



Ready to roll

The girls' soccer programs at Our Lady of Mercy High School and Nazareth Academy are both prepared for what should be exciting, winning campaigns. See Page 7.



Summer reflections

Echo is back with a look at the events of summer. One student writer reflects on summer camp; another considers the lessons of a fatal car accident. See Page 10.

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Pope calls attacks insane

Courmayeur, Italy — Pope John Paul II, reacting to two bloody terrorist attacks in early September, called for "everything possible" to end the "incessant escalation" of terrorism. He described as "insane episodes" the hijacking of a U.S. jetliner in Pakistan and the massacre of 21 worshippers in a Turkish synagogue. The pope made the comments during an Angelus talk Sept. 7 during a weekend trip to the Italian Alps, where he said the terrorists "scattered innocent blood: the blood of brothers who were traveling, the blood of brothers who were gathered in a place of prayer."

Curran supporter rebutted

London — A British moral theologian who defended Father Charles E. Curran in a London newspaper article has been rebutted by two British bishops. In an article in *The Times* of London, Father Kevin Kelly defended the U.S. priest, saying that Father Curran was following the teaching of the Second Vatican Council that an action cannot be judged good or bad if it is isolated from the person doing the action. Bishop Francis Thomas of Northampton, England said he thought Father Kelly's contribution to the needed dialogue between bishops and theologians was "tendentious and unhelpful."

'Terrorists reject Church'

Londonderry, Northern Ireland — Catholic Irish terrorists separate themselves from the Church when they commit murder, said a north Irish bishop. Although he did not mention the outlawed Irish Republican Army, Bishop Edward Daly of Derry (Londonderry) during an Aug. 31 sermon described the terrorists as "those cruel individuals with distorted minds and even more distorted principles" who have "the gall to say they were doing this in the name of freedom."

Nation

Theologian's visit cancelled

Milwaukee — Creighton University vetoed an invitation for a fall lecture by moral theologian Daniel Maguire, reportedly because of Maguire's abortion views and administration fears that his appearance at the Jesuit-run school would harm a fund-raising drive. Maguire, a professor at Marquette University in Milwaukee, revealed the Creighton decision, made in late spring, shortly after a committee of the Association of American University Professors reported in August that four other U.S. Catholic institutions had violated academic freedom when they cancelled plans for lectures by Maguire.

Cuomo, NYC bishop clash

New York — New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, who had a public dispute with Cardinal John J. O'Connor in 1984, over public policy on abortion, has come into conflict with another prelate of the New York Archdiocese. Touching off the new controversy was a directive to archdiocesan parishes by Auxiliary Bishop Joseph T. O'Keefe, archdiocesan vicar general, who said pastors should exercise "great care and prudence" in deciding on speakers at events such as Communion breakfasts and graduations.



Walking Tall

With a hand from Jerry Cornell, Daphne Gallo climbs to new heights. Stilts were just one of the diversions offered at Camp Stella Maris during the annual Single-Parent Family Camp. For story and more photographs, see pages 8 and 9.

Jeff Goulding/Courier-Journal

Rome orders archbishop to relinquish powers

Auxiliary takes control of 4 aspects of ministry

Seattle (NC) — Under Vatican orders, Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle has relinquished complete authority over several areas of archdiocesan activity to his auxiliary, Bishop Donald Wuerl.

The areas included liturgy, the archdiocesan tribunal, seminarians and priestly formation, laicized priests, and moral issues of health care and ministry to homosexuals.

These aspects were among those highlighted as problem areas during a 1983-85 Vatican investigation of Archbishop Hunthausen's administration in Seattle.

In Rome, an official of the Vatican Congregation for Bishops said the removal of Archbishop Hunthausen's authority over these key activities was a "disciplinary" action meant to correct an extraordinary situation.

The official, Monsignor Marcello Costalunga, undersecretary of the congregation, said Sept. 8 that the measures were not necessarily permanent and that "one hopes everything will eventually return to normal."

He said the Vatican congregation removed the archbishop's control in certain areas to "strengthen and better guarantee pastoral governance" in the archdiocese.

"These are disciplinary measures to correct a specific situation," Monsignor Costalunga said.

At a press conference Sept. 4, Archbishop Hunthausen and Bishop Wuerl both said they had been "working out of a different understanding" of the special responsibilities the Holy See assigned to Bishop Wuerl when he was named a Seattle auxiliary bishop last December.

"I don't know where the blame is" for the misunderstanding, Archbishop Hunthausen said, but it has "caused a great deal of suffering for both of us."

Archbishop Hunthausen told reporters

that Church law provides for the possibility of auxiliary bishops being assigned special responsibilities as part of their appointments, but said that he thought the degree of responsibility delegated to the auxiliary in this case was "unusual."

Bishop Wuerl said he did not think the practice of assigning special duties to an auxiliary was unusual. When asked to cite other instances, he said he could not name any other specific dioceses.

Monsignor Costalunga said the congregation had taken similar action in other "rare" cases, but said he could not immediately name any examples.

He added that it could be embarrassing to discuss similar past cases because the action represents a "negative" mark on a bishop's record.

"These are extraordinary, exceptional situations, but unfortunately they happen," Monsignor Costalunga said.

He said he hoped Archbishop Hunthausen would in the future return to the full governance of the archdiocese, but did not say what conditions would be necessary for such a change.

Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls described the Vatican action as a "regular" procedure done in line with canon law. He said he thought the action could be reversed "if discipline is restored in the archdiocese."

The archbishop said the Vatican intention to give Bishop Wuerl complete and final authority over certain aspects of Church life in Seattle was made clear to him when he met in June with Archbishop Pio Laghi, papal pronuncio to the United States. "It was subsequently confirmed to me in a letter (from the pronuncio) dated July 1, 1986," he said.

Originally, he said, he understood that his new auxiliary's responsibilities in those areas were to be more of "a general oversight" rather than "delegated" by him to have complete and final decision-making power over them.

He and Bishop Wuerl repeatedly underscored that they were committed to shared responsibility in governing the archdiocese and promoting unity.

In a letter to his priests on the Vatican decision, the archbishop wrote: "The ministry is one. It is always shared, and it can even be delegated. But it must never be divided."

Archbishop Hunthausen told reporters that the "broader governance" of the archdiocese remains his, and that he retains full authority over a "vast array" of archdiocesan offices, programs and activities.

He said Bishop Wuerl's authority over liturgy might also extend in some ways into catechetical preparation for the sacraments. One liturgical concern expressed in the Vatican investigation was that first communion did not always precede first Communion.

When a reporter asked Archbishop Hunthausen if he ever considered resigning during the Vatican investigation, he started to answer two or three times but stopped, then said, "I could just as soon not answer that question."

After a moment he added that he was "as human as anyone else" and had experienced "the whole gamut of emotions" during the two-year investigation.

He said he never did receive a copy of the full final report on the investigation, which Archbishop James A. Hickey of Washington, D.C., conducted for the Holy See.

Archbishop Hunthausen said that when Bishop Wuerl was assigned as his auxiliary, it was clear the auxiliary was to have special responsibilities in the specified areas.

But at that time, he said, the two "judged it best to make no public announcement to that effect" in hopes of assuring Bishop Wuerl "the best possible climate for beginning his ministry among us."

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