

# Pope's Lenten Message for 1985

Here is the text of Pope John Paul II's Lenten message for 1985. The message was released in Washington Feb. 12 by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Again this year at this time of Lent, I wish to speak to you about the distressing situation created by hunger in the world. When hundreds of millions of people are lacking food, when millions of children are irreparably marked by hunger for the rest of their lives and thousands of them are dying of it, I cannot remain silent, we cannot remain silent or inactive.

We know that governments as well as international organizations and associations send much relief to the victims of these food shortages, unfortunately without all of them receiving what could save them. But in order to be effective, could not a very significant effort be made to attack even more decisively the causes of this scourge which rages on a worldwide scale?

It is true that natural causes such as bad weather and

long periods of drought are unavoidable at the present time. But their consequences would often be less serious if people would not add mistakes and sometimes injustices to these natural causes. Is everything being done to prevent, at least in part, the disastrous effects of bad weather, as well as to ensure the just and rapid distribution of provisions and assistance? On the other hand, there are situations which are intolerable: I am thinking of those farmers who do not receive just compensation for their hard work; I am also thinking of those rural people who have been ousted from their productive lands by individuals or groups, already abundantly provided for, who amass wealth at the expense of the hunger and suffering of others. And how many other causes and situations of hunger could be quoted!

Within the same family, can some members eat their fill while their brothers and sisters are excluded from the table? To think of those who suffer is not enough. In this time of Lent, conversion of hearts calls us to add fasting to our prayer, and to fill with God's love the efforts that the demands of justice toward neighbor inspire us to make.

"I have compassion on the crowd" (Mk 8:2), said Jesus before multiplying the bread to feed to those who had been following him for three days so as to listen to his word. Physical hunger is not the only kind from which humanity suffers: many of our brothers and sisters are also hungry and thirsty for dignity, freedom, justice, for food for their

minds and souls; there are deserts of the spirit and the heart!

How are we to show in a concrete way our conversion and our spirit of penance at this time of preparation for Easter?

First of all, to the extent of our sometimes great responsibilities, by not cooperating in any way with anything that could cause hunger to even one of our brothers and sisters in the world, be he or she near or thousands of kilometers from us; and if we have done so, by making amends.

In the countries which are suffering from hunger and thirst, Christians are sharing in the urgent help being given and in the fight against the causes of this catastrophe of which they are the victims just like their fellow citizens. Let us assist them by sharing with them our surpluses and even what we need, for this is the true practice of fasting. Let us take part generously in the concerted actions of our local churches.

Let us always remember that to share is to give to others what God intends for them and which is only entrusted to us. To give fraternally by allowing ourselves to be inspired by the love that comes from God is to contribute to alleviating physical hunger, to nourishing people's minds and to gladdening their hearts.

"Let all that you do be done in love.... The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you" (1 Cor 16:14,23).



## Paris in the Winter

The Nazareth Academy language department is sponsoring a 10-day trip to France for 12 students, accompanied by teacher Sally McMahon. Among the group are, rear row, from left, Stacey Moorhead, Kathy Gomes, Natalie Boland, Laura Wise; front, Donna Gardner, Chris Horton. They will spend two days in London before going to France to visit the Normandy beaches, Mont St. Michelle, the Loire Valley famous for wine, the palace at Versailles and finally Paris. They will return Feb. 25. The others on the trip are Cindy Yantz, Mary Lynn Dandrea, Laurie McAllister, Lisa Irwin, Donna Gardner and Emily Price.

## Knights Set Session On Estate Planning

The Webster Knights of Columbus has scheduled a session on estate planning at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 27, at Webster Columbus Center, 70 Barrett Drive, Webster.

Five panelists will speak on such topics as Social Security benefits, wills, trusts, life insurance, financial planning and funeral arrangements.

Participating will be William Haus, general agent, Knights of Columbus Insurance; Kenneth Knitter,

Younglove-Smith Funeral Home; John Lee, Social Security Administration; Anthony Nicoletti, Dean Witter Reynolds, and Andrew Weidman, attorney, of Weidman and Jordan. A question and answer period will follow their presentations.

This first of Webster Council's Community Forum Series of lectures on topics of public interest is free and open to the general public.

## Knights Award Second Degrees

Our Lady of the Cenacle Council 3892, Knights of Columbus, conducted an Exemplification of the Second Degree at Our Lady of Mercy School, Denise Road, last Wednesday.

Receiving the Second Degree were, from Rochester Council 178, Peter Witkowitz, Gerald Kavanaugh, Mark McManus and Thomas Burke; from Council 3892, John Hickey, Scott Walsh, Robert Eckert, Charles LaGorpa and Samuel Yacono; from Trinity Council 4618, Webster, Len DiSalvo, Don Gallo, Carl Grovanz, Richard Clar and Michael Ruff; from Ironde-

quoit Council 4691, Greg Horsch and Joseph Campbell; from Henrietta Council 4812, Thomas Keck; from Pope John XXIII Council Council 7707, Spencerport, Milton Hoy, Charles Maier, Robert Goodwin Jr. and Dale Tyo; from Penfield Council 8271, Samuel Candeloro.

Members of the degree team were Dr. John Surash, acting district deputy; Grand Knight Edward Miller; Chancellor Steven Karnisky; Warden Ed Moloney; Banner Bearer John Rien and Guards Marty Kolb, Ed Walsh and Thomas Maguire. Brother Ignatius was crossbearer.

## Open House Scheduled

Knights of Columbus Council #7707 of Spencerport will sponsor an open house at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 21 at St. John's PAC Room, 60 Martha St.

According to Ralph Handley, grand knight, any Catholic male over the age of 18 is invited. Following a welcoming address and short film, a question and answer period is scheduled. Refreshments will follow.

## Artist Grants Available

The 1985 Local Incentive Funding Test (LIFT) grant applications are now available in Arts for Greater Rochester's office. Four grants for \$3,000, five grants for \$2,000 and eight grants for \$1,000 will be distributed to Monroe County artists, non-profit arts organizations, and community organizations for arts related projects to be completed in 1985.

Grant proposals must be submitted to the AGR office by March 1 and grant awards will be made April 1. For more information call 546-5602.

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