (North Yemen) during the 1984-85 academic year. He is one of approximately 500 American scholars to win the award this year.

Dr. Sutherland will teach at the University of Sanaa, North Yemen. He is expected to teach American Studies, technical writing, linguistics and rhetoric.

Fulbright Awards are U.S. Government grants providing for an international exchange of scholars.

Mother's Day Flower Sale On May 13

The seventh annual Mother's Day Flower Sale will be Sunday, May 13. The sale is sponsored by Geneva Area Right to Life and is their only fund raiser.

Carnations will be sold outside these churches following services: St. Stephen and St. Francis deSales, Geneva; St. Francis, Phelps; St. Theresa, Stanley; St. Mary, Rushville; St. Mary, Waterloo; St. Patrick, Seneca Falls; and Holy Cross, Ovid.

The monies from last year's sale was used to bring guest speakers to educate the public, sponsor a bus trip to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life, and put out a bi-monthly newsletter, among other projects.

Alumnae Dinner

St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing Alumnae Association's spring dinner will be held 6:30 p.m., May 22 at Arena's Banquet Center. Reservations are made by calling Ruth Friday Courtney, 247-2963; or Joyce Kummer Patridge, 225-4142 before May 11.



Fr. Callahan Memorial Mass Set May 20

A memorial Mass for Father John T. Callahan of Madonna House will be celebrated 9 a.m., Sunday, May 20 at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse, 1437 Blossom Road. Friends of the priest have been invited to attend the rite. Father Callahan died April 7, 1984. A priest of the Diocese of Rochester, Father Callahan served at Sacred Heart Cathedral, St. Augustine's Parish and Our Lady of Mercy High School. He joined the Madonna House apostolate in Combermere, Ont., in 1952, becoming its first priest member and chaplain. He was director general of priests there at the time of his death. He was named Archimandrite of the Melkite Rite in 1968.

DEATHS

Leo P. Saeum, Kolping Leader

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated for Leo P. Saeum who died March 28, 1984, at the age of 72, following a long illness.

Eight priests concelebrated the rites at St. Thomas the Apostle Church for Mr. Saeum who was one of the most highly respected leaders in the German-American community of Rochester.

Born in Nurnberg, West Germany, in 1912, Mr. Saeum came to Rochester in 1946. He was a linotyper and worked at different times for the Rochester Abendpost and the Gannett Rochester Newspapers.

In addition he set copy for the Courier-Journal.

In Germany he had been a member of the Kolping Society, and upon arrival in Rochester he joined the local group and soon became a strong leader in it. He served

as chairman of German relief efforts following World War II, and as president from 1949 through 1978.

Because of his membership in the Kolping Society he also became a leading figure in the Federation of German-American Societies of Rochester, and in the Catholic Central Union of America. He was president of the New York State branch of the latter 1973-1978.

He was cited in January, 1976, by the federation for outstanding leadership in the

Iowa Church Finally Opens

Des Moines, Iowa — The Church of the Land, built on the site of the Living History Farms where Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass for more than 340,000 people in 1979, opened to the public May 1 after a long series of setbacks, including fire, bad weather and lack of funds. Steve Green, executive director of Living History Farms, just outside Des Moines, said the ecumenical church will be open for tours

German-American community in Rochester.

He also became the leading spirit in the establishment of a German language Mass as the opening event of the Rochester Octoberfest. In addition, he was responsible for establishing an annual German language Mass, sponsored by the Kolping Society on the feast of the Epiphany.

He was a member of the Rochester Layman's Retreat League and the Nocturnal Adoration Society.

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER



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Can drugs be used to manage grief?

Grief is best managed by talking about it and expressing our feelings to those we trust. Drugs, including alcohol, limit our ability to face grief openly and serve only the non-productive goal of hiding or masking our feelings. There is no question that feelings of grief are painful and will often be difficult to face. Instead of drugs find good friends who will listen and support you as you express your feelings of grief. If you have been taking drugs and you feel you cannot go on without them, see your physician, or a mental health worker who knows about grief. If you find yourself drinking more than usual or suffering severe stress seek help from professionals.

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