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BISHOP TUTU

USCC 'Delighted' At Nobel Prize For Bishop Tutu

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Officials of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Justice and Peace Commission said they are "delighted" South African Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu was named the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

They said they hope the award will draw attention to the problems of blacks in South Africa.

"It's a superb decision. Magnificent," said Father Rollins Lambert, African affairs adviser to the U.S. Catholic Conference's Commission on International Justice and Peace.

Father William Lewers, USCC justice and peace commission director, expressed "great pleasure, really jubilation," at the announcement. "I'm delighted at the outcome."

"I think he's one of the outstanding religious leaders in the world today," he added.

Bishop Tutu, secretary general of the South African Council of Churches, is an outspoken critic of his country's system of racial laws and policies called apartheid (apartness) in the Afrikaans language developed by the early white settlers.

In announcing the award Oct. 16, the Nobel awards committee called Bishop Tutu the "unifying leader in the campaign to resolve the problem of apartheid in South Africa."

"This year's award should be seen as renewed recognition of the courage and heroism shown by black South Africans in their use of peaceful methods in the struggle against apartheid," the committee said.

The 53-year-old bishop, who was at the Anglican General Theological Seminary in New York at the time of the announcement, called the award "a wonderful political statement" which will "help focus the attention of the world" on South Africa.

The award "acknowledges all those who have been involved in the liberation struggle for a new society in South Africa, a society where human beings matter because they are human beings," said the bishop, who is secretary general of the South African Council of Churches.

"More than anything else, it is a corporate recognition of the sufferings of so many innocent people brought on by the most vicious society since Nazism and communism," Bishop Tutu said.

Father Lambert said the prize could benefit Bishop Tutu in his work. "It might save him from persecution."

Father Lambert doubted the prize would have any effect on the South African government. "They've been nearly impervious to criticism for years."

The U.S. State Department issued a congratulatory statement, calling Bishop Tutu a champion of non-violence. It said the U.S. "supports a peaceful change away from apartheid."

Pope OKs Tridentine Mass In 'Extraordinary Cases'

Vatican City (NC) -- Pope John Paul II has given permission to bishops around the world to approve, under certain conditions, the use of the Tridentine Rite for Mass, the replacement of which was one of the major -- and most controversial -- reforms coming out of the Second Vatican Council.

A letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship to the heads of all bishops conferences said readmission of the old Latin-language rite is not intended for parish churches, except in "extraordinary cases." It is intended, the letter said, for particular groups that request it, in churches and oratories approved by the bishops.

The letter, written in Latin and dated Oct. 3, was signed by Archbishop Augustin Mayer, recently named prefect of the congregation, and Bishop Virgilio Noe, the congregation's secretary. The letter was made public by the Vatican press office Oct. 15

Only Those Who Accept New Missal May Get Permission

after an Italian news agency revealed its contents.

The decision reflected the pope's desire to accommodate the groups that "remained tied to the Tridentine Rite," the letter said.

Permission to use the rite should go only to priests and faithful who accept the liturgical changes included in the new Roman missal, the letter said. That condition appears to exclude rebel Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre and his followers who have rejected replacement of the Tridentine Mass and have opposed other actions of the Second Vatican Council.

"This is not a step backward," Archbishop

Mayer told National Catholic News Service Oct. 16. "It is by no means a concession to Lefebvre."

"It is a pastoral act of the Holy Father, to give these people a certain witness of his pastoral care, because they felt so badly," he said. "In the end, what they're doing is celebrating the Mass of many, many centuries."

The liturgy of the Tridentine Rite is based on the text approved by Pope Pius V in 1570. That liturgy was replaced in 1970 by the new order of Mass approved by Pope Paul VI. The new order of Mass calls for the liturgy to be celebrated generally in the language of those

participating in the celebration.

The last missal using the Tridentine Rite was published in 1962. The congregation's letter specifies that the 1962 version must be used, in only the Latin language, without mixing it with the new rite.

