



Treacherous territory

Father Charles Mulligan followed his heart into treacherous territory as he left Monday for a five-year stint as a Maryknoll missionary in Santiago, Chile. See Page 4.



Kickoff '86

A series of McDonald matches gave Canadelgus its 30th consecutive win; Bishop Kearney's defense crowned Cardinal Rooney with a shutout. See Pages 8 and 9.

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World

Pope calls for prayer meeting

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II said he called for a prayer meeting of world religious leaders, to be held in October, because only an appeal to God could lead to peace. The pope spoke on the meeting during a weekend which included a visit to the central Italian town of Aprilia, where he blessed the opening of two parish churches and commemorated the town's 50th anniversary. In his Sept. 14 Angelus address, the pope said he had invited the world's religious leaders to pray with him in Assisi Oct. 27 to mark the U.N. International Year of Peace.

Pope satisfied over release

Vatican City — Pope John Paul II has expressed "satisfaction" at Poland's release of its remaining political prisoners. He said he hoped the action was the first step in a new social dialogue in the country. "I trust that this amnesty, once enacted, will become the beginning of an authentic dialogue with society," the pope said Sept. 15, during a Mass for Polish pilgrims at his summer residence at Castel Gandolfo outside Rome.

Nation

'Anti-Americanism growing'

Maryknoll, N.Y. — Cardinal Stephen Kim of Seoul, South Korea, said in an interview Sept. 13 that anti-Americanism is growing among young people of South Korea because of a belief that the United States is working to keep the present government of President Chun Doo Hwan in power. He said he had no way of knowing how strongly the U.S. supports the Chun government, which like the government of former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos has been accused of human rights violations.

Archbishop receives approval

Uniontown, Pa. — Byzantine-rite Archbishop Stephen Kocisko of Pittsburgh has received Vatican approval to begin the canonization causes of three 20th-century Catholic bishops of his rite who were killed or imprisoned under communist rule in Eastern Europe. Archbishop Kocisko and his four fellow U.S. Byzantine Catholic bishops announced the formal inauguration of the canonization causes Sept. 1. "Our last three bishops, Bishop Theodore G. Romzha, Bishop Paul Peter Gojdich and Bishop Basil Hopko, were called upon to make heroic sacrifices for the faith and the rite which we observe freely," said the five U.S. bishops in a joint announcement.

Study on refugees deceiving?

Washington — A study of Salvadoran refugees forced to return home found that the majority went to the United States for economic — not political — reasons and reported few cases of persecution in El Salvador. But members of the sanctuary movement, a network of church workers who shelter Salvadorans in the United States illegally, disputed the methods used in the survey. Sanctuary workers say refugees tell them their lives are endangered by the fighting between the U.S.-back government and guerrillas, but the U.S. government has generally categorized Salvadorans as economic refugees and refused to give them asylum.



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SENIOR ANIMAL — Bill Danno (center), as Animal, is held down by Dave DeCarlo, Phil Swetz and Mike Capierseo during the kickoff assembly for Aquinas' annual magazine drive. The theme for this year's assembly was "The Muppets." If students meet the drive's goal of \$75,000 by Sept. 24, they'll get two days off.

DPC meeting focuses on tension in the air

By Teresa A. Parsons

Bishop Matthew H. Clark spoke frankly about the implications of current conflicts between the Vatican and U.S. Catholic leaders at the Diocesan Pastoral Council's (DPC) first meeting of the 1985/87 year, Saturday, Sept. 13.

Bishop Clark told representatives gathered at Holy Rosary School in Rochester that, to his knowledge, the Catholic Church in the United States has received a degree of attention from the Holy See that is unparalleled in comparison to the attention given to other nations during the last five years.

"There has been tension in the air. And the fruit of that tension is a rather strong critique of some of what we've been doing," he said. "The message from the Holy See in this is that it is prepared to be strong."

The bishop spoke during the Bishop's Forum, an hour set aside at each DPC meeting for informal discussion.

Reacting to the Vatican's action transferring much of Seattle Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen's authority to his auxiliary, Bishop Clark said "the word 'severe' comes to mind.

"I haven't spoken with a lot of bishops, but the ones I have spoken with also judge it to be severe and feel it won't work," he said.

Asked whether the Vatican could take similar action in the Diocese of Rochester because of the bishop's support for moral theologian Father Charles E. Curran, Bishop Clark responded, "Sure:

"I don't see any reason why it would happen here, but then I don't see why it happened in Seattle either," he said. "If you went into any diocese you would find things there that aren't perfect — sin and incompetence. But you would also find things that are wonderful ... I don't know the criteria employed in this investigation, but I do know that Raymond Hunthausen is one of the bishops I admire most."

The bishop also reported that he and the

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Seattle Catholics start drive in support of archbishop

Seattle (NC) — A group of Seattle Catholics has begun to circulate a petition backing Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen and asking the Vatican to explain more clearly what objections it has to his administration.

The petition drive was launched by several Catholic leaders who also organized a protest letter dated Sept. 5. The letter was signed by more than 140 Seattle archdiocesan priests, men and women religious, and lay Catholics. The separate letter asked why the Holy See took unusual steps to strip Archbishop Hunthausen of his authority over liturgy, the archdiocesan marriage court and several other areas of pastoral responsibility.

"What kind of Church are we becoming?" asked the letter questioning the decisions. It asked for the restoration of full archdiocesan authority to Archbishop Hunthausen.

At a press conference on Sept. 4, Archbishop Hunthausen announced that, at the request of the Holy See, he was delegating to Auxiliary Bishop Wuerl the complete and final authority over liturgy; staff operations of the archdiocesan tribunal; clergy formation, seminarians and the continuing education of priests; priests leaving the ministry and laicized priests; and moral issues in health-care institutions and ministry to

homosexuals.

These five areas encompassed the basic problems identified in a 1985 letter written by Archbishop Pio Laghi, papal pronuncio to the United States, at the conclusion of the Vatican investigation of Archbishop Hunthausen.

"Basically, we are saying we want to maintain our relationship with the Church of Rome, but we want one single, united administration under Archbishop Hunthausen," said Providence Sister Chauncey Boyle, one of the petition-drive organizers and president of the archdiocesan Sisters' Council.

"We want to deal with the results of the Vatican investigation and have the opportunity to respond," Sister Boyle added. "We want to know exactly what those charges were. No specific charges were ever made."

The text of the Seattle Catholics' letter was not made public, but it asked Archbishop Hunthausen and Bishop Wuerl to meet with the signers. According to organizers, the letter asked for a clarification of Bishop Wuerl's role and an explanation of how a split leadership was supposed to function. It also questioned what it called a lack of Vatican consultation with the local Catholic community.

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THE CROZIER DIVIDED — A group of Seattle Catholics are circulating a petition against the Vatican order splitting archdiocesan authority between Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen, left, and Auxiliary Bishop Donald Wuerl, right. The petition asks the Vatican to clarify its reasons for the unusual move.