

Are Bishops Bridge Between U.S., Nicaragua?

Managua, Nicaragua (NC) -- Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega told U.S. Catholic bishops visiting Nicaragua that he wants good relations with the Catholic Church and with the United States.

The church group, headed by Archbishop John J. O'Connor of New York, met twice with Ortega during a Feb. 24-28 visit to Nicaragua.

(In a later development, Ortega offered to meet with U.S. officials on the situation between the two countries.)

The bishops first met with Ortega Feb. 25 in a late-night, two-hour session. The closed-door talks covered the government's relations with the Nicaraguan bishops and the Reagan administration.

After a second meeting with the churchmen, Ortega announced he would invite a bipartisan U.S. congressional delegation to Nicaragua to inspect that country's military equipment. He said the delegation would discover his country's military buildup was purely defensive.

"We need to achieve peace and good relations between the church and the revolution," Ortega said in a brief statement as he appeared with Archbishop O'Connor at the end of the Feb. 25

meeting. "That's what we aspire to, just as we aspire to achieve peace between Nicaragua and the United States."

Archbishop O'Connor said that perhaps God had favored the bishops by allowing them to become a bridge for peace.

The archbishop headed an official delegation from the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, which was also scheduled to visit El Salvador Feb. 28-March 2. Other church leaders in the delegation included Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago; Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington; Bishop Rene Gracida of Corpus Christi, Texas; and Coadjutor Bishop Sean O'Malley of St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Archbishop Hickey said a preliminary report on the bishops' tour should be out before a congressional vote on \$14 million in aid to Nicaraguan counterrevolutionaries fighting Ortega's government. That vote is expected in late March or early April.

Responding to journalists' questions about the bishops' stand on renewed aid to the counterrevolutionaries, Archbishop O'Connor said

the bishops "have never recommended that there be military support to any faction in any conflict anywhere."

Nicaragua's bishops have criticized the ruling Sandinista junta for censorship and for human rights violations.

However, Bishop Gracida said Feb. 26 that during a meeting with independent human rights officials, the bishops heard descriptions of human rights abuses by the guerrillas and the Sandinistas.

The Reagan administration has criticized the Sandinistas' ties to Cuba and the Soviet bloc.

Panel Slated To Discuss Loneliness

Geneva -- Loneliness is the topic of a panel presentation and discussion hosted by the diocesan Commission on Young Adult Ministry, 2 p.m., March 10 at St. Stephen's School hall.

Panelists will include two staff members of the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry: Sister Alicia Schur, coordinator of counseling services; and Carl Ritz, program director.

The discussion, entitled "Freedom from Loneliness," is open to the public but will be particularly focused on loneliness as experienced by young adults. Donations will be accepted.

Pray for Unity

Vatican City (NC) -- Here is the Vatican text of Pope John Paul II's English-language remarks at his weekly general audience Jan. 23.

Dear brothers and sisters,

In these days Christians throughout the world join in prayer for the gift of perfect unity. This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity comes 20 years after the promulgation of the Second Vatican Council's decree on ecumenism. The years since the council have witnessed a remarkable expansion of the ecumenical movement, a movement which has been inspired by the grace of God and has received a generous response on the part of many Christians.

Dialogue for Christian unity is a complex and delicate process. It involves problems of faith, doctrine, liturgy and discipline. At the same time, it is sustained and inspired by common prayer -- fervent prayer that the unity which Christ so desired for his followers may one day be restored.

Over the years, shared reflections between the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity and the World Council of Churches have been fruitful. This year's theme for reflection focuses on the fact of our common redemption in Jesus Christ. This redemption, actuated in our one baptism in the Lord Jesus, causes the internal working of grace that impels us towards full unity. Our search for this unity is not motivated by some external factor, but comes from our one faith in Christ who suffered, died and rose for us.

Let us pray for this important intention.



Business In the Diocese

Bob and Shirley Sayre, members of St. Joseph's Parish in Penfield, have been named co-chairpersons for the 1985 Easter Seal Telethon.

Sayre is office manager at Rochester Liquor Corporation and a member of the Penfield Rotary Club. He has served as Easter Seal chairman for the Penfield Rotary for the past three years.

His wife is employed by the Fairport School District.

The telethon will be broadcast beginning at 11:30 p.m., Saturday, March 30, through 8 p.m. the following night.