Archbishop Mayer said it would be up to bishops to decide whether to approve the Tridentine Mass on a regular basis in parish churches, depending on particular local situations.

"You cannot answer this and I cannot answer this," he said. "Local bishops are being given responsibility."

The letter, listing the conditions for the approval of the old rite, states: "Such celebrations should be made only for the use of those groups that ask for it, in the churches and oratories indicated by the bishop (not, however, in parish churches, unless the bishop has granted

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Traditionalists Lukewarm to News

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Traditionalist sect leaders gave tempered praise to the new Vatican permission to use Tridentine Rite Masses, while some U.S. bishops said they foresaw little demand for the pre-Vatican II rite.

"I think it's a step in the right direction, but it's not sufficient," said Father Carl Pulvermacher of Queen of Angels Chapel in Dickinson, Texas.

His church, like other churches affiliated with suspended Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre, has continued to celebrate the Tridentine Rite Masses in defiance of previous Vatican orders.

Father Pulvermacher said the approximately 800 members of his church would probably not agree to the restriction which requires those requesting the Tridentine rite to accept the new order of the Mass, because they do not consider the new Mass as valid. The new rite, he said, lacks reverence and does not contain "the authentic, proper teaching of the old Mass."

In an Oct. 19 statement, Bishop Leo T. Maher of San Diego said the restrictions placed on the permission would seem to eliminate most

requests, "since the people who request it must accept the liturgical changes (of Vatican II), including the New Missal."

"It would seem if they were going to accept these changes, they would hardly be asking for the Tridentine Mass," the bishop said.

Frater Louis Marie, seminary vice rector for the Tridentine Rite Latin Church in Spokane, Wash., also said

he doubted whether the Vatican declaration would have much of an impact on his church, which claims about 4,000 members nationwide.

"In conscience, I don't see how I or anyone else (in that church) can say I accept the new Mass as valid," he said.

A parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Church in Kenner, La., which is owned by Archbishop Lefebvre's St. Pius X Society, said he was

"thrilled" by the Vatican's move.

"It is a charitable provision to satisfy the nostalgia of some people for the age-old rite," said Bishop John L. Morkovsky of Galveston-Houston, Texas.

"Prudently, it is allowed only on condition that the people who use it are faithful to the church, including the renewal provisions of the Vatican Council."

STOSM Gets \$275,000 For Pregnancy Prevention

Elmira -- The Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry will conduct a unique program in pregnancy prevention under the auspices of a \$275,000 grant awarded by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

The award was announced last week by Father Michael Bausch, director of the office, and Congressman Stanley N. Lundine's office.

The \$275,000 forms the bulk of the program cost, with an additional \$25,000 to be provided by the grant recipient in in-kind services.

The program, known as a Family Life Demonstration

Project, will be administered by the Social Ministry Office, but carried out in Tioga County, Bradford County, Pa.; and Hartford, Conn.

According to Sister Rosaria Hughes RSM, development director for the Office of Social Ministry, who wrote the proposal, the three sites correspond to the first three of the regions into which the entire country is divided.

Sister Rosaria explained that "with every federal grant you have to come up with some kind of a match," in explaining the in-kind services money. She said that match takes the form of services rendered by the grantees and participant agencies.

Father Bausch said that this is one of only a handful of such demonstration projects being funded across the nation. The program has the potential of being expanded to a five-year project, de-

pending on evaluation of the first year's activities.

The purpose of the project is to increase information and communication about sexuality by adolescents and their parents. The goal is pregnancy prevention through enhanced self-esteem and encouragement of mature behavior.

A series of weekend retreats and the establishment of supportive parent groups in each of the target areas will be key aspects of the program, Father Bausch said.

The Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry, Catholic Charities, Inc., is the regional office of the diocesan Division of Social Ministry, and is guided by a 21-member board of directors.

The agency works for social justice and offers a broad range of services to meet the social and economic needs of the people of Steuben, Chemung, Schuyler, Tompkins and Tioga counties.

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