

World, Nation, People... in Brief

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World

Pastoral 'Difficult' for All

London -- Auxiliary Bishop Thomas Gumbleton of Detroit told a British audience that the U.S. bishops' pastoral on war and peace places all Americans, not just the military, "in a very difficult position." The U.S. bishop addressed a June 1 press conference where the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament discussed its protest against President Reagan's visit to Britain. The bishop said once someone determines that the conditions laid out by the pastoral for accepting deterrence are not being met, the individual is faced with the obligation of trying to change government policies. If it appears the policy cannot be changed, the individual confronts another choice: to resist the policy, Bishop Gumbleton said.

Critics' Views Seen Passe

Vatican City -- The Vatican official who oversees relations between the Catholic Church and Reformed Church said critics of Pope John Paul II's planned visit to Switzerland June 12-17 are ecumenically behind the times. Msgr. Aloys Klein of the Vatican Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity said that advertisements and statements which have appeared in Swiss newspapers in recent weeks show that critics "have not realized what has happened since Vatican II" in relations between Catholicism and other Christian churches. He said the critics show a "16th-century" attitude toward the Catholic Church.

Leprosy Treatment Advances

Vatican City -- New advances in the treatment of leprosy, including an experimental vaccine and techniques which also could add to the understanding of cancer and other diseases, were announced by the Pontifical Academy of Sciences June 4. The vaccine, which faces up to 10 years of testing and evaluation, was developed by Venezuelan Dr. Jacinto Convit, who worked with animals infected with the disease. The recent discovery that leprosy can occur in some animals, the academy said, is especially vital to research because the bacteria that cause the disease cannot be cultivated in the laboratory.

Nation

'Bishops Not "Using" Pope'

Washington -- A U.S. Catholic Conference official has called it "ludicrous" to say "the Catholic bishops are using or exploiting the pope" in a 60-second TV spot which features a papal appeal for arms control and a montage of U.S. and Soviet weapons. Making the comment was Sacred Heart Father Brian McCullough, director of the bishops' followup committee for the war and peace pastoral. Critics of the announcement said the USCC has taken the pope's comments out of context, thereby undermining U.S. nuclear deterrence policy. They also criticized the political implications the spot may have in an election year.

Further Salvador Probe Asked

New York -- Maryknoll Sisters and Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York have urged further investigation of the murders of four churchwomen in El Salvador even though President Jose Napoleon Duarte has said he plans no further probe. Five former Salvadoran National Guardsmen were convicted May 24 of killing the Catholic churchwomen, but there have been recurring allegations that high-ranking Salvadoran military men might have been involved in a cover-up or the killings themselves.

Pa. Court Ruling Decried

Harrisburg -- The Pennsylvania Catholic Conference has expressed disappointment at a ruling by the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, Philadelphia, striking down parts of Pennsylvania's Abortion Control Act. More details, Page 7.

People

Names Make News

Capuchin Father Sean O'Malley, episcopal vicar of priests serving the Spanish-speaking in the Archdiocese of Washington, has been named coadjutor bishop with right of succession of the Diocese of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands. Brooklyn-born Bishop Edward J. Harper, 73, currently is bishop of St. Thomas. Father James H. Garland, vicar for community affairs in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, has been named auxiliary bishop to Archbishop Daniel E. Pilarczyk of Cincinnati. Msgr. Lawrence Parcel, a San Diego diocesan priest and former staff member at the Apostolic Nunciature in Washington, has been named rector of the North American College in Rome. He will serve a five-year term and will succeed Msgr. Charles M. Murphy of the Diocese of Portland, Maine.

Focusing on Our Diocese



P-R Club Donates To School

Sister Seraphine Herbst, principal of the School of the Holy Childhood, receives a check for \$2,250 from Rochester Press-Radio Club officials Les Harrison, left, chairman of the club's charities committee, and Tony Destino, club president. The gift is part of the proceeds earned during the club's annual "Day of Champions" in February.



Sister Eymard Visits

Sister M. Eymard Esterheld, celebrating her 50th year in religious life, hugs 102-year-old Rosita Johnson of the Catholic Indian Center of Gallup, N.M. Sister Eymard, a member of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, founded by Mother Katharine Drexel, is a Rochester native who now works in New Mexico. Sister Eymard has been visiting area relatives recently. She entered her congregation from Blessed Sacrament Parish in 1932. Sister Eymard professed her final vows in 1934.



Nancy Parks, a junior at Our Lady of Mercy High School, has been named "Miss Polonia, 1983-84."

Miss Park's mother also held the title. Miss Parks represents the Polish community at various events throughout the county, and recently participated in the Lilac Parade. In addition, she will have a role in various city sesquicentennial events. The Miss Polonia program is sponsored by the Polish Army Veterans Post 27.

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the Saints *by Luke*

ST. GERMAINE COUSIN of Pibrac



ST. GERMAINE WAS BORN IN 1579, IN PIBRAC, IN SOUTHERN FRANCE. SHE WAS A FRAIL, SICKLY CHILD, AFFLICTED WITH A DISEASE OF THE NECK GLANDS. HER RIGHT ARM AND HAND WERE DEFORMED AND PARALYZED. HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 8, AND HER STEPMOTHER WAS A HARD CRUEL WOMAN WHO MADE GERMAINE LIVE OUTSIDE IN THE STABLE WHERE SHE WAS FED MOLDY BLACK BREAD AND DRESSED IN RAGS. SHE HAD TO SPIN WOOL OUTSIDE WHILE TENDING THE SHEEP AND WAS PUNISHED BY BEATINGS IF SHE DID NOT SPIN ENOUGH. GERMAINE'S ONLY EDUCATION WAS RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION AFTER MASS ON SUNDAYS, WITH EAGERNESS SHE ABSORBED EACH WORD. SHE USED A KNOTTED STRING FOR A ROSARY AND TWO STICKS FOR A CROSS. GERMAINE NEVER COMPLAINED. SHE LEFT THE STABLE VERY EARLY TO ATTEND DAILY MASS. ONE NIGHT IN 1601, SHE DIED IN THE STABLE, AT AGE 22. HER BODY LIES IN THE CHURCH OF PIBRAC. SHE WAS CANONIZED IN 1857 BY POPE PIUS IX. SHE IS PATRONESS OF ABUSED CHILDREN. THE FEAST OF ST. GERMAINE OF PIBRAC IS JUNE 15.

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