

National/International Report

Archbishop Hunthausen, Bishop Wuerl plan Rome visit

By Cindy Wooden

Seattle (NC) — Seattle's Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen and Auxiliary Bishop Donald Wuerl will go together to Rome for a "forthright discussion" of the problems in their archdiocese, Bishop Wuerl announced Sept. 19.

In a separate action Sept. 22, the 17 Catholic bishops of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington issued a declaration that they "unanimously support" the two bishops in their efforts to deal with the controversy.

Meanwhile, Western Washington Catholics have gathered more than 12,000 signatures on a petition urging Rome to restore Archbishop Hunthausen's authority.

Archbishop Pio Laghi, papal pronuncio to the United States, defending the Vatican action during a visit to Portland, Ore., told reporters Sept. 22 that the Church allows "diversity" but not "isolation" or "separation." He said the action "is not to be interpreted as a slap in the face."

In a Sept. 19 letter, to all the priests of the Seattle Archdiocese, Bishop Wuerl said it seemed "futile and ultimately divisive" to continue debating in Seattle the 1983-85 Vatican investigation of Archbishop Hunthausen. The investigation led to criticisms of some aspects of Archbishop Hunthausen's administration, to the appointment of Bishop Wuerl as his auxiliary, and to the Vatican's order that the archbishop forfeit authority over some archdiocesan matters to

Bishop Wuerl.

Bishop Wuerl said it has become clear that "the archbishop does not fully understand the reasons for the conclusions" reached in the investigation, and archdiocesan priests urged the two to go to Rome for clarification, he said.

"For this reason," he wrote, "I agreed to accompany the archbishop to Rome for a forthright discussion with the proper

authorities on the issues, process of the visitation, and the reaction in the archdiocese."

His letter did not indicate when the trip to Rome would take place.

Since Sept. 4, when Archbishop Hunthausen and Bishop Wuerl jointly announced the Vatican-ordered transfer of authority over liturgy, clergy education and several other areas of archdiocesan life, the two

prelates have been at the center of a storm of controversy. Church historians called the unusual division of pastoral authority unprecedented in the United States.

During the 18 days immediately following the announcement, archdiocesan offices received more than 1,400 letters from all over the country in support of the archbishop and only 17 letters criticizing him or backing the Vatican action.

Some churches scheduled prayer vigils or parish meetings to discuss and pray over the issue. The archdiocesan pastoral council expressed "great confusion, pain, disillusionment and sadness" over the Vatican directive dividing authority in the archdiocese. The priests' council met behind closed doors to plan a common response.

Twenty-four members of the board of directors of the Washington Association of Churches sent Archbishop Laghi a letter praising Archbishop Hunthausen's "prophetic leadership." They express concern over ecumenical implications of the Vatican's "division of episcopal authority."

Many of the groups opposing the Vatican directive stressed that they welcomed Bishop Wuerl and did not want their support for Archbishop Hunthausen misinterpreted as an attack on his auxiliary.

At a ministry conference in Tacoma Sept. 20, participants greeted Archbishop Hunthausen with applause and presented him with 11 roses, one for each of his years as archbishop of Seattle.

Federation praises archbishop's grace

Milwaukee (NC) — The president of the National Federation of Pastoral Councils said he admires Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen of Seattle for maintaining "grace under pressure" while "remaining obedient to his superiors."

The president, Father Richard P. Hynes, was commenting about the Vatican-ordered division of authority between Archbishop Hunthausen and his auxiliary, Bishop Donald Wuerl.

Father Hynes issued a statement Sept. 19 with the concurrence of the federation's 32-member executive board, which was meeting in Milwaukee.

"The current division of authority between the office of archbishop and an auxiliary with special power raises many theological, pastoral and practical questions," Father Hynes said.

"It is the hope of the NFPC executive board that full authority of the office of archbishop will be restored to Archbishop Hunthausen as soon as possible."

Copies of the statement were to be sent to Archbishop Pio Laghi, papal pronuncio to the United States.


In April the organization presented its 1986 President's Award to Archbishop Hunthausen for his commitment "to peace, to the collaborative relationship of women and men in ministry, to diocesan planning, and to the renewal of priestly life and ministry."

The award also cited Archbishop Hunthausen as an "inspiration in facing the Roman investigation," a reference to a two-year Vatican-ordered examination of Archbishop Hunthausen's work.

LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Diocese of Rochester, New York

Friday, October 17th & Saturday, October 18th
Keuka College, Keuka Park, N.Y.



Friday Evening, Oct. 17, 1986	Saturday, Oct. 18, 1986
6:30-7:15 checkin/registration	8:30-9:30 registration/book displays
7:30 evening prayer	9:45 morning prayer
8:00 Keynote presentation: "Turning Night into Day" Mary Benet McKinney, OSB	10:15 Keynote presentation: "Turning Tears into Dancing" Carol M. Holden, D Min & Thomas Sweetser, SJ
9:45 night prayer	11:45-2:15 workshops and lunch (see below)
10:15 social	2:30 Keynote presentation: "Building The City of God: One Lord, One Light, One Love," Mary Benet McKinney, OSB
	3:45 closing prayer

Conference participants will attend one of the Saturday workshops below. Be sure to indicate on the coupon at the bottom, your first, second, and third preference. (use corresponding letters, A-G).

- A) "Changing Patterns of Ministry: Challenge of the People of God"
- B) "The Excitement of Initiation: Renewing Your Parish Through the RCIA"
- C) "Leadership for Young Adult Ministry"
- D) "Ministry of the Baptized"
- E) "Models of Decision-Making"
- F) "Portrait of the Successful Parish"
- G) "The Successful Meeting: How Do We Contribute and Prohibit"

Lunch: You may brown-bag your lunch on Saturday. Hot water for coffee and tea will be available throughout the day. Or you may purchase a light, sandwich lunch (tuna fish or bologna and American cheese on wheat bread), apple and snack for \$3.00 per person by checking the appropriate box on the registration coupon below; and including the extra monies.

Registration Information

The following amounts are charged for this Conference. Checks made payable to "Diocese of Rochester" should accompany the registration coupon below.

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...per member of group (for groups of two to five persons)..... \$15.00	...per member of group 2-5 persons..... \$10.00
...per member of group (for groups of six or more persons)..... \$13.00	...per member of group 6 or more persons... \$ 9.00

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	...per member of group 6 or more persons... \$22.00

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Courier-Crossword

Our monthly crossword puzzle! Give it a try and see how well you do. Answers will be printed in our next issue. Good Luck!

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ACROSS	DOWN
1. Male heel.	1. Where Mary told the men to "do whatever He tells you."
6. Mary's shrine in Mexico.	2. Opposite to BC.
9. Companion of Simeon at the Presentation in the Temple.	3. Son of Jesse and slayer of Goliath.
10. Contend	4. In litany, Mary is of Apostles, martyrs, virgins etc.
11. Actress (character) Macmahon.	5. Where Mary gave birth.
12. Second note of the scale.	6. Angel who spoke to Mary.
14. Irish saint, like a duck.	7. NYC building, a tourist must.
16. Sort or type.	8. Slang for floor covering.
18. Symbol for iron.	13. Mary popular girl's name.
19. Mary's cousin.	15. "....., the Ball."
22. Character in "Of Mice and Men"	17. Sympathetic.
23. "Suit to"	20. Woman's shopping necessity.
24. Fighting Irish school named for Mary.	21. Summer in Sorbonne.
25. Cold carrier.	