



Photos by Marianne Virgilio

Everything they had went into this team's tug o' war effort.

## The Other Olympics

It wasn't Los Angeles but the enthusiasm was just as spirited as more than 130 youngsters and staff took part in the 16th annual Summer Olympics last week at St. Joseph's Villa.

Three teams took part in more than 20 events, including parachute jump rope, track and field, swimming and a yelling contest.

"Events required teamwork and cooperation," said Dennis Pappalardi, supervisor of Physical Education/Recreation.

So maybe Carl Lewis wasn't among the participants but the competitors put as much effort into the games and probably derived as much satisfaction as those in the more heralded Olympics in Los Angeles.



The object is to jump the rope as many times as possible before the parachute falls.

## Population Meet

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said. "There is always the danger that the achievement of such targets, especially in terms of declines in population growth and-or fertility rates, will be used as a condition for economic assistance."

Aid for development "should never be conditioned on a demonstrated decline in birth rates, nor depend on participation in family planning programs," he said.

Bishop Schotte noted that the recommendation on reproduction mentions "the irreplaceable role of the family."

"In some points the affirmation in principle is later denied or contradicted," the bishop said. "The fundamental concept which underlies the text is in reality marked by a noticeable individualism."

Bishop Schotte said that "the very notion of family planning is falsified when it is used and applied not just to married couples but also to individuals and even to unmarried adolescents."

Bishop Schotte said that the "plan of action speaks of 'individuals and couples,' thereby endorsing a viewpoint which accepts sexual intimacy and parenthood as appropriate for unmarried individuals."

That view "diminishes the special and exclusive position which belongs to marriage and the family," he said.

"Moreover, to some degree, the increased incidence of extramarital sexual activity and out-of-wedlock pregnancy during the last decade, especially in developed countries, can be attributed to the absence of a universally recognized ethical principle" regarding marriage "as the only place in which both sexual intimacy and parenthood are appropriately and responsibly pursued," Bishop Schotte said.

He said that couples should be protected from loss of maternal and child health benefits or educational assistance, tax benefits or the imposition of penalties for going beyond a given number of children and other forms of coercion to participate in population plans.

They should also be protected, he said, from "the sometimes subtle pressure that results from anti-natalist propaganda campaigns or from quotas assigned to family planning workers for new acceptors."

Bishop Schotte told the conference that "the Holy See must also express its opposition, on moral grounds, to abortion, sterilization and contraception. He said that contraception and sterilization must be considered "morally illicit." He observed that the proposed plan of action makes no explicit reference to sterilization which, he said, in the past decade has become more and more widely used in family planning programs in many nations.

# Bishop Luna to Lead Major Rosary Rally

Bishop Constantino Luna, OFM, will lead a rosary rally 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29 at Holy Rosary Church, Mrs. Mary Kelly, area leader of the Blue Army of Our Lady of Fatima, said last week.

Bishop Luna is international president of the organization which claims a membership of 25 million in 114 countries.

The Rochester event will be one of many rosary rallies that Bishop Luna will lead across the country this fall. He has said he is conducting the programs at the request of Pope John Paul II, who had expressed his grave concern over the imminent threat of nuclear war.

Mrs. Kelly considers the event of major significance in the present political and spiritual economy. She said last week that world events indicate to her the need for a massive increase in prayer and sacrifice, and that the Sept. 29 rally will provide a means to that end.

She is asking diocesan priests to promote the rally and is also seeking help in organizing the effort.

Bishop Luna has spent most of his priestly career in missionary activity, serving in China from 1937 to 1950. During that time he was incarcerated in a prison camp. In 1950 he began work in Guatemala, and was ordained bishop of the Diocese of Zacapa there in 1956. He resigned his diocesan duties in 1980.

As official of the Blue Army, Bishop Luna conducts retreats for priests at Fatima, Portugal, and oversees Blue Army youth retreats there. He is also active in the Apostolate of Suffering.

He recently stated: "This is the hour of Christ; this is the hour of Our Lady; this is the



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hour of the Church; but most of all, this is the hour of the responsibility of the lay people."

At that time he described his major responsibility as:

"I talk about Our Lady, the Mother of Christ."

The rosary rally also coincides with a major diocesan conference on the U.S. bishops' pastoral letter, "The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response," though the two events are separately organized.

Incorporating prayer for peace with action for peace is a theme in the bishops' letter, and that theme will be pressed by rosary rally organizers, Mrs. Kelly said.