BOB and SHIRLEY SAYRE

George J. Scharr, a member of Old St. Mary's parish, has been named vice president/controller of Flower City Printing, Inc., according to Wayne Scheible, president. He joined the company as controller in March 1983. He is a graduate of Aquinas Institute and the State University of New York at Buffalo and has a master's degree from the University of Rochester.

Roberta Keefe Honadle has joined the Nazareth College Music Department Preparatory Division faculty where she will specialize in Suzuki piano instruction. She presently teaches privately and in the Pittsford schools. She is the only sanctioned teacher trainer and master teacher of Suzuki piano in the Rochester area, according to the college. She has served as director of the Suzuki Piano Festival for four years and is co-chairperson of the Rochester Area Suzuki Pianists.



ROBERTA HONADLE

Holy Hour

The Peoples Eucharistic League will gather for a Holy Hour 7:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, March 11 at Our Lady of Mercy Motherhouse. Father Gerald E. Dunn will preside at the rites.

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Tradition ... Passing It On Hand to Hand

"My past is passing before me. People who knew me when I was 13 have been calling and dropping in. It's been a traumatic week."

The speaker was Lee Mangione Cirillo whose "The Italian Bakery" went on sale in stores around Rochester last week. The spiral looseleaf book contains nearly 100 family recipes for traditional Italian cookies and pastries, recipes that were mainstays of her parents' bakery.

I called Lee after my neighbor alerted me. "Mom bought it for me. You've got to get one," Yvonne urged. "It's got all the old recipes including the wedding cookie cake."

According to Lee, there are a lot of mothers with the same need to put tradition into the hands of their daughters.

"It's not just Italian-American mothers who are buying it. We've had orders from people with Jewish, Hungarian, German -- you name it -- backgrounds. It's intermarriage that creates the interest in things Italian," she says.

"One mother bought 10 copies to give to her children. I'm grateful when they buy one. Imagine 10 copies!"

Lee knows all about family tradition. It was that which made it difficult to share the beloved recipes. But the need to see that the family treasures were preserved

finally led to her writing the book.

A food services teacher in the BOCES system and adult gourmet baking classes, Lee was entreated by her students to "put the recipes in a book."

"It took a lot of thought, a lot of adjustment to come to the decision," she said. Then the recipes had to be scaled down from bakery amounts to those suitable for home use. A great deal of retesting was involved.

Lee credits husband Ernie for cleaning up after her. In fact, the book was a family project. Daughter Barbara created the cover illustration, daughter Patti helped her with some rewriting. Other family members and friends also offered assistance.

"The Italian Bakery" has already had a second printing, its popularity stemming from the desire not only to re-create the traditional recipes but as one guyer said to "hold the memories of my childhood in my hand."

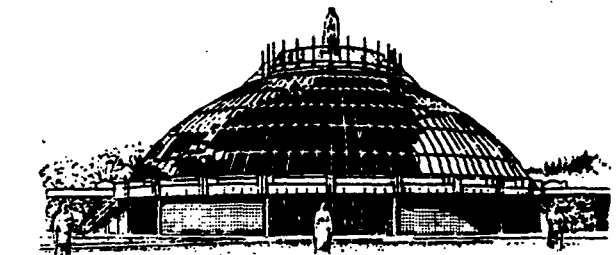
The book, dedicated to Lee's mother, Mary, includes recipes for delicacies such as cuccidati (fruit bars), cassata (cream cake) and ossi di morte (bones of the dead).

Those who would like to meet Lee may do so at an autograph session from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 9, at Wegmans, Perinton. "The Italian Bakery" is also on sale at selected Tops and Apples markets, plus bookstores.

Out of town residents may order by mail by sending \$12.15 to Cirillo Cooking School, Box 17106, Rochester, N.Y. 14617.



Rose Marie Garofalo, an active member of St. Ambrose Parish, has been named advertising manager of Paychex, Inc., the area office of which is at 275 Lake Ave. She joined the firm in 1982 as marketing coordinator.



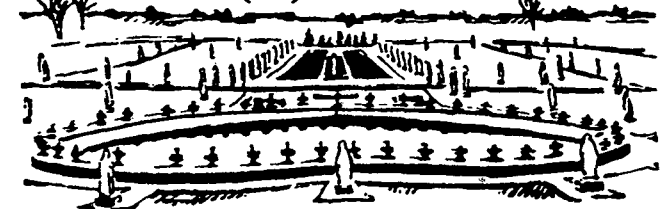
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