Mrs. Kelly also noted that the "Odessa Pilgrim Virgin Statue" will be brought to Rochester by Bishop Luna.

The statue had been brought to the Soviet Republic by the bishop of Fatima, Blue Army literature states.

## D-Day Documentary Airs Aug. 21 on PBS

By Henry Herx

New York (NC) — Forty years ago, the Allies launched their long-awaited invasion of Hitler's fortress Europe and within two months had driven the Nazis from Paris.

This campaign, the most decisive of World War II, is commemorated in "D-Day: The Liberation of France," a documentary airing Tuesday, Aug. 21, 10:20-11:10 p.m. EDT on PBS.

The program, using newsreel and military archive footage, quickly recounts Hitler's conquest of Europe, the Battle of Britain and the marshaling of Allied forces to retake the continent.

The rest of the program centers on the invasion and the Allied advance on Paris.

The production is apparently of French origin al-

though it has an American commentary delivered by Cleve Roberts, a veteran journalist who covered World War II from both the Pacific and European battlefronts.

All such programs have to draw from the same basic sources of documentary footage but some of the material here rarely, if ever, has been seen in the United States.

This refers in particular to several scenes of the French Resistance in action as well as battle footage taken by German army cameramen.

The value of the program, however, has nothing to do with how much new or rare footage it contains.

The reality of that historic battle is preserved on film so that future generations may better understand the terrible price of military victory.

Its chronicle of events, seen in the immediacy of the time, is a tribute to the sacrifice of all those who served in Normandy and every other campaign of World War II.

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## U.S. Bishops

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"We reject the idea that candidates satisfy the requirements of rational analysis in saying their personal views should not influence their policy decisions; the implied dichotomy -- between personal morality and public policy -- is simply not logically tenable in any adequate view of both," he said.

"This position," Bishop Malone added, "would be as unacceptable as would be the approach of a candidate or officeholder who pointed to his or her personal commitments as qualification for public office, without proposing to take practical steps to translate these into policies and practical programs. This is true of all candidates of all parties."

Bishop Malone also said that it is important for the public to understand that the bishops do not endorse or denounce candidates "lest, in the present political context, even what we say about issues

be perceived as an expression of political partisanship."

He said that by taking positions on issues, however, the USCC hopes to establish "a framework of moral guidance for use by Catholics and other persons of good will in making their decisions on political candidates and parties."

The bishops' political responsibility statement and platform testimony deal with life-related issues, including abortion, nuclear war, human rights, nutrition, housing, education and health care, "with particular emphasis upon abortion and nuclear war," Bishop Malone added.

The bishops seek "not only to address Catholics and others who share our moral convictions but to make a religiously informed contribution to the public policy debate in our pluralistic society," Bishop Malone wrote.

He added that "it is our hope, in short, that the polit-

ical debate in the months ahead will illuminate policy approaches." He also encouraged others to, like the bishops, evaluate policy proposals "from a moral perspective."

The statement did not mention any candidates or political parties by name.

Both Democrats and Republicans have included religion-oriented appeals in their campaigns. Rep. Geraldine Ferraro, a Catholic vice presidential candidate on the Democratic ticket, has questioned the extent of President Reagan's Christian commitment. She also has adopted the policy of being personally opposed to abortion while backing efforts to keep it legal.

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, a Catholic who also says he personally opposes abortion but does not wish to impose his views on others, has debated that issue with Archbishop John J. O'Connor of New York.

Reagan has often included references to God and religious beliefs in his addresses.

The USCC officers, besides Bishop Malone, who authorized the statement were Archbishop John L. May of St. Louis, USCC vice president; Archbishop Thomas C. Kelly of Louisville, Ky., USCC secretary; Archbishop Edmund C. Szoka of Detroit, USCC treasurer; and Archbishop Bernard F. Law, at large member of the USCC executive committee.

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individual of any political party for any public office or of any individual holding public office.

"My sole responsibility is to present, as clearly as I can, the formal official teaching of the Catholic Church. I leave to those interested in such teaching whether or not the public statements of officeholders and candidates accord with this teaching," he said. He added he is "sure" that that Cuomo intended "no criticisms of me personally or of my position as archbishop of New York."

Cuomo's appearance in Washington was protested by about 15 picketers outside the hotel where the event was held. They opposed his stand on abortion.